

SJTW Women's Group Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2020

The **meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.** by Barbara Callan (president). Barbara opened the meeting with a prayer. Fourteen members were present.

The minutes from the November 9, 2019 meeting (there is no December meeting) were read by Barbara. There were no corrections nor any questions. The minutes are archived.

The Treasurer's report: (Nancy McHugh) presented the treasurer's report for December transactions. There were no questions nor comments, and the report is filed and archived. This report will not be posted on the website.

Old Business:

Visiting Homebound: Marion reported one visit to a parishioner.

Book Club: Book club to meet January 30th in Barbara's home. The book is *Educated* by Tara Westover.

Grotto update: Barbara read an email from **Eileen Askey** who so generously plans and cares for the landscaping and plantings for our grotto. Eileen explained what she is doing and what she has planned for the future. She focused on the removal of the damaged rose bushes and leveling off the mound at the entrance of the area. She mulched for winter. Eileen also planted the memorial tree for Brian Baldwin. We look forward to the spring reveal. We are so grateful to Eileen.

Candlelight Tea December 2019: **Nancy** graciously wrote and read a summary report on our Candlelight tea. She covered planning and attendance and features of the program. It was a beautiful evening as well a spiritual preparation for Advent. Thank you to all who participated and made this program possible.

Report on Parish Christmas party and our Women's Group annual Christmas party and ornament exchange: Barbara reported that the parish party was held on Saturday December 21st at 5:30 PM after the 4:00 Mass. Our group prepared the room and bought some supplies. We were able to use some of the frozen entrees left over from our Italian Dinner. This event was a potluck and we had no real idea of attendance numbers. The Hispanics actually had their nine nights of celebrations at this time also so the room was already prepared for their party following the parish party. They brought in some food around 5:30 and that helped with the numbers attending. Santa was scheduled for around 6:30. Attendance was less than the previous year- one factor may be that it was so close to Christmas. Suggestion is that the event be scheduled earlier in the month and not during the Hispanic celebrations.

Our group's annual Christmas party (evening of December 12th) in Barbara's home was another big success. Nineteen members were present and it was a time to just relax and enjoy the evening. If you have never attended, remember all are welcome.

New Business:

Ecumenical Potluck dinner and service: On the fifth Sunday evening in January 2020, we host the potluck dinner and service for Christian churches in Madisonville area. The potluck begins at 5:45.

Please bring a dish to share. Our group will supply breads and beverages (Nancy volunteered to bring the bread needed as well as pick up some tea) Barbara will be at church around 4 PM to start setup for the event. Any help is welcome. The service in our church is lovely as local pastors participate in demonstration of Christian unity.

Lenten Luncheon: Just a reminder that we will host a Lenten Luncheon on a yet to be designated Wednesday at noon during Lent. As soon as we get our assigned date (remember that the Christian Churches in Madisonville do this every lent; it is a free luncheon with any donations going to Good Shepherd. We usually do a soup and sandwich lunch. We will be asking for those who may be willing to make sandwiches or soups to sign up next month. We usually have a nice size attendance and appreciate your help. Come and enjoy a wonderful lunch at any rate. Just a note that our group needs to buy more pitchers with lids (beverage) for the kitchen as our supply has virtually disappeared.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Callan, President