

## Women of St. Joseph Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2017

**Welcome:** President Linda Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She welcomed all the members back for the 2017-2018 WSJ year.

**Opening prayer** was said by Pat Orella.

Salute to the Cross and Salute to the flag were led by Linda Mitchell. A short introduction of the board members, old members and new members followed. Each gave information about themselves.

**Secretary's Report:** Paulette Edison read the minutes from the May 18, 2017. The minutes was moved to accepted by Jackie Witt and seconded by Gloria Knapp.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Orella presented the treasurer's report and gave a short presentation on how our financial year worked as it is across two years.

**Deanery Report:** Linda Mitchell reported that the Deanery was having a conference on October 20-22, 2017. WSJ does not have a representative for the conference. If anyone is interested, they should contact Pat Rausch as she has represented the WSJ in the past.

**Old Business: Water for Life:** Pat Orella spoke on the purpose of the Water for Life that was collected at each meeting. The money is sent to Catholic Relief Services which uses the funds to develop clean water as needed in undeveloped countries.

**WSJ Tea Party:** Linda Mitchell reported that we had 113 tickets picked up and 92 women and 2 men attended the tea party. In 2016 we had 70 people attend.

**Retreat:** Our Lady of the Sea in Bremerton will have a short retreat on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**New Business: Autumn Bazaar:** Irene Schmidt reported that lunch would not be served but shoppers could buy a cup of coffee and a snack in the kitchen. She hopes to have 20 baskets to raffle and better items for the silent auction. She is scheduling 3 meeting for those working with her on the bazaar. Sept 27, Oct 11 and Oct 25<sup>th</sup> after the noon mass.

**Christmas Social:** The social is scheduled for December 14, 2017. Some work has been done. WSJ is looking for a member to coordinate the social.

**Secret Prayer Partner:** Secret prayer partner still available. The forms were passed out. Please complete and turn in to the office. Jacquelyn Witte is coordinating the partners.

**WSJ Coffee Hour:** Need volunteers to help on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. One to coordinate, 2 after the 8:30 mass and 3 after the 10:30 mass. The dates open are Sept 24, and Oct 22. A signup sheet was passed around.

**Announcements:** President Linda Mitchel will publish a monthly one page newsletter for the WSJ.

**Next meeting** is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> after mass. The October 19<sup>th</sup> guest speaker is JoAnne Kidd who will discuss on how the WSJ could help in the elementary school. Volunteers to bring refreshments and set up are Sharon Ross and Gloria Knapp.

**Closing prayer** was prayed by Trish Gaine.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Submitted by Paulette Edison, Secretary.