

Tri-Parish CCW & M Meeting
November 12, 2019
St. Pius X, Solon Springs, WI

Call to order at 10:00 AM with the opening prayer given by Father Kinney.

Members Present: Milly Thissen, Sharon Monahan, Mary Brand, John Hallman, Betty and Frank Glaser, Mary Ann Walt, Mag Rasmussen, Josie Johnson, and Father Kinney

Minutes - Motion made by Betty Glaser and seconded by Mag Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

Agenda Additions - Father Kinney asked to have one issue added.

Financial report - Checking account balance as of October 31, 2019 is \$7,750.50. Estimated costs to date for the 2019 Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Project is \$3,277.82 which has covered both St. Mary's Minong & St. Pius X Solon Springs. **Motion made by Betty Glaser and seconded by Mary Ann Walt.** Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Friendship Pie Raffle: current status - 2 pies remaining to deliver and Josie Johnson has offered to provide those.
- Outcome of October 18 Pie Baking and the October 19 Fall Festival Bake & Crafts at Henson's foyer: Proceeds of \$2,436 with \$1,000 from pies. Request from shoppers to have pumpkin. Will repeat pie baking the day before for our May30, 2020 event.
- October 25 was delivery of new refrigerator to St. Pius basement: Current concerns about the difficulty to open the door and having the refrigerator moving on the attempt of opening the door. Milly will contact Prime Appliances and express concerns with hope to have resolution.
- Results of October 26 fall outside cleaning at St. Mary's - Josie reported that eight people helped with the clean up. Several loads were taken to the transfer station. Work remains to be done but will have to wait until Spring. Next year it is recommended that the clean up be scheduled for the end of September-as it has been listed on the September 2020 Calendar of Events.
- Completion of St. Mary's Detectors Inspection/Installation Project - the project is almost done (there are two more to complete). The project has been very successful. The fire department has been very concerned about the lack of fire or non-working detectors in the homes they visited.
- "No" to Priest Appreciation Dinner - the dinner was intended to thank several priests in the area. Father suggested it is better to wait and bring it up at another time.
- Trunk-o-Ween - Over 200 children participated with 16-18 trunks available - another successful year.
- Thank you from Ladies of the Lakes - the loan of the 19 coffee carafes for the October 29, 2019 event was appreciated. All the carafes have been returned to St. Mary's.

New Business:

- Co-Presidents for 2020 - **Motion made by Mary Brand and seconded by Betty Glaser for Milly Thissen and Sharon Monahan to serve as co-presidents for 2020.** Motion passed. Efforts should be made to recruit a new president(s) for 2021 due to term limits for the current presidents.
- December 7 Christmas party at St. Mary's with the theme of "Peace" — **Mary Brand made a motion to change to the location to St. Pius (because of more space).** Discussion - majority of people who come are from St. Mary's; it has been on the back of the bulletin to be held at St. Mary's; Mary Ann agrees that there aren't many who come from St. Pius (although many are still coming to Mass on Sunday). Father asked if the people from St. Mary's would come and Betty thinks they would. Father does like the idea that we spread things out between all three parishes. MaryAnn - party used to be at the Community Center but that was too much effort and attendance had begun to taper off. Should we wait until next year? Every other year? Father will recruit people from St. Pius to attend. Fifteen to twenty attended last year. **Motion made by Mary Brand and seconded by Mary Ann Walt to have party at St. Pius in 2020.** Motion passed. John made some centerpieces for Advent wreaths (thank you John!) - need greens (Mary Brand has some). Milly has tablecloths - four tables (room for eight). We will provide the meat (ham or turkey from Henson's); plan for 25 people) - pot luck. Milly will ask Fran to put it in the bulletin and for pulpit announcements; put sign up sheets at each church for a dish to share and bring a gift for the dice game. Silent auction (Sharon and Milly offered to do it). Table set up - Milly will find someone to do that and Mag offered to help wherever needed (not sure if she can attend).
- Line up for Mary Brand Christmas baskets - for Father to distribute - need cookies for those (need 36 dozen) - bring cookies the day of the party; stockings with tea bags, bells, some Santa things, a religious item, candy canes, medal tokens, scented candles, holy cards, and cards. Assemble baskets at St. Pius on December 6 - 10 AM. Sharon, Betty & Mary Ann offered to wrap some of the gifts to be included.
- Finalize the 2020 calendar - agree no meeting in January; February meeting on the 4th at St. Pius after 9 AM mass, 10 AM meeting; no meeting in March; April - Easter on the 12th - meet Wednesday, April 1 at St. Mary's after Mass; Milly wants to have a plant sale on May 22 at Henson's. No meeting in May. Community yard sale (Mary Brand) May 23. Pie baking May 29 at St. Pius - the sale is the 30th. Only one bake and craft sale in 2020. Ice cream social Memorial Day weekend at St. Mary's May 23rd and 24th - add St. Pius this year and Labor Day weekend. No meeting in June. No pie sale in July. Membership drive in July (Sharon and Milly). No Minong Summer Day participation (too much manpower for the money made). No meeting in August. September 3 meeting Thursday at St. Pius. No bake sale in October. Mag asked if we could act on anything that might come up via e-mail if necessary - and/or we can call a meeting. November 10 meeting at St. Pius after Mass (Advent starts November 29). December Christmas party Friday December 5.
- Duluth Bag It - Sharon made several using the pattern Milly provided. Father had asked that we get involved - Duluth has churches involved - protecting the planet - make an effort to also get away from plastic purchases. November 16th meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Duluth - Father, Louie and Mary Ann will attend. Design a logo to

