

MINUTES OF THE PCCW QUARTERLY MEETING Tuesday, April 9, 2024

The St. Wenceslaus PCCW meeting was held in the church basement with 29 members present. Officers present: Vickie Phillips – President, Karen Hines – Vice President, Sue Mach – Secretary, Kristen Nagel – Treasurer, Fr. Eickhoff – Spiritual Advisor

- 1) Call to Order – Vickie Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:10.
- 2) Opening Prayer – Fr. Eickhoff led the members in reciting the prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.
- 3) Welcome: “JOY” – Karen spoke on the meetings’ theme of JOY, noting the lyrics to a children’s song. JOY is Jesus, and Others and You! Put Jesus first. Without Jesus we just have “oy”. Without others we have “y-why” Why are we doing this. Our prayer is that the members are full of joy this spring.
- 4) Approval of Minutes – Sue Mach presented the minutes from the January meeting. Becca Lanik moved and Barb Chall 2nd that the minutes be approved with no revision. Passed unanimously.
- 5) Reports
 - a) Treasurer’s Report – Sue Mach gave the treasurer’s report for Kristen Nagel. We still have not received many member dues. It was suggested that we put a notice in the bulletin and a box in the back of the church. There was discussion on an age limit on dues – the officers will check into this. Jessica Bohaty moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Vel Bohaty made the 2nd. All in favor off approval.
 - b) President’s Report – Vickie
 - i) Circle Chair updates – Kelsy Baumert has stepped down as a Circle 2 chair and Emily Adams is taking her place. Sarah Buckley – co-chair for Circle 3 is stepping down. Let us know if you’d like to become Circle 3 co-chair.
 - ii) Welcome New Members – None in attendance
 - Mariread Rew – St. Anne #2
 - Logan Mach – St. Anne #2
 - Erin Egr – Our Lady of Guadalupe #4
 - Gina Lanik - St. Elizabeth of Portugal #6
 - Heather Walla - St. Elizabeth of Portugal #6
 - Alexis Ferguson - St. Elizabeth of Portugal #6
 - iii) Welcome RCIA Members – Morgan Smith was in attendance. Vickie gave her a gift from the PCCW to congratulate her on entering the Catholic Church at the Easter vigil.
 - Morgan Smith
 - Erin Egr
 - c) Committee Reports
 - i) Nebraska Catholic Conference Presentation – Jessica Bohaty presented on the upcoming election topics concerning the right to life. The Pro=Abortion side has outside money coming into the state and are trying to pass a change in the NE constitution to allow abortion at all times. The Pro-Life committee would like to have the NCC give a presentation at the Parish this summer with information about the ballot initiative. Pro-life committee would work with PCCW to host this informational meeting with a speaker from NCC and cookies and lemonade. The hope is to host at St. Wenceslaus and advertise to surrounding parishes. Jessica will schedule a date with the NCC speaker and let the officers know.
 - ii) The Healthy Kids Initiative – Carmen Sullivan spoke on this initiative which is through one of the pillars the of Saunders Catholic School - to be strong in our community. The goal of the initiative is to feed our kids healthy foods. The committee is promoting “Grow a row” (attached). Carolyn Haberman (school lunch manager) explained how usable meats and produce that are donated to the school are used in the lunch program.

iii) Marian Sisters – Sr. Mary Kansier, M.S. told the members about the Marian Sisters and their charisms and apostolates. Three Sisters reside in Wahoo; Sr. Megan Therese teaches at Neumann, Sr. Janelle is assistant principal at Neumann and Sr. Mary works in David City but resides in Wahoo. Their mission is “To do God’s will joyfully in imitation of Mary and St, Francis of Assisi.”

6) Old Business

- a) Fish Fry Desserts - \$1642 total was raised over the 6 Fridays. An average of \$230/week
- b) Confirmation Retreat Brunch – Lots of compliments were received for the brunch. The committee left the leftovers out in the basement for the small groups to snack on later in the retreat.
- c) Priests Dinner – *Penance Service*. Karen Hines headed up the dinner. Eleven of the thirteen deanery priests were in attendance. The meal was served in three shifts because of a Rosary also held that evening. Mary Cooney, Carol Divis and Sarah Fritsch all helped with the dinner and clean-up.

