



St. Pius X Women's Group Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 10, 2009

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.)

Opening Prayer – Toni Binzak
Hail Mary

Faith Sharing

Sandy Buchanich recommended seeing the Movie “Facing the Giants” which is about Faith. It was made by the same group that did the movie “Fireproof”.

Business

There were 11 women in attendance.

Giving Tree Project - Sandy Buchanich, Chairperson

Sandy shared “2008 Giving Tree Lessons Learned” with the group. Overall, everything went very well.

For next year, Sandy offered to lead this project again, but is in need of someone to take over as *Volunteer Coordinator* and *Bulletin Announcement Coordinator*.

Lunxh with the Girls 2009

Carrie Kools shared the Evaluations Summary for this year's Lunch. Attendees were asked to complete an Evaluation at the end of the lunch so we could better plan for next year's event. Attendees were asked to rate: Date, Time, Cost, Meal and Entertainment. Thirty evaluations were turned in; overall we scored 4.28 and had all very positive comments.

What went well?

- We had a nice day weather-wise this year.
- We will keep a February date.
- Entertainment was wonderful and the scouts did a great job serving soup and helping to clean up afterwards.
- We profited about \$20

What didn't go well?

- We had low attendance (69 tickets were sold, compared to 101 last year).
- It was suggested that we need to put more emphasis on Mother-Daughter-Granddaughter for next year. Then tailor the Entertainment and Menu accordingly. This year's menu and entertainment should have been more “child/student” friendly.

Suggestions for Next Year

- Maybe do a Tropical Theme next year.
- Need to ask ourselves “who do we want to target”? We need to do a better job of marketing next year . . . Posters and Flyers should explain *Mother-Daughter-Granddaughter-Sister-Niece-Aunt-Daughter in law- Neighbor-Friend* etc. We should also include quotes from this year’s Evaluations on flyers for advertising.
- We would like to try to secure our Entertainment for next year before this summer. Kathy Hyman is going to look into the Irish Dancers who perform at the downtown Farmer’s Market . Hopefully that group will draw the interest of school-aged girls. Kathy will report back at our April Meeting.

Women’s Awards

Because Sandy Buchanich was not able to be at our *Lunch with the Girls*, we presented her with her plaque at this meeting. Sandy was chosen **Women of the Year** for her involvement with RCIA and Coordinating the Giving Tree Project. Congratulations Sandy!

Toni passed around a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to Ruth Ann Page for her contribution to coordinating the Funeral Dinners at St. Pius for many years, which she is going to send her. Ruth received 11 nominations for the 2008 Appreciation Award, but didn’t win this year.

Storage

We have begun to accumulate items from things we have been involved in such as decorations, boxes for Women’s awards ballots, paper napkins, placements etc. These items are now stored in the basement storage closet with a sign identifying that the items belong to the Women’s Group. Toni Binzak’s name and phone number is listed as our contact person should questions arise from anyone within the parish.

CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish)

Toni passed out a letter she received from Nancy Jodarski inviting parishioners to sponsor a Women’s Renewal attendee by praying for them and writing a HELP support letter (encouragement, support etc.) which will be given to them during renewal weekend (March 28-29). If anyone is interested in sponsoring a CRHP participant, email nancy.jodarski@lawrence.edu and she will send you the name of one of the participants.

Catholic Youth Conference April 18th

Erin Cencula asked if our group would be able to help serve and clean up after breakfast, lunch and dinner for the all day National Catholic youth Conference held at St. Pius on April 18th. Our roster with contact information was given to Erin and she may be calling members of our group to recruit help.

Closing Prayer – Toni Binzak

CHRP Praer for Men’s Retreat

Next Meeting – April 14 Social 6:30 – 7:00

Meeting 7:00 – 8:30

- ✠ Social
- ✠ Faith Sharing
- ✠ Business
 - Entertainment for 2010 Lunch or Breakfast with the Girls (Feb. 2010)
 - Secure Volunteers for 2009 Giving Tree Project (Bulletin Announcements, Volunteer Coord.)
- ✠ Opening and Closing Prayer

Submitted by,
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Secretary