

**Women of Pax Leadership Board Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2016
Pax Christi Catholic Church**

The Women of Pax Leadership Board met at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 27, at Pax Christi Church. The following people were in attendance: Gail Keidl, Joyce Lehman, Mary Mataitis, and Carol O'Connor.

Mary Mataitis led us in an opening prayer.

Minutes: Mary Mataitis presented the minutes from the August 25 meeting. They were approved as presented.

The financial report: Gail presented the financial report for the month. On August 25, our balance was \$6384.36. We received an interest payment of \$1.72 in August and \$1.34 in September. We received funeral stipends of \$550 (4 funerals) We also received an appreciation check of \$50 from the Durben family. (We had received an appreciation check from them earlier, but it had gone unnoticed in the office until it was too old to cash. Gail wrote them a thank you note explaining what happened and they sent a gracious thank you and another check.) Our current balance is \$6987.42.

Updates

Food Safety Class

Mary presented the class on Wednesday, October 26, using the approved video from the University of Minnesota Extension Service along with a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Minnesota "Church Lady" law and our legal and moral obligation to make sure that food served at Pax is safe. Thirty-two people attended the class and participated in a discussion of the Kitchen Food Safety and Sanitation Standards that are included in the Pax Kitchen Manual.

Faith Formation Meals

Mary and Carol reported that they cooked for one Wednesday Faith Formation meal and helped prepare another meal that parents came to serve. They will be cooking again on November 2.

Advent Retreat

Gail reported that Pauline Varley is planning the annual advent retreat. She explained that a few years ago the Women of Pax and the Women's groups at Holy Spirit had decided that they would each do one retreat and invite women from the other parish. (Pax Christi does the advent retreat and Holy Spirit the lenten retreat.) Our presenter this year is Father John Evans. The title of his presentation is "Our Call to Mercy: Reflections on the Life of Saint Teresa of Kolkata." He will also offer Mass for us. We briefly discussed the amount of his stipend and decided that Gail will discuss this with Pauline.

Upcoming Meetings

November 15: We decided that a panel discussion about Food Safety along with the approved video and background material that Mary used should work well. We will discuss this more at our meeting on November 10. Joyce will prepare a bulletin announcement encouraging all who volunteer in the kitchen to attend. Mark Marreel has said he will send a note to the Men's Club suggesting they come. We discussed treats but decided to discuss that on November 10.

December 6: We will join with the Men’s Club for pizza followed by a concert in the church presented by the Lourdes High School music department. Women will be asked to bring desserts or appetizers.

Questions about the January meeting: Family Promise will be staying at Pax the first week of January making our usual first Tuesday meeting impossible. We decided to discuss this further on November 10.

Joint meeting with men in February? MJ had suggested that we consider having a joint meeting with the Men in February with a presentation by Sr. Briana McCarthy, OSF (MA, LPCC) a Franciscan educator and counselor. Her presentation is titled “The Relationship between Islam and Christianity.” February is the first date she is available. We had discussed earlier the need to limit her talk to 60 rather than 90 minutes.

New Business

Mary reported that MJ had forwarded her an email from Megan Toney asking if the Women of Pax are interested in preparing a basket for an upcoming auction benefitting Family Promise on November 18. We discussed this and decided that we did not have enough time to solicit donations from the entire group (as we had done with Birthright last year). We also wondered if monetary donation might be better. At this point, we will contribute as individuals rather than as a group.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:15 pm.

Mary Mataitis
Secretary

**Women of Pax Financial Report
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August 25, 2016	Income	Expenses	
Starting balance			6384.36
Funeral Stipends	550		6934.36
Appreciation check	50		6984.36
Interest on checking	3.06		6987.42
Balance October 27, 2016			\$6987.42