

## **SJTW Women's Group Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 2019**

The **meeting was called to order at 10:06 A.M.** by Barbara Callan (president). The group recited a prayer to begin their meeting; eleven members were present. Father Julius briefly joined the group for a few minutes.

The **minutes from the March meeting** were referenced as they are posted on the website and members are asked to review before the meeting. Minutes were accepted, and filed in the archives.

**The Treasurer's report** (Nancy McHugh) from April was read ( 2 checks were written: one for additional chair covers that were on sale (85.97) and 200.00 to charity for care of the elderly in Africa by nuns – a special intention of the Archbishop from Rome visiting us during Easter); the transaction for the new altar cloth (\$366.85) will be posted in May. Beginning balance is \$5415.56, and ending balance is \$5129.59. Report was accepted, and filed in archives

### **Old Business:**

**Altar cloth:** We want to thank Marion Croker for researching and finding the beautiful altar cloth that we purchased. We are also thankful to Susan Meyer and Peggy Howe for volunteering to the launder altar cloths throughout the year.

**Visiting Homebound:** Marion reported that she is visiting one parish member at this time.

**Book Club:** The next book is *Trail of Broken Wings* by Sajal Badani and we will meet in June.

**Grotto update:** Barbara has been in contact Eileen Askey concerning the rose garden near the grotto. Our roses have suffered through disease/blight for the past three years. Barbara reported that Eileen suggests removing the roses and replacing with a grouping of plants that would survive through all the seasons- so we would have some color even in winter. She gave many examples of variations of plants that would work for this setting. After some discussion, the members agreed that Eileen should work her magic with the area as she has done with the grotto surround in the past. Eileen is blessing to this parish.

Marion mentioned the rock on the grotto appears to be loose. Barbara spoke with Rocco after the meeting, and he will again repair those particular rocks. Rocco Rescigno reported that the sprinkler system is working well and that Dan Callan is working as the back-up person regarding the sprinkler system.

**Discussion of plans for 2019 events-** review of dates for Italian Dining Out - October 19<sup>th</sup> and Advent Tea in December (5<sup>th</sup>). Again, we confirmed our plans for fall and winter events. We still need commitments for eight tables for the Advent Tea. Please contact Barbara if you and your friends would care to host a table. Photos of the tea are posted on the SJTW website.

**The August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting** will focus on the October Italian Dining Out and presale of tickets in September. Also finalizing hosts for tables for the tea will take place at that time. **Please plan to attend that meeting.**

**Storage of our supplies:** Again, we are thankful that Irene Klinefelter and Mary Baldwin cleaned and straightened the parish hall storage closets and found room for our specific supplies for funerals and upcoming events. We are still looking for a portable unit to place in a closet that would contain our supplies. Also, Sue McDuff mentioned that she is still storing our parish cookbooks at her home. We found one opened box of books in the parish hall closet and we took it out to the Knights yard sale. It is suggested that Sue bring two boxes of books into the church hall closet so that we may distribute them to new parish members as a welcoming gift. Julianne Diehl volunteered to work on contacting new parishioners to get a book to them. A discussion ensued about different ways to reach parishioners.

#### **New Business:**

**Weekly Potluck at Madisonville Presbyterian Church to feed those in need:** Julianne Diehl related the need for volunteers from our parish for this outreach. This program has been in effect for several years and the area Christian churches take turns sponsoring a Tuesday evening potluck. SJTW Catholic Church is scheduled to provide volunteers on July 16<sup>th</sup>; this means five people provide a vegetable side dish and stay to serve and cleanup the hall afterward ( time is about 4:30 -6PM) The main course is provided by an area restaurant, and they plan to seed about 50 people ( some are children). Churches are paired with another church for sponsoring an evening- so sometimes we bring dessert. We also provide bread. With optimum involvement, the schedule may be sponsoring by SJTW only three or four times a year. If you think you can add your name to this community service, contact Julianne Diehl.

**Celebration for 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination of Father Julius:** Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> is the big day for Father Julius. Plans are underway to have a potluck dinner in the Church hall following the 4 PM Mass. As we draw closer to the event, we will have sign up sheets in the hall and on the board in the narthex. All parishioners are invited, of course. Any volunteers and suggestions on planning are welcome.

**Knights Yard Sale (May 18):** Congratulations to the Knights for their fundraiser! It was a huge effort and brought big results. There was tremendous amount of work/volunteerism and planning involved over several weeks of time. The weather held out and the Knights persevered. We are grateful for all the Knights do for our parish.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Barbara Callan, President**