



WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE

The Women of STM held their first meeting in September 2019, eleven months after the devastating Camp Fire. The ladies concentrate on three focus areas: service, spiritual and social, and develop programs and activities to address each.

Good Day Ladies!

I hope this message finds you well and excited about our meeting Saturday, Sept. 25 at 10A on the STM patio. This is our first meeting since we took summer break following our May picnic.

Since we first scheduled this meeting, it had been served up as a "soup and study" session to be led by Deacon Tom, from St. Thomas the Apostle, in Oroville. Unfortunately, Deacon Tom has some family matters out of state that now prevent him from leading us in study this month. We plan to reschedule in October and this will be an item for us to discuss.

Meanwhile we have a robust agenda; so that said, here's our new agenda for this Saturday:

1. A Service Project for 2021-22 Season

- Ideas? Jot them down. We'll build a list and discuss to see where we're most passionate.

2. Fundraiser

- Hey, have you noticed? The Chocolate Fest has been postponed until May. Well, why can't we put on our own "Chocolate Fest" out on the new patio under one of the tents recently purchased by the Knights?
- We'd have to think up a different name.
- We could charge an entry fee and people could go from table to table sampling.
- We would need to donate the desserts.

- In addition, we could sell wine (The Knights have a permitting process) by the glass. Say, \$1 per glass. And eligible participants would be given a wrist band to wear.
- This should be easy/peasy to do, we just need to see whether we're in agreement and when. Perhaps late October before it gets too cold and too rainy.

3. Social Event

- October is Farm Tour month! We had such a great time last year, is anyone willing to go this year? Tickets are \$40 each and like last year we can just plan our route. At the meeting we can take a look at the brochure and decide. I'll bring the brochures.

4. Special Request

- Our Parish Steward, Greg Kidder, has asked whether we would be willing to take on the Hospitality Ministry on behalf of STM. This could involve maternity, new members welcome, snacks after church, etc. Note: It does not involve funerals!
- If we decide to take this on, it would be up to us to define responsibilities, write guidelines, decide who to call & create a brochure.

Finally, we also need to discuss a possible retreat. We will meet on the STM patio. There is electricity for crockpot plugin. Bring a dish to pass. There'll be coffee and juice. We are meeting on the patio due to use of the church and the school. (Can't wait for our Family Life Center. LET US PRAY!)