

**Tri-Parish CCW & M Meeting
February 4, 2020
St. Pius X, Solon Springs, WI**

Call to order at 10:00 AM with the opening prayer.

Members Present: Milly Thissen, Sharon Monahan, Mary Brand, Betty and Frank Glaser, Mary Ann Walt, Mag Rasmussen, Josie Johnson, Mike Tupa, Paula Naill, and Father Kinney

Agenda

Additions - new business

- Father - May 9 Interfaith event
- Bulletin ad (needs a vote to continue another year or postpone vote to April if necessary).

Minutes

Motion made by Mag and seconded by Betty to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Report

We donated ten Thanksgiving cards at \$75 each; \$132.52 for the chili kits; \$7,072.21 balance. **Motion made by Betty and seconded by Mag to accept the financial report. Motion passed.**

Old Business

- Gordon and Wascott - schedule inspections in early March to finish fire/smoke detector project
- Christmas Advent Party - successful and a lot of fun; 41 in attendance; \$501 (\$348 silent auction, \$62 wine, \$31 rice and \$50 donation for table favors); spent \$67.80 on ham.
- Christmas baskets/bags - thank you's read - 36 baskets made - think about ideas for Christmas crafts for this year; sewing bags for 2020 - estimate 40 needed.
- Bag-Go-Green - bags at all three churches - youth plan to sew bags for community. Article submitted to Superior Diocese for the Catholic Herald - very successful overall.
- Middle River Nursing Home - 80 valentines made for Middle River and 20 to nursing home in Spooner at the Chicog Town Hall on January 30 (schedule again for next year). Delivered to Middle River last Friday with plans to distribute them at their Valentine's party.

New Business:

- Current action for "snowbird returns" and the youth group/plan for the Bag-Go-Green efforts moved to our next meeting.
- Bill and Luanne Gasparek did great at purchasing canned goods and Bill will delivered the canned goods to Chicog for assembly of the kits; spices donated; 50 kits being made; Milly is arranging for the 50 pounds of frozen ground beef one pound packages that will be included; will be distributed by COMFORTS in March.

- Cabin Fever Party - February 22. - Famous Dave's ribs - side dishes requested. Silent auction, Mary's dice game (\$5 or less gift wrapped in newspaper), wine tasting. Starts at 11 AM - noon lunch.
- Ash Wednesday February 26 - usual schedule for masses 9 AM St. Anthony, 5:30 PM at St. Pius and 7:30 PM at St. Mary's. Mary is working on pot luck dinner after mass at St. Pius. Calvary Lutheran at March 4th during Lent - alternates with St. Mary's through Lent (Lenten Wednesdays).
- Lenten Retreat - Father has asked Father Ritchie - waiting to hear; or something that involves the children as an alternative.
- March 6 World Day of Prayer (Mary and Betty) - excited and very prepared - Josie is decorating - program people lined up - music (Raelene) - foods (using peanut butter and peanuts - peanut butter stew, spinach with peanuts - cakes and candies). Planning for 50. Rehearsal on March 4 after mass at St. Mary's. Theme - Rise! Take Up You Mat and Walk! (Zimbabwe)
- Bulletin - \$450 for a year's subscription - current ad promotes the World Day of Prayer. **Motion made by Mary and seconded by Betty to approve for another year. Motion passed.**
- May 9 - Louie, Mary Ann and Father are attending a planning meeting this Saturday for the May 9 Interfaith Climate Movement - working with congregations of all different faiths - to be held in NW Wisconsin. More details to follow at the April 1 meeting. Save the date.

Church specific:

- Luanne has talked with the DNR for instructions for the release of any bats. Father speculates they come right in the doors when they're open. On a positive note, they help with the flies and mosquitos in the buildings. Mike recommended keeping the ceiling fans going at night in the church for the "pesty" bats - screens for the bell tower.
- Furnace room - has not been cleaned yet. Dan Rankila said there shouldn't be anything within 15 feet of the furnace. Elaine will be asked to move what needs to be moved - with Dick Gucinski's and his grandson's assistance.
- St. Anthony - Father is concerned about any damage from the siding from the snow. Bumpers were placed on the roof that hopefully will prevent any damage. Scott Richardson is doing work with the wiring. Mary asked about the cross being lit - Father can bring it up at the council meeting and to Scott's attention. Mary made a motion for the CCWM to pay for the expense for relighting the cross (motion not seconded - tabled for further discussion after more information is available). Scott cannot be present at the Tri-Parish Council meeting but will be available via phone.
- St. Mary's - roof leak by the front door. Elaine is aware and knows we have to work on that. Betty asked who knows about making the chimes work - Father will bring it up at the council meeting tonight - maybe an electrical issue. Check with Elaine to see if she knows.
- Maintenance issue at all three churches (Mike) - the parking lots and walkways are extremely slippery and need salting and sand. Contact the county and/or townships to see if they can do the parking lots (Father asked Mary or Luanne to check to see if it can be done). The problems are everywhere this winter.

Committee Reports:

- No funerals. Mary is aware of a possible need from the Meyer family and recommends we pay for the service if and when necessary; all agreed.

- Communications - thank you's for the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and a thank you for the loan of the coffee carafes for the Ladies of the Lakes luncheon.
- Letter writing - still writing letters. Receiving feedback that they are liked.
- Ecumenical - personal retreats are still going on. Need to talk with Terry about the scheduling during Lent (will they be suspended during Lent?).
- Bus transportation - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays - Namekagon Transit - has started. Next one is February 12. Milly explained the program and had information available and emphasized the importance of keeping the program going.
- Welcome members - new couple at St. Mary's - Betty and Frank have met them. A new family is joining St. Pius with an anticipated baptism at St. Anthony's.
- Outreach - we did not make a donation to the Native American church in 2019 (correction from an earlier meeting). Mike has the details about where to send a donation this year. Mary suggested we research this and discuss at the April meeting. Mike suggested inviting them to come during the summer, make a presentation and take up a good will donation for them (around the Sister Kateri feast day - mid-July). Mary Ann and Paula will take the lead for this with Father's permission.
- Middle River - Valentines were delivered.
- Gordon Correction - ministry going well - Mag, Kathy and Paula.

Business issues for the next meeting - April 1, 2020 - St. Mary's - 10 AM (after mass)

Additions to agenda:

- Milly suggested a pot luck after the meeting
- May 9 Interfaith Event (should we put something on the back of the bulletin?)
- Sister Kateri update for possible summer event

Motion made by Betty and seconded by Josie to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 AM. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

Sharon Monahan
Co-President