**St. Peter Catholic Church**

**Amazing Women’s Guild**

**April 14, 2023**

Susan opened the meeting with the opening prayer, welcomed any new members and then led with the Blessing for our food. She then thanked Patty for stepping in and making sure all the food was there.

**Welcome New Members:**

Pat Cimino

**TODAYS PROGRAM:** **Mater Filius House** update with Julie Bailey (Lisa Schmidt had a conflicting meeting)

Julie introduced herself. She is a parishioner of St. Peters and her main role is the Director of the Respect Life office of the Diocesan of Colorado Springs, Vice-President of the Pikes Peak Citizens for Life, and Coordinator for the Sidewalk Advocates for Life. She is also a representative of the board for Mater Filius. Mater Filius is not a mission of the Diocese, but is a 501C separate organization but it is fully supported by the Bishop and all of the parishes within the Diocese.

It is a Ministry based model so there are 8 or 9 directors that run the operation and they are all volunteer directors (including the executive director Lisa). The model for Mater Filius is a director couple (Lisa and her husband). They don’t live in the house, but the male is in charge of the board of directors and the female is in charge of operations of the house. The reason for having a couple is to understand the nature of a Holy Family.

They love the idea of a ministry model where a team of women are steering not just the operations of the house, but each individual woman on her path as she enters the house, goes through her pregnancy, gives birth to her child and then figures out her path when she leaves the house. The Mater Filius model is not meant to be a long-term housing situation. It’s meant to be the duration of the pregnancy (when she comes to the house) and 8 months afterward. The entire time she is at the house she is working with her doula and directors to chart her path forward, which includes and stable housing and stable family life.

They were supposed to get (from the city) the permit to start work last August. The city kept throwing up roadblocks, so they finally got the permit in February. So they broke ground, put in a foundation and started putting up walls. This past Tuesday the city shut them down due to a change in how the city was viewing all the construction on the site. They are hoping to get restarted next week, but lots of prayers are needed to get this going again. They are hoping to be ready for occupancy this November (assuming more delays from the city are not forthcoming).

The house will have ten bedrooms, towels for 10 moms and the bedrooms are large enough so if the mother already has small children she can bring them into the house.

Additional information can be found in the added attachments to the email.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

1. **Treasurer report:** Joan O’Shea said there was a balance of 4562.00 in the checkbook. Barbara Caughlin (with the finance board) gave a printout that showed the following:

**Income** $7,784.11

**Expense** ($5,222.09) includes $2K carry over

**Balance** 2,562.02 Reconciled

**Budgeted** ($850.00) Tri-lakes, Mater Filius, Retreats

**Remaining** $1,712.02

Rita spoke about the CRHP/Welcoming. Cost $495.00 for leader books. Barbara C. nominated them to receive $500.00. Barbara B nominated and Debbie H. 2nd. It was voted on and passed

School – Kelly spoke about the need for books for classical teaching. Rita nominated them for $500.00 and Kate V. 2nd. It was voted on and passed.

Savio – Money for t-shirts, first-aid kits and over the counter medications for them to go to a retreat to Steubenville. Barbara B nominated $500.00. Patt 2nd. It was voted on and passed

To Jesus thru Mary (Rosaries). Susan recommended $100.00. Janet C nominated $100.00 and Susie F. 2nd. It was voted on and passed.

AED – Barbara B nominated $100.00. Janet C 2nd. It was voted on and passed.

1. **Planning for next year:** Patty Corey has volunteered to be the co-chair with Kris for next year if someone will take up the secretary position. We are also looking for someone to assist Elaine Stalzer brunch coordinator duties. Please contact Kris or Susan if you can assist with either of these.

Also if you have any suggestions for programs for next year please let Susan or Kris know. This will be an item for discussion in the next few meetings.

1. **Confirmation Class Reception cookies/brownies needed**: Sr. Pham has requested we support the Confirmation Class with cookies and brownies for their reception on Tuesday May 16th, for about 300 people attending. Please sign the sign-up sheet being passed around.
2. **Quilt Raffle**- We will be starting a new project for quilt raffle with the first meeting April 19, in the PMC Room 8 at 1:00pm. If you are interesting in participating but can not make the meeting please let Susan know.
3. **Lunch Bunch:** Thursday April 20, 11:30 am, Fargo’s Pizza- 2910 E Platte Ave, Colorado Springs

Please RSVP to Karen by Noon Monday, April 17 at (719) 321-6288 or [bishopia@msn.com](mailto:bishopia@msn.com)

check their menu online: fargos-pizza.pizzamico.com/menu

1. **Update- Parish Picnic** -We received an email that they found a new location- the Western Mining Museum on Northgate road! See you there on August 13.

**NEXT MEETING:** **May 5, 2023** It’s aTea Party! Bring your own Tea Cup and a Rosary and join together to pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet with Theresa Knapp & Joyce Lynn. Susan will purchase all the pastries for the meeting. There will be a funeral the same day so we will be on one side of the room and try to stay out of the way for the people preparing for the funeral reception.

**Donation to the Guild**: Barbara C mentioned she received an anonymous donation of $250.00 to the Guild. It is greatly appreciated.

**Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer**

Betty Socha – Her grandson Graham is going through some challenges.

Susan would like to add her grandson.

Elaine