Women's Council Minutes

Thursday, November 5th, 2026, 9:30 am

Next Meeting**:** December 8th, attend Mass 5:30, start at 6:15 pm
Holiday Potluck & prelim Boutique results

Welcome and Prayer: Marie welcomed and Camille led us in a prayer at 9:35 am.

Approval of October Minutes and Quorum Vote 10/27/2026: Approved with attached quorum vote on 10/27/26 for a $2500 donation towards purchase of a new organ for music ministry.

Treasurer's Report : last statement 9/30 balance is $8519.39, 10/31 balance $5604.18

Old Business

A. Kitchen Shelving Update- Michelle and Lisa Marie – purchase of new stainless-steel table for the kitchen – **Motion made and approved to reimburse Marie $280.**
B. Communication: Website, Flocknote, **Group Texting** please **use** *2026-27 Women's Council St. G.* then use breakout groups for the boutique, rummage sale, funerals etc.
New: Group Me – Marie still researching another way of communication

New Business

A. Staff & Volunteer Gifts: Rowanne/Marie LY amount $1700
-Executive Board met earlier this am with staff and volunteer list provided by the office
Motion and approved $1850 for staff and volunteer monetary gifts.
B. Christmas Party: --Community Center on Dec. 8 at 6:15 pm after Mass
-Get prelim boutique results? Finish Charitable Gift Giving. Social events in '27.
- plans: dish to share -apps, hotdish, dessert, salad Gift to swap ($15 or less) -
- help to set-up and clean-up appreciated, drinks provided
C. **Holiday Boutique**: ***November 21st 10 to 4***
Knights Pancake and Sausage breakfast on Sunday, November 22nd
with our raffle drawing at 10:45 with last chance shopping of pies, general store

1. **Pies- Chair: Lisa Marie** Thank you!!! Jane, Thomas, and Mary L for support
Lunch provided on two of the days. Thanks Bev and Michelle
Made 40 DC apple pies on Tuesday.
136 the next two dates. XX crumble apple, XX double crust apple.
-Apples were from Donna's supplier -$250 for 10 plus bushels, had a $200 donation
-Pecan Pies Planned Number 24 Berry Pies Planned Number 24
-Tuesday, Nov.17th, 9 am to roll out pie crusts
-Friday, Nov. 20th, 9 am to make berry & pecan pies & bake, inc. some apple pies
2. **New Signs for Pies and Cookies** - Michelle was able to edit prior signs to use
Baked Apple & Berry Pies $18 Pecan Pies $20 **Frozen** Apple Pies $16
Cookies $10 pre-Sales ok to pie makers and boutique volunteers only

3. **Raffle- Chairs: Victoria, Donna, Shannon**
   - Items 8 $50 gift cards to local businesses
   -sending out tickets with the parish letter soon- but pick please pick up at the back of the church until Nov. 9
   - need help after Mass to collect raffle tickets and money, sell more to visitors
4. **Vendors Chair: Marie**
   -mailed out letters- how many so far? 16 vendors with 23 tables
   -We can still have a vendor outreach if you know any more contacts—let Marie or Sara know. We can have around 24 vendors.
   -Will look at table set-up and volunteers for the set-up on Wed., Nov 19th

5. **Kitchen Chairs: Renee and Maria O** new lunch sign
   -Morning Caramel Rolls & Coffee
   - Lunch Menu: Sloppy Joes, Chicken Noodle Soup, pie slices.
   - check paper supplies. -will meet on Thursday Nov 19 to cook
   - Water and coffee as in the past. Pop?
   -Pricing: Lunch $8 Pie Slices $4 Beverages $1 (Caramel Rolls $2? -confirm)

6. **Bottle Wall—Chair:**
   -use a vendor area with one table slot ***-- Michelle can help setup***
   - $1 per chance with poker chips numbered and stickers on the bottle
   - bottles of anything or jars filled with something donated by the parish
   - need estimated cost of donated item to submit for gambling license
   - put bottles of water into the mix on the bottle wall

7. **General store -Chairs**: **Marie** and **Shannon**
   -help with pricing – start to price as we get things?
   -Date to set up Community Center -Thursday and Friday
   -Need help pricing baked goods, pantry items, and other holiday items during the week and as we set up and display the general store area
   -cards will be set up here- no St Nicks room
   -same table set up as last year in the Fireside Room and have new furniture to move
   -theme baskets accepted, suggested price appreciated
   -can do misc. pricing ourselves on square for items in the general store.
   -try to compile a price sheet for common general store items, especially baked goods, breads, jams syrups, squash. Helpful since each year we are discussing it.
   -Any cookie/soup jars to sell- Confirmation kids doing cookie jars and we will do two soups after this meeting if you can stay to help
   -Ornament tree – Fatih Formation kids will set up tree on Wed.
   -Advertise with Sara in the bulletin for donation of holiday items, ornaments, baked - goods, cookies for the general store
   -drop off Wed- Friday after Wednesday drop off in the Community Center

