



**St. Pius X Women's Group Meeting Notes**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**

*The mission of the St. Pius X Women's Group is to offer all women of St. Pius X, regardless of age or marital status, a setting in which to meet, socialize, share interests, provide service, and become more involved in their parish and their faith.*

**For questions or concerns contact:**

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**Social** (6:30 – 7:00 pm.)

We indulged in leftover chocolates from the holidays that some members brought in.

**Opening Prayer** - Toni Binzak

Prayer for Christian Unity

**Ice Breaker** – Toni Binzak

Each person in attendance shared one of their most beautiful moments of Christmas.

**Faith Sharing** - N/A

**Business** - Toni Binzak led the business section of the meeting.

There were 11 people in attendance.

**Women's Awards** (Mary Sullivan)

Mary Sullivan put together a festive box that holds the nomination forms, which will be placed in West Narthex. The **Appreciation Award** is on pink paper; **Woman of the Year Award** is on yellow. Deadline to submit is Jan. 31, and completed forms are to be inserted into the box. We will vote on recipients at the February meeting.

Plaques – last year Barb Lauer took care of getting the plaques ordered for the recipients. Mary will call Barb to see if she is willing to do this again this year. We have a short turn around time (Feb. 1-8) because we want to award them at the Women's Breakfast.

**Fr. Girotti**

THANK YOU – Toni Binzak suggested that our group put together some type of basket as a Thank You for his coming to present the **Know Your Faith Series** at St. Pius. The basket would be presented at the last session, March 13. We will talk more about this at our February and March meeting.

It was decided that the Women's Group members would again provide the snacks for the last Fr. Girotti **Know Your Faith Session** on March 13. Carrie Kools will send out an email at the end of February asking members if they could provide either a sweet or healthy snack on March 13. About 6-8 items will be needed.

**Women's Group Contact Info.**

It was suggested that we put contact information for the Women's Group on the parish website, as well as on the monthly minutes. Carrie Kools will follow up with this. Toni Binzak said that we could use her name.

### **Sr. Shawn's Christmas Giving Project**

Sr. Shawn is ready to give this project up. It was suggested by Toni Binzak that the Women's Group take on ownership of the Christmas Giving Project (i.e. giving tree, food etc.). This would involve about a 4 month commitment. The group agreed that it would be nice to take this on. Sandy Buchanich said she would contact Sr. Shawn to get more information on what is all involved. Sandy said she would be willing to help coordinate, but would also want to have other members help with all of the many tasks that are involved. She will report back to the group at the February meeting.

### **Breakfast with the Girls** (Sunday, February 10, 2008 | New Fellowship Hall)

#### **Budget** (food, decorations, entertainment, ticket cost) – headed by Judy Simon

- We are planning for an estimated 200 women.
- Tickets were set at \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12
- Estimated budget was set between \$800 - \$1,000:
  - Egg Stratas \$100, 10# cans of fruit \$50, 240 petite cinnamon rolls \$35.99, apple juice (4 oz. cups) & 4 gallons of milk (7 oz. cups) \$50, natural blend coffee \$10, mini muffins will be baked and donated by Barb Rogers, Carrie Kools, Janet Beauvais and Kathy Hyman.
  - Will need to buy decorations, table sequence, candy, mesh & ribbons, placemats, cups (for juice & milk) and napkins.
  - Table centerpieces/give a-ways (plants) \$100. Will need 20 @ \$5/piece.

#### **Theme/Decorations** (Valentine colors, hearts, center pieces) – headed by Bea Otto

- We will use 16 round tables (9 to a table; 144 people). We will use the long tables to seat the 56 (or more) additional seats needed.
- Bea found shiny red coils that will hang from the ceiling; will use red or white placemats and sequenced hearts sprinkled on tables.
- Center Pieces/Give a-ways: 4-1/2 inch Red and White Hyacinth plants (purchased from Gary's Flowerland for \$5 each, will be placed at each table. Stickers will be placed on one chair at each table and that person will get to take the plant home.
- We will decorate Saturday (Feb. 9) afternoon starting around 1:00. We will need volunteers to help with this.
- Party favors for all (candy hearts, M&Ms, chocolate hearts) will be placed at tables or one at each place setting for. Bea Otto and Mary Leiterman will do.

#### **Entertainment** – headed by Toni Binzak

- Will be by *Runway to Reality* and no more than 30 minutes in length.
- Cost will be \$200.
- Theme is appropriate for all ages and will be: Discovering your body type, fashion personality and understanding the psychology of color.

#### **Menu/beverages** – headed Kathy Hyman

- Menu: Egg Stratas, assorted home made mini muffins, petite cinnamon rolls, canned fruit (drained well), apple juice (may have another choice), natural blend coffee, milk, water.
- Members of the group will do all food prep and cooking. We will do food prep Saturday (Feb. 9) afternoon, time to be determined.
- Will be served family style,

#### **Serve and clean up** – headed by Toni Binzak

- Toni Binzak contacted the St. Pius X boys scout troop (Mike Steers, Scoutmaster) and they will be able to help with serving, and clean up.
- We will use dinnerware from cafeteria.

**Tickets (design, print)** – headed by Sandy Buchanich.

- Sandy will take care of finalizing and printing.
- Tickets will be sold after masses the weekends of January 26/27 and February 2/3 to help get a count to estimate how much food we will need and how many place settings we will need. Tickets will also be sold at the door (will need 2 members to sell).
- Carrie Kools brought a sign up sheet to recruit help selling tickets after mass. Thank you to all who have signed up to help. There are a few slots open yet. Contact Carrie Kools if you can help. Phone 739-4614 or email: [thekools@ameritech.net](mailto:thekools@ameritech.net).

**Promoting the Event** (flyer in bulletin, ticket sales after masses) – headed by Carrie Kools

- Insert Flyer/Invite will be put into the bulletin the weekends of Jan. 11/12, Jan. 26/27 and Feb. 9/10 to promote.
- Flyers/Invite will also be sent home in the “home folders” of the St. Pius school children in their weekly Wednesday packets on Jan 16 & 30.
- Advanced tickets will be sold at masses 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Kathy Hyman and Sandy Buchanich are working on putting together a short speech to advertise and encourage women to attend. They will take turns speaking at masses 2 weeks prior to this event. **Thank you Kathy and Sandy!!**

**Other**

- Toni Binzak put together a survey for the women of St. Pius to get their input as to what they are looking for in a women’s group. The group had a few suggestions. She is going to talk to the priests to get their input before finalizing. We would like to have them available at the Breakfast for women to either complete at that time, or return at a later date.
- Toni will get name tags and pens which will be set up at the door where tickets will be sold.
- Toni Binzak will talk about what our group has done so far, since its existence and our future.

**Closing Prayer** - Toni Binzak

**Next Meeting – February 5, 2008**

Social 6:30 – 7:00

Meeting 7:00 – 8:30

- † Social – beverage/snack provided by: **Contact Tony Binzak if you would like to do**
- † Ice Breaker – **Contact Tony Binzak if you would like to do**
- † Faith Sharing – **Contact Tony Binzak with your thoughts or ideas**
- † Business –
  - Finalize details for “Breakfast with the Girls”
  - Women’s Awards – Vote on final recipients.
  - Finalize Women’s Group survey to be distributed at Breakfast
  - Fr. Girotti Basket (Thank You) – finalize details
  - Discuss our group providing snacks for the. last Fr. Girotti *Know Your Faith* session on March 13
- † Opening and Closing Prayer – **Contact Tony Binzak if you would like to do**

Submitted by,

Carrie Kools  
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