

Mary & Martha (M & M's) Meeting Minutes (July 21, 2022)

Attendance: Linda Downie, Teresa Peterson, Joleen Pierce, Caryl Schmidt, Shawn Yerges, Liz Yerks, Father Matt

Opening Prayer: Linda led us in prayer

Approval of Minutes: Shawn reported that the treasurer's report for our last meeting was incorrect. There was a withdrawal for \$17.13 for checks leaving the May balance at \$2610.45 instead of \$2627.58 as previously reported.

Also as a follow-up on our donation to KIC regarding our request to be billed after purchases have been made for the end of year celebration, Shawn reported that they are unable to make purchases without having the money upfront. Caryl mentioned that Costco will give donations of food for events if requested ahead of time.

Caryl moved to approve minutes. Linda seconded. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Shawn composed a scholarship letter to Brian Bossard who will receive the 2022 scholarship of \$750 from our group.

Balance as of June 30, 2022: \$2510.57

Check for \$100 was written to Father Shane for his farewell gift and we earned 12 cents interest .

Ice Cream Social: The ice cream social will be done in conjunction with Coffee Sunday as Aug. 14 is birthday Sunday and there will be a cake. There was some discussion about the purpose of doing the ice cream social and if we should do it at both Masses. It was decided to have the ice cream social only after the Sunday morning Mass. Aug. 14 and not at the Saturday evening Mass. Liz Long will have the children's work from Vacation Bible School on display at that Mass only and the children will possibly sing a song. Caryl volunteered to pick up the ice cream (3 buckets) and various toppings at Costco.

Tee Shirt Fundraiser: Tabled til next meeting

Day/Time of Meetings: The question had been raised whether we should change the day and/or time of our meetings to better fit bulletin deadlines and to coordinate with the KC meetings. Tammy from the office joined us and explained that if she knows ahead of time that we might have a bulletin announcement for an upcoming event she can save space for us and still get an article in the bulletin after our Thursday night meeting. Pulpit announcements should be in by noon on Thursday. Father Matt does not encourage pulpit announcements. Linda indicated the KC's are not meeting this summer. There are not a lot of M & M members who have a spouse who is a Knight, so we agreed to keep our current every other month schedule: 4:00pm and 6:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month

Letter to Women of the Parish: Haylee has composed one letter to the women of the parish inviting them to participate in M&M's and Joleen read another letter composed by another parishioner. Discussion included:

*picking best points from each letter to include in what we mail

*keeping the letter short

*possibly just sending our brochure with or without a short cover letter

*personal invitation to women

*Fr. Matt mentioned that in a previous parish the meetings were geared around a speaker each month drawing in more women.

More discussion next month.

M&M brochure: Tammy wanted us to update our brochure so she could include it in parish folders. We changed some wording in the calendar section and meeting times. The parish office number will be included instead of an officer's private number.

Future Agenda Items:

Tee shirt fundraiser

Calendar

letter to women of the parish

new officer ideas

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 18 @ 6:30pm

Opening prayer next meeting: Caryl

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary