

PCCW Meeting Minutes ~ September 12, 2024, Church Dining Hall, 7 PM

Opening Prayer / Roll Call

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Jackie Brusky, Jeannie Burke
- St. Anne Marie: Julie Knetter, Mary Knoeck, Linda Mroczenski, Julie Schafer
- St. Cecelia: Carol Guralski, Diane Paul
- St. Francis Cabrini: Nancy Hackel, June King, Arlene Schreier, Brenda Werner
- St. Joan of Arc: Barb Brehm, Polly Brehm, Marge Heidmann, Grace Wirkus
- St Rita: Carol Ashbeck, Patty Myszka, Bonnie Nenstiel

Secretary Minutes / Treasurer Report

Secretary Minutes approved by Arlene Schreier, seconded by Bonnie Nenstiel.

Treasurer Report approved by Mary Knoeck, seconded by Carol Ashbeck.

Correspondence was passed around during the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Funeral Guidelines** ~ Patty Myszka asked if the set up was going smoother. She asked how the new coffee server tops were working. Lastly, she asked if there any changes needed. The group reported there were no issues and no changes were needed at this time.
2. **PCCW Group Lists** ~ New group lists were distributed. Barb Brehm explained the new lists were created using a slightly different method than previously. The new method is better for the parish office, because updates are made in one central place. The new lists are hopefully better for the group leaders, because the contact phone numbers are more correct. The lists show active registered members. If additional numbers or wives' numbers were known, those were written on the lists. Group leaders may be contacted to help for funeral lunches for members not on the list. We should continue to contact the parish office or group leaders with any phone number updates. Julie Knetter provided an update to the list: Julie's cell number 715-432-2612 should be her and Jack's primary contact number.
3. **Recycling/Dumpster/Black Bag Update** ~ Nancy Hackel reported there haven't been any issues reported by the waste management service, but there also hasn't been a lot of waste, because school hasn't been in session and there haven't been fish fries or many church/school/dining hall activities. Julie Knetter shared Marshfield Clinic uses Harder, and Harder is accepting glass there.
4. **Cleaning Bucket Kits and Defibrillator Locations** ~ Julie Schafer mentioned most people probably don't know the locations. The cleaning bucket kit is by the safe, in the storage room, north of the ladies' restroom, with a red sign to identify it. The defibrillator is by the Holy Water, in the entrance to the church, on the north side, in its own cabinet, with a flip cover.
5. **Other**
 - Additional Seminarian Donation** ~ It was decided the PCCW would suggest an additional \$100 donation to seminarian Alex at year-end. This was over the original \$1000 suggested donations PCCW agreed upon earlier in the year. Julie Schafer and Mary Knoeck proposed the extra \$100 for Alex, and the group agreed. Father Alan said Alex would very much appreciate the donation, \$100 is a typical donation, and Matthew Szymanski is less in need because of his police officer retirement income.
 - School Cook and Lunch Program** ~ The school lunch program could use additional help serving on Thursdays and Fridays, 11 AM to 1 PM. Julie Knetter said she could help the next 6 weeks. All volunteers need safe environment training and a criminal background check every 5 years. Volunteers can contact the parish office on how to get proper training and will be put in touch with Jessica Halvorsen, the school principal, to get put on the work schedule. Stephannie Halvorsen is the school cook who was asked to do this position, so we should try to help her the best we can. Grace Wirkus says Stephannie does a great job. She asks for suggestions, stays on task, and gets the job done. All St. John's cooks have been great over the years.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parish 125th Anniversary Celebration Update ~ There will be 3 meals for the Anniversary year:

A. January 19th – Bishop Battersby will be here to offer Mass for the 125th Anniversary. There will be a social after. It will be a step up from Donut Sunday, with finger foods. Examples of foods to serve: muffins, yogurt, cheese sticks. Bishop Battersby won't eat and will just talk. It was suggested that 1 PCCW group lead and serve.

B. June – Matthew Szymanski will have a mass of Thanksgiving for his ordination at St. John's. There will be a catered chicken dinner, with invited guests, and it will be fancier. PCCW has been asked to help with salads and desserts, with a special request for Norma Socha's fruit salad. 2 PCCW groups will be asked to lead and serve. After the dinner, Matthew will give his first blessing. Leftovers will go to the school hot lunch program.

[NOTE: Matthew's first Mass will be at the La Crosse Cathedral, with a reception downtown after. The Diocese prints invitations, with replies. Father thinks there will be 150-200 people invited. This Mass will be in La Crosse for his parents to more easily attend.]

C. September - School Picnic and Open House – It will be a cook-out menu that is catered. It is a parish celebration, open house, with alumni in attendance. It will be in the church hall and outside with a tent. 2-3 PCCW groups are being asked to work at it.

2. **PCCW Christmas Benefit - November 22** ~ Set up will be on Thursday, November 21st, 9:00 AM to 11:30 PM. The top prize has been \$1000, but people who had previously donated will not be donating this year. June King made a proposal to take money from the Benefit profit to cover the top prize of \$1000, and Arlene Schreier seconded. Things that will remain the same: online and phone orders with pick up procedure, dessert and bake sale location and pricing, use of paper plates, plastic utensils, raffle ticket prices (6 for \$25). The new cash register will be used. Norma Socha's family donated a salad bar that will be used, so a salad bar option can be offered with the fish fry. The potato bake in October will also be using the salad bar. The parish wants to give it a try.

3. **Christmas Poinsettia Delivery** ~ Jan Sliwicki leads. A homebound list from the Parish is used to place an order with Stark Floral. Last year the delivery crew expanded with Father Alan, Mary Knoeck, Dory Martyn, Elizabeth King, and Bonnie Nenstiel. Dory sets up times for delivery. There were 23 poinsettias delivered in our Parish last year. There are 25-35 on the homebound list. Contact Dory if interested in delivering. Let Father Alan know if people need to be added to the homebound list.

4. **Potato Bake - Wednesday October 23** ~ Nancy reported that a flyer of the event and the list of needed ingredients went home with students. She gave an overview of the event and the need for volunteers:

- Tuesday, 10/22, 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM. This shift washes potatoes, prepares veggies (peppers, onions, mushrooms, etc) and meat. Anyone welcome to join
- Wednesday, 10/23, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Prepares food and begins to cook the food. This is usually ladies from the PCCW. Mary Knoeck gets ladies to help.
- Wednesday, 10/23, 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Continues to finish preparing food (frying, cooking broccoli cheese sauce, etc), setting up the dining hall, getting the electrical cords out etc.
- Wednesday, 10/23, 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM. This shift serves, cleans, and wraps the evening up.
- Online Orders Wednesday afternoon beginning around 1 PM.
- Dishes beginning around 3 PM. Julie Schafer volunteered.
- Cash Box beginning around 3:30 PM

The salad bar and inflatable pools are used to keep the many items needing refrigeration cold. Food donations are needed and welcome, and it isn't necessary to donate the full amount. The proceeds go to youth events for all age groups: leaf raking, ringing bells, and adventure camp.

5. **Other** ~ None.

Next PCCW Meeting: January 9, 2025, 7 PM, Dining Hall

Closing Prayer