

## PCCW Meeting Minutes ~ January 9, 2025, Church Dining Hall, 7 PM

### Opening Prayer / Roll Call

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Nicole Lemmer
- St. Anne Marie: Barb Murkowski, Mary Knoeck, Linda Mroczenski
- St. Cecelia: Elizabeth King, Diane Paul
- St. Francis Cabrini: June King, Arlene Schreier, Brenda Werner
- St. Joan of Arc: Polly Brehm, Grace Wirkus, Barb Brehm
- St Rita: Carol Ashbeck, Patty Myszka, Bonnie Nenstiel

### Secretary Minutes / Treasurer Report

Secretary Minutes approved by Polly Brehm, seconded by Mary Knoeck  
Treasurer Report approved by Mary Knoeck, seconded by Carol Ashbeck

Old Christmas decorations and lights no longer used by the Parish were available for members to take.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Christmas Benefit Recap ~

- Bake sale and desserts: Dessert sale profits were \$535.50. Bake sale profits were \$521.50. Leftover baked goods were sold after the weekend masses for free will donations. Diane Paul suggested getting an extra rack for displaying desserts during the benefit. The group discussed trying one of the Holy Men's stainless steel racks. Patty Myszka will check with John Schueller on borrowing the rack. The rack gets used during the Lenten fish fries for storing supplies, but is empty in November. So, the Christmas Benefit will be a good time to try it out. Labeling (e.g. nuts, peanut butter, etc.) of desserts and bake sale items was exceptionally great.
- Raffle prizes: There were 2 \$500 donations, 1 \$200 donation, 1 \$50 donation. Some of the donated gift baskets included: garden signs, sheet set, pillow set, Wisconsin Badger theme, lotion theme, kitchen theme, coffee. Some gift baskets needed to be supplemented with gift cards. There were some donations for the Children's Workshop, so we should continue to spread the word the Children's Workshop is no longer offered.
- Hot lunch cooler: The cooler was turned on the Tuesday before the benefit. It was good Tuesday to Thursday. By Friday, things were getting warm in the cooler, so items needed to be transferred out. Greg Kornack was consulted, but he doesn't service this kind of cooler. Father is looking into this more.
- Salad bar: There was some confusion with dine-in customers who had tickets indicating salad. They were given the salad bar, but instead they should have received potato salad. This was corrected for the Lent fish fries. There was good variety offered on the salad bar. Father and his sister Kelly were in charge for the benefit. PCCW needs to talk with Father about who will be responsible in the future. There is a concern with space in the kitchen to prep salad items.
- Number of dine-in tables: The tables were set as: 5 / 5 / 2. The number of tables was not reduced. It was a good amount, that will be done again next year.
- Decreased raffle ticket envelopes prepared: Patty Myszka liked, because there was less handling. There were 1700+ tickets prepared. The number *not* picked up is unknown. Of the tickets picked up, around 250 tickets were not returned.
- Parish roster updates: no feedback
- Phones: There were challenges the day of the benefit, because of the new phone system between the church, rectory, and school. During the day, the phone wasn't ringing and when it did ring, no one was there. The phones started working later in the night.

2. **Poinsettia Delivery Recap** ~ There were 21 poinsettias delivered by 8 volunteers. It is a very smooth process of ordering and delivering. 2 weeks after the September PCCW meeting, Patty Myszka and Jan Sliwicki call the Parish to get the homebound list and place the order with Karen at Stark's. Patty and Jan both have reminders for ordering and organizing each year.

3. **Funeral Guidelines and Set Up** ~ There is a need for about 3 dozen more silverware forks, because there is not enough when there is a full setting. The knives will be checked to see if there are enough.

4. **Recycling Update** ~ Stephanie Halverson confirmed the parish's waste management service *will* take glass.

