



St. Pius X Women's Group Meeting Notes
Tuesday, October 14, 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.)

Due to Tom Meehl's funeral taking place, we did not have social time; meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer – Toni Binzak
Stewardship Prayer

Janet Beauvais shared a little verse from a book titled “Uplifting Thoughts for the Day”

Ice Breaker – N/A

Faith Sharing -

Book recommendations:

“**The Shack**” by William Paul Young was recommended by Fr. Quinn

Mac is a grief-stricken father in mid-life about to have an extraordinary experience with God. His great sadness began four years ago on a weekend camping trip, when his 6-year-old daughter, Missy, was murdered. What he couldn't know then, but is about to learn, was God's purpose for Missy's death. Roger Mueller's clear, gentle voice characterizes Mac's family with high-spirited joy and laughter. His portrayal of Missy's animated excitement makes her especially believable. His polished performance of grief-stricken Mac brings tears. With empathy and sensitivity, Mueller captures the mysterious voices of those who have invited him to the now abandoned, yet transformed, cabin in the wilderness. This compelling fantasy explores themes of love, loss, and blame

“**Peace Like a River**” was recommended by new member, Jane Ney

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

There were 8 women in attendance. Welcome new member: Jane Ney

Fr. Quinn's Rosaries Project

A special thank you ,to Janet Beauvais for making 30+ more rosaries for the Xavier Football team. Janet said it takes her about 45 minutes to do one. They look beautiful!

Stewardship Fair

Thank you to Judy Simon, Janet Beauvais, Barb Rogers, Kathy Hyman, Carrie Kools, and Toni Binzak for helping to man the table after Masses for the Women's Group Display. Also, thank you to Mary Rekoske and Pat Poremba for setting up our display, they did a great job. The give-away slips, with details for our next meeting and candy kisses were a great idea.

It was decided that we would keep the display boards, with pictures, to use again at our Women's Breakfast or Brunch with the Girls, and next year's Stewardship Fair.

The results of our sign-up sheets to recruit interested women to help with the various things our group is involved in are:

Women who are interested in joining (5)

Women who want to help with the Giving Tree Project (2+)

Women who want to help with Breakfast with the Girls (February 2009) (0)

Start Giving Tree Project - Sandy Buchanich, Chairperson

Volunteers are still needed for:

1. Coordinating the Bulletin and Cantor Announcements
2. Collecting gifts after mass, sorting them and storing them in the designated rooms.
3. Putting food baskets together
4. Help to deliver gifts and food baskets (Thursday, December 18) 8 am – 12 pm & 1-4 pm

If you can help with one of the tasks listed above, please contact Sandy Buchanich @ 364-0458.

The Ornaments that go on the Giving Tree(s) have been cut out by students, recruited by Sr. Shawn.

Sandy now has the lists from the three agencies and a few families so far. The lists were divided up and given to Judy Simon, Pat Poremba, Mark Rekoske and Carrie Kools who will type up labels that will be attached to the ornaments that will go on the Giving Tree(s). We will be applying the labels to the cut-out ornaments at our November meeting.

Sandy will be sending out forms to families, for them to fill out so we can get their needs.

The Giving Trees will be going up on Saturday, November 22.

Breakfast with the Girls 2009

Date has been set for February 8, 2009 and the downstairs room reserved (same as last year).

At our November meeting, we will decide if we are going to do a "breakfast" again this year, or possibly a "brunch/lunch" after the 10:30 mass. We talked briefly about a possible Theme and Entertainment.

It was decided to keep the Valentine Theme with red, pink, white & purple colors. Entertainment ideas were some sort of entertainment group that would perform for about 20 minutes, ie. high school swing choir, musical group, young Irish dancers who perform for groups, jazz ensemble. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please bring them to one of our next meetings, or contact Toni Binzak.

Women's Awards

Mary Sullivan is no longer a member of the Women's group and she took care of coordinating the Women's Awards in the past, which are awarded in February. If we continue the process as it has been done in the past, it was suggested that the last year's recipients take part in the voting process. It was also mentioned that the Men's group's process is different than ours. The Men's group members do the nominating, not parish members, as is done with the Women's awards. They also have last year's winner's involved in the voting process.

It was brought up that we should maybe think about changing the entire concept. The 2 awards that have been given out each year in the past are somewhat discriminatory. There are a lot of women who are deserving of recognition, but may not have been nominated. Most women who volunteer just enjoy volunteering and aren't looking for recognition. It was suggested to replace the idea of awarding a *Women of the Year* and *Appreciation Award* with an all inclusive recognition, such as an Appreciation Social get-together, to recognize not only women, but also men of the parish, who volunteer in some capacity or are thinking about volunteering in the future. The Women's Group could host the event and supply the food. Invites could be put in the parish bulletin. We were envisioning a social hour with light appetizers, desserts and beverages, and guests will have the opportunity to share their volunteer experience and socialize with other parish members or find out about some of the volunteer opportunities that people are involved in.

Toni Binzak is going to talk to Fr. Tom to get his thoughts and input. We will discuss again at the November meeting.

December Pot Luck

We are going to do a Pot Luck at our December meeting (December 9th). Details will be discussed at our November meeting (there will be a sign up sheet so that we all don't bring the same thing and will have a variety). Think about what you would like to bring. Make not to eat dinner before coming to the December meeting!

Closing Prayer – Toni Binzak
An Election Prayer to Mary

Next Meeting – November 11, 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 –
 - **Giving Tree Project**
 - **Breakfast with the Girls 2009** (decide on entertainment and breakfast or brunch)
 - **Women's Awards**
 - **Toni's Agenda items ???**

- ✠ Opening and Closing Prayer –

Submitted by,

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