

On December 19, 2:00 p.m. Nativity will host a Handel's Messiah performance (this is usually held at Orchestra Hall). In preparation, Rob Pontius will give a talk on the meaning of Handel's Messiah on Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. in Steiner Hall. Speaker event will be for women only. Concert is for all. Seanne will work on publicity with Karen. We will have a social hour after Rob's talk on the 9th.

Respect Life – Peggy Stang on behalf of Karen McCann

Thanks to all who hosted the Respect Life table during Donut Sunday. Advanced Health Care Directives were discussed. Nancy shared information on POLST orders v. Advanced Health Care Directives. Nancy shared that Respect Life encompasses everything that has to do with the sanctity of life. She has materials to share.

March for Life Scholarship – Peggy Stang

The idea of a scholarship for a Nativity high school student to attend MFL was proposed - \$500 from NCCW. The Men's Club matched this. Seanne suggested five \$200 scholarships. Application could be online. Archdiocese coordinates annual trip (approx. \$430). We need to start publicizing the application now – bulletin, email, NCCW website, etc.

Anointing Mass – Nancy Shatuk-Suek

Forty attended. Refreshments were served. "Finger Foods" worked well for this group – some in attendance had not been to Mass in person in 18 months. It was very well received.

Deanery/CCW – Peggy Stang on behalf of Mickey Nickelson

Next Deanery event is Thursday, October 18th at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Boxes for Appalachia (see bulletin) are still being collected. Haitian relief effort has concluded for now.

Memorial Mass – Peggy Stang on behalf of Lucy Sullivan

Will be on Sat. 11/6 at 9:00 a.m. Invitations have gone out. No reception will follow this year due to Covid.

Sacramental Gifts – Colleen Kelly

Nativity Confirmation will be Saturday 11/20. Ninety books have been ordered for gifts – John Paul II's Letter to Youth. Kate Wollan would like the Mass companion books for second graders to learn parts of the Mass prior to First Communion (82 in school; 12-16 in faith formation). NCCW stickers will be used on the inside of the books.

IV. Other Business

a. Committee Chair Openings

Turkey Bingo – Peggy would like to partner with the Nativity Home and School Committee to get the school involved in the future. Nancy suggested Ham or Bacon Bingo in the spring. This needs a chair and gambling license. Peggy will connect with Kate Wollan to coordinate.

Colleen reported that the Service Morning will be carried forward by the school. This was started by NCCW.

Giving Tree – Peggy reported that Katie Pan is willing to do this if no one steps forward on this. Nancy can partner with her on this. Colleen suggested finding a couple of 7th grade moms to chair and volunteer with their kids for service hours. Erin mentioned that there is a Social Justice Club at school. Partnership is with Catholic Charities. We discussed ways to get parents and their kids get involved. Jenny will work with faith formation families. Everyone agreed that one week would be more manageable for families. Krystan suggested that her high school senior needs service hours and would be willing to volunteer time to transport gifts.

Raffle – Peggy reported that she reached out to Sue Johnson but has not heard back from her. Colleen is going to follow up. We decided to see if any responses come back from the membership mailing.

Madonna Mass and Reception – This event has been scaled back which might make it more attractive for potential chairs.

Mom’s Club – Nancy mentioned Cana Family Institute. She and Mahalia will discuss this. A notice also went out to the parents in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

Donation Guidelines – Peggy suggested that we should adopt a set of donation guidelines that serve as a guide when donations are requested. She will try to get the Men’s Club guidelines..

NCCW publicity – Ideas were shared about how we can get more people involved and how to get the word out about the work of NCCW. Can we publicize NCCW during or after Mass? Requests need to be made to the Pastor. Peggy will follow up with him. During the Christmas Market? At the NCF? NCCW was at the Alumni Booth this year. Jenny shared that it’s difficult to engage in the community when you’re not in the school.

Funeral Lunches – Boxed lunches are currently available. People asked when regular lunch service will resume. Nancy suggested this is up to the luncheon volunteers. Laurie shared that people will feel more comfortable when Covid numbers go back down.

Church Tours – A lively discussion surrounded the idea of offering tours of the sanctuary. Everyone was excited about offering this. Could the NCCW host this? Perhaps a speaker could come in to offer this.

V. Adjournment at 8:40 p.m.