

PCCW Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm
St. Peter Church, St. Paul Outside the Walls

Present - Amy Fendrick, Janice Goracke, Kathy Benes, Jean Bouc, LaDonna Hegemann, Kathleen Noonan, Barb Kruse, Janice Bosland, Kay Palha, Bonnie Damrow, Rebecca Baskerville, Anne Trieb. | *Not Present:* Jennifer Kellogg, Melanie Wesely

Opening Prayer:

The meeting opened with the PCCW Prayer.

Opening Activity – Gratitude and Grace:

Members reflected on one thing they were grateful for since November and one person or ministry through whom they have seen God working. Sharing with the group was optional.

Old Business

I. Ornament Sales Follow-Up

- **Expenses:** \$3,616.82
- **Income:** \$2,640.00
- **Net Loss:** \$976.82
- **Inventory:** 325 ornaments ordered at \$11.12 each; approximately 125 remain

Suggestions from the Group:

- Sell remaining ornaments this fall at \$10 each
- Gift ornaments to promote awareness of PCCW opportunities and impact, including:
 - Adding them to Legion of Mary packets for new parishioners (contacts suggested: Mike Foley or Katherine Norman to estimate number of new parishioners; PCCW information should be updated)
 - Gifting to school families or CCD (noted that this may present challenges)
 - Gifting to OCIA participants

Questions and Feedback:

- Last year's Holy Spirit ornament was more colorful and may have been more popular
- The group recalled that Jan Frayser had done significant personal selling to increase purchases last year
- Melanie suggested discontinuing ornament sales; others suggested continuing, as people may anticipate this becoming an annual tradition
- Lessons learned included:
 - Design considerations (color, specificity to St. Peter)
 - Possible design issues
 - Confusion about availability, as sales were limited to one day
- Considerations for the future:
 - More thoughtful design
 - Improved advertising and promotion with clearer emphasis on "one day only" sales
- Suggestion to ask Father for ideas on selling ornaments and alternative fundraising approaches; Knights of Columbus may have similar fundraising challenges

II. Offsite PCCW Social Event – Pink Sisters Visit

LaDonna reported that a date has been scheduled for a Pink Sisters visit/tour on **Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 pm**. The coordinator requested RSVPs if possible and noted that one or two sessions could be offered depending on interest level.

- Kay will assist LaDonna with the flyer and Flocknote communication

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- Sign-ups will be organized for desserts and wine
- LaDonna is considering framing the event as both a feedback opportunity and a social gathering
- The group expressed support for these ideas while also noting potential challenges

III. PCCW Donation Follow-Ups

Barb reported that the following donations were completed on behalf of PCCW; however, no acknowledgements have yet been received:

- St. Peter Christmas Wish List Donation (Communion Hosts): \$700
- Christmas gifts for priests: \$600
- Peter Foley Ordination Gift: \$2,000

New Business

I. Stations of the Cross

- **Proposed Date:** Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm
- Anne Hubbell is providing significant support
- Hope is to hold the Stations in the sanctuary, consistent with other parish Stations of the Cross
- Feedback emphasized the importance of ensuring participants can hear clearly this year
- Sanctuary location is strongly preferred over outdoor or downstairs options

II. Meetings with Parish Staff

Meeting with Fr. Clark (Amy and Kathy – January 15):