7) New Business

- a) Bishop and Priests Dinner – *Confirmation* – Confirmation will be held at St. Wenceslaus at 10:00 on Sat. April 20. Bishop Bruskewitz will be doing the confirmation this year. He loves Czech/Polish/German food. The lunch will need to be served around 11:30-11:45. Contact Fr. Eickhoff if you’re willing to help.
- b) Corpus Christi Altar – *June 2nd* There will be an outdoor procession in the afternoon to three altars around St. Wenceslaus. The Knights of Columbus will put up the altars and PCCW, Altar Society and Ludmilla’s Guild are to decorate them. This is also the same weekend of Coffee & Rolls.
- c) Priest welcome and farewell receptions. The Officers will plan a farewell for Fr. Jirovsky for his last weekend at St. Wenc. which is June 16/17. Plans to welcome any incoming Priest will follow in July.

8) Announcements and questions – there were no questions or other announcements.

9) Spiritual Advisor’s Comments – Fr. Eickhoff spoke on the Easter season. This is a privileged 50-day season where we should celebrate. We can continue our Lenten practices if they are bringing spiritual fruits, but the focus now is to be JOYFUL rather than penitential. Fr. Johnson and Fr. Eickhoff will be making a list of those who’d like to have their homes blessed and visiting parishioners in their homes for this reason.

10) Closing Prayer and Priestly Blessing – Fr. Eickhoff let us in a closing prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,




Sue D Mach – PCCW Secretary

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

St. Wenceslaus PCCW Treasurers' Report 4/9/24


| Date | Debit | Credit | Item | Amount | Balance |
|---------|-------|---------|---|----------|-------------------|
| 2/13/24 | | | Beginning Balance | | \$3,094.54 |
| 2/21/24 | 1666 | | St. Wenceslaus church - envelopes | \$23.35 | \$3,071.19 |
| 2/21/24 | 1667 | | USPS - Postcard stamps | \$53.00 | \$3,018.19 |
| 3/25/24 | 1668 | | Vickie Phillips - Supplies | \$252.33 | \$2,765.86 |
| 3/25/24 | 1669 | | Sue Mach - Supplies | \$50.92 | \$2,714.94 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Fish fry - Circle 5 (2/9/24-Fat Fryday) | \$187.00 | \$2,901.94 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Fish fry – Officers (2/16/24) | \$225.00 | \$3,126.94 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Fish fry - Circle 6 (2/23/24) | \$270.25 | \$3,397.19 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Fish fry – Circle (3/1/24) | \$241.50 | \$3,638.69 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Fish fry - Circle 2 (3/8/24) | \$242.03 | \$3,880.72 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Fish fry - Circle 3 (3/15/24) | \$252.22 | \$4,132.94 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Fish fry - Circle 4 (3/22/24) | \$224.00 | \$4,356.94 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Coffee and Rolls - March | \$338.00 | \$4,694.94 |
| 3/25/24 | | Deposit | Dues | \$275.00 | \$4,969.94 |
| 3/26/24 | 1671 | | Karen Hines - supplies | \$168.31 | \$4,801.63 |
| 4/9/24 | | | Ending Balance | | \$4,801.63 |

Check # 1670 was voided KN



Grow A Row

Initiative to benefit Saunders Catholic Schools



Do you have a square foot, or two, or twenty, of land to help grow food locally for our kids?

In one square foot you can grow:

1

vine tomato, pepper plant, eggplant, cabbage, lettuce

4








bok choy, leaf lettuce, corn, basil, bush tomatoes, rutabegas


9

onions, beets, garlic, green beans, onions, peas, spinach, turnips

16

radishes, parsnip, carrots, green onion, small beets

 **Grow A Row** to ensure access to pure, healthy, real food.
 **Grow A Row** to save money on the Schools' food budget.
 **Grow A Row** to connect to our agrarian past.
 **Grow A Row** to practice food sovereignty.
 **Grow A Row** to spend quality time outside with your family.
 **Grow A Row** to give back the schools that do so much for our families and community.
 **Grow A Row** just because **YOU CAN**.



What is a Victory Garden?

 During World War II, Victory Gardens were planted by families in the United States (*the Home Front*) to help prevent a food shortage.