attach - show why and who it is coming from, etc. How many should we make? As many as we can. How to distribute - hand out at Masses starting Fellowship Sunday in January. Mag offered to make tags.

- Bulletin ad - Milly and Sharon will review.
- Policy committee - did not recommend that CCW-M do "emergency" donations to families in need (i.e., after a fire, etc.) as Father handles those.
- Smoke & carbon monoxide detector project- St. Pius - many declined as they may be moving temporarily or have other resources - six installed at the parish offices - recommended the church be inspected by the company who installed the detectors there (Luanne will follow up on that); also recommended the furnace room be cleaned up (Father stated that the insurance representative has inspected that room and did not have a concern). People who participated were very appreciative. **Motion made by Betty Glaser and seconded by Josie Johnson to replace batteries for those who are in need in 2020.** Motion passed. Father asked that Milly give Luanne a list of people who will be away for the winter.
- Middle River Nursing Home Valentine Cards making - January 30th - 10 AM - Chicog Town Hall, followed with lunch. Bring supplies to make large Valentine cards for the residents' bulletin boards. Milly provided coloring sheets to colour - three sets to take and return on January 30th.
- COMFORTS Chili Kits - February 20th to work with the Town of Chicog to generate kits starting at 10 AM - no need to bring anything - lunch follows. Luanne, Milly and Sharon will secure the rest of the supplies and bill to CCW & M.
- Thanksgiving cards - should we do again? **Motion made by Betty Glaser and seconded by Milly Thissen to continue** - \$750 total. Motion carried. The church will do Christmas, Easter, and emergency requests for assistance.

Church specific:

- St. Pius furnace room - no issues at the other churches (possible leak at St. Mary's - won't be able to check until spring now that everything is frozen)

Committee Reports:

- Funeral - none
- Communications - going well and we're receiving thank you from some receiving letters
- Ecumenical - November 26th starting at 5 PM at the Wascott Town Hall (County Road T and Highway 53). Father asked who was coordinating that and will try to get more information.
- Welcome members - Milly re-did the letter - Fran is working on it
- Outreach - did we make a donation to the Native American church? Milly will check to see what we've done in the past
- Middle River - the "usual group" are going on Fridays
- Gordon Correctional - Mass on Thursdays - Kathy and Mag do RCIA

Other:

- Smoke detector project YTD of \$3,377.82 has been spent; Milly has some supplies left, will save for the Gordon project yet may sell them to town of Chicog, if necessary; will be doing St. Anthony in 2020
- Father Kinney asked that we keep Father Mike in our prayers
- Thank you from Father for start up of the bag-it campaign

Next meeting **February 4, 2020** at St. Pius at 10 AM - let Milly know if you need to add anything to the agenda

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM with a closing prayer.

Submitted by: Sharon Monahan, Co-President