8. **Pricing and Cashiering** –
   -set up cash boxes, money counting -**Rowanne**

-same set up as last year with general store, pies and cookie table, bottle wall, kitchen, raffle
-Square can be set up by Nikki Mandy but need to get prices to her.

9. **Cookies- Chair Shannon** new cookie sign
-Price $10 per small container with a nice assortment of around 24-28 cookies. ----
--Package on Friday before
-Latino specialties? Ask Maria O. for help to promote donations from the community.

10. **Yard Signs/advertising- Chair Michelle**
- please take flyers to hand out or put up around the town
-calendar events sent to the Laker and Catholic Spirit and include the Knights Breakfast
-new banner for Bell Tower postponed but still have two banners for corner and church entrance with the date on them.
-Marie has posted already on Facebook/Instagram and done an event page. Will work with vendors to help them repost and share.

11**. Sign-ups -Marie and Sara**
- Please sign up to help set up for shifts available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
-Tuesday am to bring down items from upstairs before adoration opens up, pies
- Thursday- Friday shifts are pecan & berry pie making and baking, lunch prep help, pricing, bottle wall pricing & set up, signage, table set up for pies & dining area
-Friday can haul more things down since no adoration -tablecloths, centerpieces
-Saturday with cashier shifts, bottle wall, pies, general store help, kitchen
-Sunday shifts for the general store and clean-up.

12. Entertainment- Youth Music Choir at 1:30 pm- confirmed with Josh

D. Charitable Giving: *Think about the following charities for our December meeting at the holiday potluck to approve:*
Traditionally, our proceeds from the Holiday Boutique goes towards charitable giving which includes Parish staff and volunteer gifts

1. Appalachian Christmas – we gave $125 to each church LY but think $200 was parish donations? Our portion $75?
-ACCW sponsored with supporting four churches in KY & TN
2. Southwest Options – $300 plus we helped with bottle campaign in the spring
3. Hope for Uganda – $300
4. Mn Adult and Teen Challenge- $300
5. Red Lake Mission - $300
6. FMSC -$300
7. Interfaith Outreach -$300
8. Loaves and Fishes -$300
9. Friends of San Lucas -$300
10. Sharing and Caring Hands -$300

11. Our Lady of Peace (hospice) -$500
12. St. Anne's Mitten Tree - $300

LY $3800 total **Discuss & Motion for this year $3800 in December**

13. Community Dinner yearly renewal $300/quarterly meal=**$1200 Motion in Dec.**
From 2022 to present, we have had generous donations so have only had to cover $500 in food and paper products plus $250 for purchase of new yard signs

E. Anything Else?

1) think about Social Events for January and February – forego any meetings?
2) Marie is collecting jewelry and other small items for blessing bags at a Jewelry Boutique to be held on Dec 7th for Women's Impact Foundation
3) Appreciation Gift for Sara Dore – **Motion was made and approved** for $250. Sign a card for her at the boutique and will give to her afterwards.
4) Marie brought up trying to start a local teen social and prayer time twice monthly and hope to expand hosting with other local churches. Would like to start in January after 4pm Mass on Sunday. "Soulful Sundays" 20 minute-social 20 minute-prayer and 20 minute -food component. Would like our help sponsoring it.

F. Upcoming Events –

1) **ACCW Fall Morning of Reflection**-Nov 7 at St Odilia Shoreview 8-Noon
2) **Pack the Pews**- November 8th – Marie heading it up for Parish Council, volunteers at 2:30 on Friday for setup
3) **November 21st,** Saturday, 10-4, Holiday Boutique
4) **WC Holiday Potluck Dinner on Dec 8, 6:15 please attend 5:30 Mass before**
5) **Community Dinner** at St George, December 17th at 5:30

Prayer and Adjourned 10:37

Stay after to assemble Soup Jars in the kitchen.

Attended by: Michelle, Marie, Rowanne, Camille, Donna, Rita, Bev, LuAnn, Theresa, Lou, Lisa Marie, Renee, Kit, Karen, Mary L, Maria O

Need to verify … mF

Michelle Flannery, WC secretary

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