

**Women of Pax Leadership Board Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Pax Christi Catholic Church**

The Women of Pax Leadership Board met at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 10, at Pax Christi Church. The following people were in attendance: MJ Jones, Gail Keidl, Joyce Lehman, Mary Mataitis, Carol O'Connor, and Sandy Timm.

MJ Jones led us in an opening prayer.

Minutes: Mary Mataitis presented the minutes from the October 27 meeting. They were approved as presented.

The financial report: Gail presented the financial report for the month. On October 27, our balance was \$6987.42. We received an interest payment of \$1.45. We received a funeral stipend of \$150. We had expenses of \$62.85 for wine purchased for our October meeting. Our current balance is \$7076.02. The financial report is attached to the end of these minutes.

Updates

Faith Formation Meals

Mary and Carol reported that they cooked for a Faith Formation meal. They will be not be cooking again until December 7.

Advent Retreat

Gail reported that the planning for the annual advent retreat on November 19 is going well. 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." We had not made a decision about the stipend for Father Evans; Gail discussed this with Pauline Varley and looked back a previous amounts. We decided the stipend should be \$150.

Request for Donation

We received a donation request from Women's Shelter. We have supported them in other ways in the past. We decided to give them \$100. We briefly discussed other methods of donating to worthy community groups who assist women. One possibility would be to decide how much we are able to contribute and then ask members to suggest groups that could benefit from the funding. From that list, we could do a drawing to select one. More discussion of this is needed.

Upcoming Meetings

November 15: We had decided in October that a panel discussion about Food Safety along with the approved video and background material that Mary used should work well. We looked at the information we received from the University of Minnesota Extension Service and discussed what material each of us would cover. Joyce reported that the bulletin this Sunday will have an announcement about the meeting encouraging all who volunteer in the kitchen to attend. We decided that we would purchase the refreshments we plan to serve rather than prepare them ourselves.

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. Mark Marreel from the Men's Club asked us if we would be willing to contribute to the cost of pizza that will be served to the students after the concert. We agreed to do this.

Questions about the January meeting: Family Promise will be staying at Pax the first week of January making our usual first Tuesday meeting questionable. We decided to stay with that meeting date. Mary said she would contact Cara and ask her if it could be put on the calendar. We will need to talk about the date and our program at our next meeting on December 15.

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.” She did a presentation recently at St. Pius and it was quite long. Mary suggested we consider contacting Regina Mustafa, director of Community Interfaith Dialogue with Islam, and see if she is available. Mary has heard her speak and found her to be both informative and inspirational.

New Business

Gail presented information about our past practices on Christmas gifts. Before we formed this board, she contacted active Women’s Group members to solicit opinions and monetary gifts were then given to priests and parish staff that helped us during the year. We agreed that we need to continue this practice. We decided that, as in the past, we will give gifts to our pastor and vicar and other retired priests who continue to serve us when needed. We will also give gifts to our two retired pastors who are still living. In addition to these gifts, the WOP will give appreciation gifts to those staff members of Pax who go above and beyond their assigned roles to help us carry out our mission at Pax. Gail will prepare and send those gifts. Gail noted that in the past, we had given gifts to two of our ministries, the Rosary Group and the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Because of changes in accounting practices at the diocesan level, we cannot give them money outright. However, we have been able to reimburse them for their expenses and supplies as needed. We will continue to do this.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:25 pm.

Mary Mataitis
Secretary

**Women of Pax Financial Report
November 10, 2016**

October 27, 2016	Income	Expenses	
Starting balance			6987.42
Funeral Stipend	150		7137.50
Interest on checking	1.45		7138.87
Wine purchased for meetings		62.85	7076.02
Balance November 10, 2016			<u>\$7076.02</u>