- Purpose was to gather feedback on PCCW's role, vision, and alignment with parish priorities
- Fr. Clark reflected on earlier models where the Altar Society cared for altar linens and cleaning
 - He noted that PCCW's role now extends beyond that and described St. Peter's strategic plan, *Clear Path Discipleship*
 - The altar linens are taken care of by volunteers.
 - Funeral luncheons were understood by parish staff to be separate from PCCW's role (but these are taken care of by PCCW members, LaDonna and Kathleen).
 - Fr. Clark suggested PCCW could consider taking responsibility for the sacristy
 - Two parish councils were established within the parish: the Discipleship Council and the Finance Council
- Board meeting discussion centered on how PCCW fits within this structure and mission
 - Kathy referenced PCCW bylaws and a recent Marriage Ministry survey indicating 57% of women reported needing more support (type of support was unclear)
- The group appreciated the insights and discussed:
 - Increasing awareness of PCCW contributions
 - Better aligning PCCW activities with Fr. Clark's vision
 - Continuing to offer a variety of events to reach women at different life stages
- Succession planning was discussed (e.g., funerals), with support from LaDonna and Kathleen
- Janice G. noted that clear role descriptions and manuals could help more people feel comfortable. Action Item: Continue developing role descriptions and procedural manuals.

Meeting with Parish Staff (Amy with William, Blake, and Bailey):

- Topics included calendar alignment to prevent burnout, communication, and process
- Parish staff plan to roll out parish-wide guidance in early May/June to improve collaboration
- Suggestion made to attend a younger generations Bible study to give a presentation about PCCW

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III. Future PCCW Donation Plans

- **LDCCW and Deanery Contributions:**
 - Bonnie presented the dues form; Janice G. explained the process
 - Janice Bosland motioned to donate the same amounts as last year:
 - \$60 to the Deanery
 - \$300 toward LDCCW
 - \$150 to the Burse
 - Motion seconded by Kathleen Noonan
 - Vote: All in favor; motion carried
- **Pius X Campaign (St. Peter Rectory):**
 - Discussion tabled to a future meeting due to time constraints

Officer and Committee Updates

President – Amy Fendrick: No updates

Vice President – Kathy Benes: Updates were provided earlier in the meeting

Secretary – Kay Palha: No formal updates; encouraged continued collaboration with parish staff and other ministries, creating opportunities for feedback and ideas from women of the parish

Treasurer – Barb Kruse:

- Dial savings account balance: \$27,609.61
- PCCW main account balance: \$3,152.20
 - **Total balance:** \$30,761.81
- Ornament sales loss: \$976.82
- Funeral income: \$243.90 (2 funerals after expenses)
- Expenses: \$647.90 for St. Therese Circle's Matt Talbot Outreach and St. Gianna Christmas stockings
- St. Therese Circle hoedown profit: \$158.87

Membership Chair – Janice Bosland: No updates; shared intention to step down from the Membership Chair role this year

Mary & Martha – LaDonna Hegemann: Group toured the Bonacum House and visited with Fr. Christensen, former pastor of St. Peter

St. Anne – Bonnie Damrow:

- Held a Christmas lunch on January 8
- Visited Tabitha Harbor House and the Sheldon Art Museum
- Upcoming meeting planned
- Continuing Sacks of Love and bed-making efforts
- Next bedmaking will be February 9

St. Therese – Rebecca Baskerville (reported by Janice B.):

- December social held; January meeting skipped due to the hoedown
- Hoedown attendance: approximately 60 people
- Event was well organized with positive feedback on lighting, seating, and atmosphere
- Music and open dance floor were well received
- Fr. Tines and Fr. Clark attended for a time

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- Feedback noted strong interest in line dancing; St. Joseph parish hosts similar events regularly

St. Hannah – Anne Trieb: Left early; Amy reported that the Memorial Mass is scheduled for April 29

St. Anthony: No updates

Deanery – Janice Goracke:

- Dues form provided by Bonnie
- Symposium scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Our Lady of Good Counsel
- Catholics at the Capitol: March 4, 8:30 am–3:00 pm
- Diocesan Convention: April 17–19 at St. Michael's in Hastings
- Diaper drive reported as highly successful

Closing Prayer:

Jean Bouc led the closing prayer, including an excerpt from *Why Am I Catholic?* referencing St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Next Meeting - *Amy will be traveling; Vice President Kathy Benes will lead the meeting. Kay Palha will manage the agenda and welcome agenda items from members.*

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 / 6:30 pm / St. Paul Outside the Walls Room