

**Women of Pax Leadership Board Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2017
Pax Christi Catholic Church**

The Women of Pax Leadership Board met at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 28, at Pax Christi Church. The following people were in attendance: MJ Jones, Gail Keidl, Joyce Lehman, Mary Mataitis, and Sandy Timm. Carol O'Connor arrived at 6:50. Parish Administrator Tim Shea was also in attendance.

MJ Jones led us in an opening prayer.

Parish Administrator: Tim wanted to meet with us to share a new initiative that the Parish Council is undertaking. A Vision and Mission Committee has been formed. This committee will try to find out what needs Pax Christi has and where we are going. Tim explains that they want the whole parish to be involved. He asked that the Women of Pax give some thought to what we would like see happen at Pax in the future.

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

The financial report: Gail presented the financial report for the month. On May 25, our balance was \$5548.57. We made a donation of \$340 towards the purchase of an orthopedic bed for a parishioner. We had expenses of \$8.40 for food for the June meeting. We received income from funerals for a total of \$1450 and received interest of \$4.89 for the months of May, June, July, and August. The current balance is \$6655.06. The financial report is attached to the end of these minutes.

Recent Correspondence

- ◆ We reviewed several Thank You notes that we received: from Dana Petricka for help with the Confirmation Reception; from the Parish Council for our work on Father Joe's Housewarming Party; and from Catholic Charities for the donation from the Chari-Tea.
- ◆ We received information from the Diocese of Winona Catholic Council of Women. They would like us to join. We decided that our mission is different from the CCW.

Updates

October 4 Meeting

- ◆ Sandy reported that Stephen Rose would bring the needed supplies. We will reimburse him for his expenses. Joyce said she has plastic tablecloths needed to cover the tables. Mary has received responses from 22 people. Sandy will give Stephen a final number on Monday.
- ◆ We will use the sausage, cheese, crackers and wine left over from the Ministry Reception on September 8. When Mary sends out the meeting reminder, she will mention that people may bring treats/desserts if they wish.

Faith Formation Meals

- ◆ Mary and Carol reported that they had served a meal to half of the Catechesis class on September 20. They will cook and serve one meal a month for WOP. Sandy Timm and Barb Schuh will help with serving on those days if their schedules allow. WOP serve the meals on November 8, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, and May 2.
- ◆ Carol and Mary will cook the meals for the Parents on additional days, but the parents will do the serving and clean up so no additional help is needed.

WOP day at Community Food Response North

- ◆ We will work as sorters on the fourth Wednesday of every month. At present that only involves a short time period - 3:00 to 4:30 pm - but that may be longer as they start to serve more people.
- ◆ At present, there are enough volunteers but more may be needed as they expand.

New Business

- ◆ We have received requests for donations at various times. We need to establish some guidelines to help us make decisions. We currently have a request for assistance for help for orphans in the Congo that Pax has supported in the past. After discussion, we decided we need to devote more time to establishing our criteria. However, because we recognize the request as an immediate need, we voted to give the orphanage \$500 as a one time only donation.
- ◆ Christmas Gifts - in the past we have given gifts to both our current and retired priest as well as to staff members who have given us extra assistance throughout the year. We will discuss this at our October meeting.

Future events and meetings

- ◆ November meeting - November 7. We will ask Father Jonathan if he would be willing to talk to us, perhaps at a joint meeting of the Men's Club and the WOP.
- ◆ Advent retreat: Mary contacted Pauline Varley who has done it in the past. She is not willing to do it this year. We decided to set a date and ask at our October meeting for a volunteer(s) to do this. Saturday, December 2, is listed as available on the Pax calendar so we will try to reserve that morning.
- ◆ December 6th Meeting will be a Musical program by Lourdes Students. This will be joint with the Men's Club.
- ◆ The January meeting will be on January 2. After discussing whether we wanted to do a daytime meeting in January, we decided to do a daytime meeting in February, on our usual meeting date of February 6. MJ said she would demonstrate how to make lemon curd. We will discuss the program for January next month.
- ◆ Spring tea - discussion of date. Confirmation is on April 20 which rules out that weekend for the tea. We need to discuss this with Jane Schmidt who is the chair of the tea. Mary wondered if the Knights might be willing to cancel their dinner on April 28 which would free up that weekend. The other possible weekends are April 7-8 or May 5-6.

Next Board Meeting: Next meeting is October 26 at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:40 pm.

Mary Mataitis
Secretary

**Women of Pax Financial Report
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May 25, 2017	Income	Expenses	
Starting balance			5548.57
Donation		340.00	5208.57
Food for May meeting		8.40	5200.17
Funeral Stipends	1450		6650.17
Interest on checking	4.89		6655.06
Balance September 28, 2017			6655.06