**St. Peter Catholic Church**

**Amazing Women’s Guild**

**January 6, 2023**

Susie Foote began the meeting by introducing herself and mentioned that she specializes in luxury and senior properties. She gave a marvelous talk about downsizing which she described as scary and paralyzing. Here are a few of the highlights she mentioned.

1. Plan for 2 to 3 months to get ready and make a plan
2. Start small. Family heirlooms and emotional things should be set aside. If you have many years to do it, that’s the best thing you can do so you can take your time.
3. Garages can be really daunting. Susie has resources that specialize (Move Managers) in helping to get things done. Mark the areas: Keep, Give away, Throwaway. Once you’re done with the room close it off.
4. Enlist help if you need help. Laborjacks.com and taskrabbit.com are great when you need to hire muscle to help.
5. Tag everything and be sure to put tags on all boxes so you know where the box should go in another home.
6. If you can gift things to others, do it while you can see the look on their face.
7. Digitize everything rather than keeping the paper and photos.
8. Put things in storage
9. Stay in a Mindset of what you are trying to accomplish
10. Get rid of things slowly.
11. The market corrected. 2021-2022 went up 45%. It’s gone down 15% so far and may go down another 10%.
12. There is a lack of patio homes in the Monument and Larkspur area. Due to the expense in building materials for new patio homes they are expensive.
13. Motto: Life will move you
14. Susie has all kinds of resources to help on any of this. She also has help to age in place which she may talk about in another meeting.

Kris opened the meeting thanking Susie for speaking. She then began the prayer for the meeting.

She thanked Elaine Stalzer and team for always setting up the brunch and also Debbie Heredia for always decorating the tables. If anyone has additional decorations they want to use they could always bring them.

Happy New Year to everyone.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Susan asked if anyone has changed their email or is not receiving emails from Patty then give their new email address to her. Patty said it is the servers rejecting the emails and not incorrect email addresses.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Joan O’Shea reported that the checking account balance is $7000.00. There was a $100.00 check for the Gala and $30.00 for the casserole, so without those the total is $6924.00.

There is a budget note for support for the Gala from Kellie where we will take the freewill donation for the Gala and school and will bring it up to 500.0 or 750.00 (last year it was 750.00). Joan is collecting the money and will write a check for the total. Write checks payable to St. Peter’s Guild with “For Gala” in the memo/for field . Checks or cash can be given to the office (be sure to mark it for the Gala). You can also mail your donation to Joan:

Joan O’Shea

910 Bend in the Trail Rd

Monument, CO 80132

719-487-1461

There is a line item for a $750.00 discretionary fund for the Gala. The check will be made to the school so the Gala can use it where it is needed.

Sandi brought in a request from Fr. Gregory where he asked the Knights of Columbus to purchase a canopy that is used in the Corpus Christi celebration . Fr. Gregory found one in Poland he would like to buy. The cost is $600.00 and the Knights asked if we would split the amount. Barbara Brown motioned to have the Guild split the amount and Sandy Feldkamp seconded it. The motion was passed by the group.

Global thank you to all for what everyone did for the Christmas celebration.

**Lunch Bunch**: Belle Panini on January 19th at 11:30. Need 20 people to have it a go. Email Karen Bishop: [bishopia@msn.com](mailto:bishopia@msn.com)

Savio Bake Sale: The bake sale will take place the day after our next meeting (Feb. 4-5) . If anyone wants to bake some food be sure to put it in small bags so it can be sold easily without touching the food. They will also take money donations.

Kris reiterated the issue with email addresses. It was also mentioned we will be putting minutes on the Guild website (under St. Peter Ministries). Minutes will continue to be emailed.

Janet mentioned there is a funeral for Don Flobeck, Tuesday January 10. His wife Centa was a longtime Guild member (she passed away in July of 2022). The Knights will pray a Rosary at 10:30, the Mass will be celebrated at 11a followed by a reception in the PMC

**New member**: Marla Wolters introduced herself and was welcomed!

**Quilts:** It is really helpful to get the numbers and pins back when the quilts are completed. Now that bags are banned in the stores it will be really helpful to also have the bags returned.

Next Meeting: February 3rd.

**Prayer Requests**:

Dan Rogge

Carla Nielsen – Cancer

Dale Evans - had cancer and now has lung disease and dementia.

Steve Stiehl

Scott Sutherland

Sandy’s niece Myka (only weeks to live) and her mother Jonie (who was in a car accident and cannot take care of her daughter)

Jim Disalta

**Guild Bruch**: Elaine passed around the sign-up sheet for February. She thanked all the hosts for today.

**Closing Prayer:** Kris led us in a prayer for the intentions and then led us in closing prayer.