

Women of Pax Leadership Board Meeting
Thursday, April 28, 2016
Pax Christi Catholic Church

The Women of Pax Leadership Board met at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 28, 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 March 30 meeting. They were approved as presented.

The financial report: Gail presented the financial report for the month. Our current balance is \$5439.44. We received income from two funerals for a total of 300 dollars. Expenses for the confirmation reception were \$126.14. So far Gail has paid \$293.03 for expenses for the Chari-Tea but she expects there will be more. This includes the fee for Jen Koski for \$100 and a \$25 gift to Theo for playing music at the beginning of the tea. Ticket sales and donations to the Chari-Tea resulted in a donation to the Gage East Empowerment Center of \$1350. Additional expenses for the WOP included a \$50 gift to Joyce Lehman and her ticket to the tea. See copy of financial report on the last page.

Updates

- ◆ **The Chari-Tea:** All agreed it was a success and we received many positive comments on both the speaker (Jen Koski) and Gage East Empowerment Center, which was the beneficiary of the tea. Tea Chairman Jane Schmidt plans to do a wrap-up meeting with the tea committee in May.
- ◆ **Ministry Weekend:** MJ spoke after all the Masses on the weekend of April 16-17. (Although several people were going to speak after Masses, we all decided later that it would be better to have one speaker to keep the message the same.) Marcy Witter put together a very impressive display which was placed in the Gathering Space. Various people were available to answer questions after the Masses. In conjunction with this, MJ spoke to the Parish Council and the Parish Staff. She reported that her message was well-received.
- ◆ **May Meeting:** Sandy reported that everything is ready. The opening prayer will be to Mary, the Undoer of Knots. Fran Kooistra, Pax liturgist, will speak for the Ministry Moment. Sandy showed the materials that will be used for the nail art. The closing prayer will be the Memorare. Mary will remind everyone to bring hammers for the craft. She will also send separate reminders to the people who have agreed to bring treats.
- ◆ **June Meeting:** MJ will lead the opening meditation, "Ice Cream Social." Ice cream will be served as refreshments. Joyce Kellen will speak about CEW for the Ministry Moment. Father Chinnappa will be the main speaker. Mary reported that he has agreed to speak about his life in India and his vocation. We will conclude the meeting by praying the rosary in the Grotto.
- ◆ **Wednesday Faith Formation meals:** Mary and Carol reported that they will prepare the final meal for the year next week (May 4). Sandy said that she will come to help with serving and clean-up. Tim Shea is going to have a meeting of everyone who has been involved in the meals to discuss the plans for next year. Mary and Carol said they have told Jessica Scully that they plan to continue but would like to limit their service to once a month.

New Business

- ◆ **Father McCauley's 60th Anniversary of Ordination:** Father McCauley was the founding priest of Pax Christi and has asked if he could have his celebration here. Father Joe, of course, agreed. There will be a Mass at 10:45 on June 26 followed by a reception and meal. Mary reported that she has spoken with Lois Hackbarth who provides care for Father. She said that he “does not want a fuss” and does not think many people will come. Tim Shea is going to go talk to him and try to get some more details of what he wants, but tentative plans are for the Men's Group to prepare brats, with the Women's group providing side dishes and desserts. More information will be available later.
- ◆ **Buddy System:** MJ reported that a parishioner had spoken to her after the Ministry weekend and suggested that we start a Buddy System for families with children similar to that which is used at St. Francis Parish. In this system, an older child or teen sits with a family to provide an example of good behavior to younger children. We discussed this but decided we needed more information. We decided to do more investigation and also discuss this with Dana Petricka to see if she might be interested in this as a service project for confirmation students.
- ◆ **Upcoming dates:** MJ reported briefly on the future meetings.
 - July: *Celebrate* - Celebrating the gift of our lives. Activity - cake decorating.
 - August: *Sharing* - Sharing our God given Talents. Bring your latest project and teach others.
 - September: No meeting
 - October: Laurie Marreel will present the program *Become a Dementia Friend* that was canceled because of weather in February.
 - November: Habiba Haji will speak. The meeting will be held on November 15 instead of the first Tuesday because of All Saints Day on the first, and the election on November 8.
 - December: Joint meeting with the Men's Group. The Lourdes Music Department will present a concert.
- ◆ **Consideration of possible service projects**
 - Serving Christmas Dinner at High Pointe
 - Preparing and serving a Sunday dinner at St. Francis
 - Committing to an adoration slot
 - Ongoing commitment to preparing Wednesday night meals for faith formation classes

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 7:55 pm.

Mary Mataitis
Secretary

Women of Pax Financial Report
April 30, 2016

April 2016	Income	Expenses	
Starting balance			5576.23
Funeral Stipends	300		5876.23
Redeposit of cash for ticket sales	30		5906.23
Confirmation expenses		126.14	5780.09
Tea Expenses:			
Food costs		168.03	
Speaker fee (Jen Koski)		100	
Gift to piano player		25	
Total Expenses		293.03	5487.06
Tea Ticket Sales and donations	1350		
Donation to Gage East Empowerment Center		1350	
Gift to Joyce		50	5437.06
Interest on checking	2.38		
Balance April 28			5439.44