Planting Victory Gardens helped make sure that there was enough food for our soldiers fighting around the world. Because canned vegetables were rationed, Victory Gardens also helped people stretch their ration coupons (*the amount of certain foods they were allowed to buy at the store*).


 Because trains and trucks had to be used to transport soldiers, vehicles, and weapons, most Americans ate local produce grown in their own communities.


Many different types of vegetables were grown—such as tomatoes, carrots, lettuce, beets, and peas. Victory Gardens were responsible for bringing Swiss chard and kohlrabi onto the American dinner table because they were easy to grow.

 At their peak there were more than 20,000,000 Victory Gardens planted across the United States.

 By 1944 Victory Gardens were responsible for producing 40% of all vegetables grown in the United States. More than one million tons of vegetables were grown in Victory Gardens during the war.

 People with no yards planted small Victory Gardens in window boxes and watered them through their windows. Some city dwellers who lived in tall apartment buildings planted rooftop gardens and the whole building pitched in and helped.

 Many schools across the country planted Victory Gardens on their school grounds and used their produce in their school lunches.

 The U.S. government printed recipe books describing how to prepare home grown vegetables to make nutritional and tasty meals. Agricultural companies gave tips on how to make seedlings flourish in different climates.

 Excess food grown in Victory Gardens was canned and used during the winter months to help supplement the amount of food available.

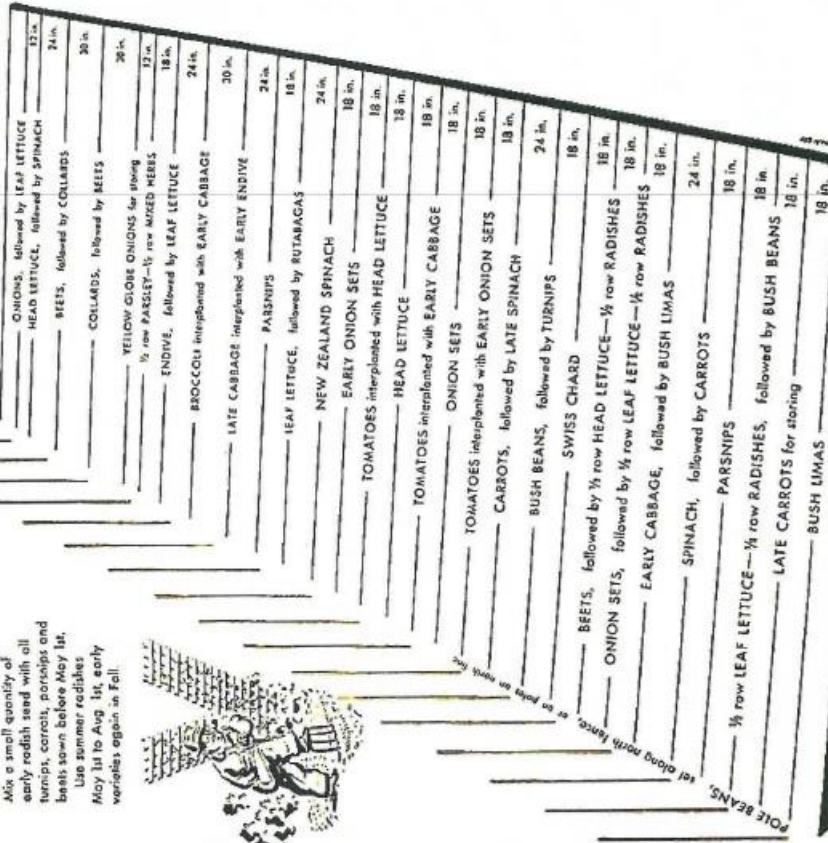
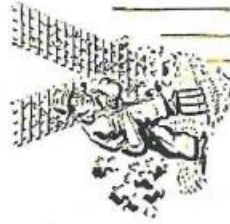
 Growing Victory Gardens gave Americans on the Home Front a feeling that they were doing something helpful to win the war (*and they were!*)

Learn more about the *Home Front* at www.nationalww2museum.org

A Victory Garden for a Family of Five

On a Plot 25 x 50 ft.

Mix a small quantity of early radish seed with all turnips, carrots, parsnips and beets sown before May 1st. Use summer radishes May 1st to Aug. 1st, early varieties again in Fall.



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