5. **Youth Group Potato Bake/Walking Taco Bar Fundraiser – October 23, 2024** ~ Food prep began the evening before, with a crew of adults, youth, and families. Final preparations were completed by PCCW ladies and volunteers on the day of the event. Both parishioners and non-parishioners contributed to the success of the fundraiser.

Total Revenue: \$5,356.60 / Total Expenses: \$635.37 / Net Proceeds: \$4,721.23

The Archangel Youth Group expressed deep gratitude for the help and donations. Proceeds will support both local and larger events.

## 6. Other ~

**Policy for Donation Requests** ~ The Works of Charity Account is a parish account where monies from sacraments are deposited along with donations made directly to the charity account. This money is used for helping people who are experiencing financial difficulty. Parish groups may make donation requests for consideration by Father toward the end of the calendar year in September, listing the organization and the amount. Father will review and approve the requests. All checks must be made payable to an organization, not to an individual. For example, a check cannot go directly to seminarian Alex, but it could go to the seminary.

**Bishop Mass Requests** ~ Bishop Battersby has asked parishes to offer 1 Mass each month for the intention of our priest. This year, the PCCW will offer 4 of these Masses. April 17, 2025 Holy Thursday is the first Mass, with 3 other weekday masses occurring through the year. Diane Paul made a motion to continue offering 4 Masses per year, if the bishop would like this tradition to continue beyond this year; Carol Ashbeck seconded the motion.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Parish 125th Anniversary Celebration Update

A. Bishop Battersby Mass @ 11:00 – January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There will be a social after. The parish pictorial directories will be handed out. Extra copies can be purchased for \$15 or \$20. Parish ornaments will also be sold for \$20. Decorations will include 1) flowers in vases from Stark's (\$5 per vase), and 2) table cloths that will also be used for the chicken dinner in June (see F below). The food served will be sheet cake, 3 dozen cupcakes, 8 dozen cookies, cheese and sausage tray, grapes, ½ bananas, 100 cups of coffee, 3 gallons of chocolate milk, 3 dozen orange juices, 1 gallon white milk, and ice cream in cups. Salad plates will be used. Dining hall and food prep will occur on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Kristy Schug (from Spencer) will donate the cake. Patty will check if it will be delivered. Bonnie Nenstiel, Linda Mroczenski, and Mary Knoeck will help with set up. Elizabeth King will help with clean up after.

B. Catholic Schools Week – January 2025

C. Lenten Activities – There are many activities planned, including crocheting and rosary making.

D. St. John's will host a Father/Daughter dance on **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Fathers and daughters from St. Mary's have also been invited, and a lunch will be provided.

E. Parish float for the Edgar Carnival – June 2025

F. Matthew Szymanski Ordination – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 / First Mass at St. John's with chicken dinner to follow – June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Planning is underway, with more information to come. Considerations include centerpieces, table cloths, Mass time, and a PCCW ordination gift.

G. School Picnic and Open House – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The PCCW will provide a raffle basket for the event. Other basket donations are needed.

2. **Fish Fries 2025** ~ Meal tickets/slips will be made the first week of February. The group assignments are:

- March 7 – St Rita
- March 14- St Anne Marie
- March 21 – St Francis Cabrini
- March 28 – St Joan of Arc
- April 4 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel (No School)
- April 11 – St. Cecelia
- April 18 – All Groups, Good Friday (No School)

3. **Divine Mercy Sunday Collection** ~ Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 St. Anne Marie. Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

4. **Other ~ Church Cleaning** ~ Patty Myszka will be restarting a monthly church cleaning tradition. Those interested will meet on the third Tuesday at 8-10 AM. The pews, kneelers, and cushions will be cleaned at the first meeting, this next Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The second meeting will focus on cleaning in the dining hall, including the chairs. Patty will bring a vacuum and a leaf blower to do the arches. More vacuums are welcome. Volunteers should bring a bucket and cloths.

**Next PCCW Meetings: June 12, 2025 & September 11, 2025 / 7 PM, Dining Hall**

**Closing Prayer**