

Women of St. John's (WSJ)

April 6, 2025

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Center

Attending: Delores Dahm, Linda Fellows, Brenda Oster, Jean Willmschen, Peggy Williams, Dawn Holland, Lynda Davis, Ann Mathern, Julie Wheeler, Phyllis Wheeler, Lois Massa, Mary Lynn White, Jody Tennyson, Gayle Schneller, Jan Skott, Linda Young, Ann Dvorak, Jeannie Fischer, Judy Lacey, Kate Ryan, Teresa Fiala, Finny Sechser

President Teresa called the meeting to order at 0925 with an opening prayer from Dee Dahm.

See attached agenda from Teresa with statistics from the ham dinner.

Suggestions for next year's ham dinner - overall the food was good and the process went well. Ann D. stated that the baskets had a good variety and the silent auction had popular items including free services such as lawn work or house repairs. Comments about the salads led to Teresa announcing that she would have a more specific sign up list next year limiting pudding desserts, jello salads and no cookies. The group declined the need for placemats. Teresa and Finny will write up specifics for each area that ladies sign up for describing how to set up area and expectations for workers.

Teresa reported that our checking account has \$7500. The WSJ donated \$1000 to students traveling to Denver for Steubenville in the Rockies this summer. Previous agreement was for all the money from the raffle baskets would go to the students (income from baskets \$2000). Teresa will write a check for \$3000 for the students. Teresa was pleased with the help from the students at the ham dinner.

A motion from Dee D. to re-invest the \$6000 we had in a seven month CD that matures in June 2025 for a period of time to be determined dependent on interest rates had a second from Gayle and unanimous approval.

Teresa handed out the current work group lists and asked those present to update their availability and contact information and to return to Finny- lists were returned to Teresa.

Teresa handed out her current description for WSJ scholarship application. Discussion about scholarships - there are two graduating seniors- Shauna Zacher and Garrett Weiland who would be eligible for application of our scholarships. Garrett has chosen to take one year off from further studies. Conversation about when a scholarship winner needs to use their money led to a motion from Gayle that if a student receives a scholarship and cannot use it within the same calendar year, they must use it within twelve months of receipt or it

will be forfeited. Second from Ann D. Approval with one dissenting vote. Scholarship judging committee is Gayle, Ann M. and Linda F. Awards night is May 13; graduation is May 17. Teresa will notify applicants that the deadline for application is April 25.

A church celebration for graduates will be after May 18 Mass with cake, juice, coffee. Teresa will ask the Knights of Columbus (KC's) if they wish to cook pancakes for the celebration. Work group is Kate, Dawn, Ann D., Teresa, Finny. No paper products will be used per Teresa and we expect around 50 attendees.

Group consensus was to continue the history of giving \$100 to graduating seniors who have faithfully served the church. Shauna and Garrett will receive this money.

We will again participate in the Summer Sack Lunch program through the YMCA by making sandwiches for between 30-50 children at a cost of \$300-\$400. Jan coordinates this. She said other foods will be in the Y fridge so eaters can choose what they want and waste will be lessened. Sandwiches need to be made in an appropriate kitchen and our kitchen in the church basement qualifies. The money to pay for supplies will come from the Lynn's Dakotamart receipts and a donation of \$300 will be given to the Storehouse - this was achieved by a motion from Ann D and a second from Ann M with unanimous approval. Jan's helpers for the week of June 15, 2025 are Brenda and Dee D.

Summer bake sales will occur on May 24-25 with group C coordinating - Saturday Peggy and ? Joan captain. Sunday May 25 will have Gayle as captain and Mary Lynn as helper with the KC's setting up and taking down the tables and supplies.

July 5-6 sale will be group B. Captained by Linda Y with Brenda on July 5 and Peggy on July 6.

August 30-31 will be group A. Captained by Jan with Dee D. and Jean on August 30. Sunday August 31 will be Captained by Jan with Lynda D.

Teresa will send an email inviting all Women of St. John's to donate goods to each sale and inviting those not in attendance today to help. Money from the bake sales will be put in our checking account.

Teresa announced that our annual Wine Party will be December 7 and per request of the group a wine glass trade will occur.

Jeannie stated that on April 19 a celebration after Mass will be held for the new church members and any attendees are invited to bring finger foods. She is in negotiation with the Parish Council for assistance. She stated that Confirmation for nine confirmants will be Wednesday October 22 with the Bishop present. The WSJ agreed to have Teresa order chicken and invite the parishioners to bring food for a potluck.

The feast of Corpus Christi is June 21 & 22. A motion from Gayle for the WSJ to provide doughnuts/sweet rolls, coffee and juice served in the church basement on June 22 after the march had a second from Linda and unanimous approval. Teresa will ask the KC's if they want to serve brats on Saturday after the march as they did in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia "Finny" Sechser

Secretary for Women of St. John's