

St. Monica's ECW Meeting - August 2, 2026

Members Present: Viv Welch, Beth Woods, Judy Padgett, Landi Hawk, Valarie Smith, Nancy Collins, Deanna Jones, Mary Ann Ackerman

Minutes: Motion made to accept the July 25 with submitted corrections. Passed.

Reports:

Treasurer: Deanna Jones – Unallocated Balance \$4,827.70; Savings, \$487.23

Beans and Rice: Deanna Jones – 22 bags given out on July 26

Raffle Baskets: Deanna Jones – Still on hold

Episcopets: Kathy Vail – Dodie made more kitty toys, Landi will make more bandanas. Pine Meadow Vet Fall Market – October 10

Old Business:

- Status of the Narthex refresh –
 - We will schedule a day soon to complete the project; Relocate calendar, install brochure racks and dry-erase accessories; When complete we will ask Fr. Ted for dedication of the new welcome center.
- “Falling through the cracks”
 - Still developing and moving forward in conjunction with vestry efforts.
 - Lack of accessible member addresses posed an issue for some; new directory may solve the issue.
- Grant for Back to School Bash
 - Leftover inventory of the school supplies and backpacks were sorted and distributed to five schools for distribution.
 - After action discussion:
 - We will use propane stove to cook hotdogs ahead of the rush and keep warm in crockpots/steam trays
 - It was discussed and agreed that buying back-to-school kits like in years past is less chaotic than ordering items separately.
 - Having other organizations like Red Cross participate proved to be a good addition; discussed other possibilities such as Touch-a-Truck event with fire trucks, ambulances, etc.
(Other groups to consider: Cantonment Improvement Committee, Community Action Program (CAP) Cantonment, Escambia Search & Rescue Inc (ESAR), Escambia County Sheriff's Office)
 - Financial resources report
 - Motion made to allocate \$2,500 for Back-to-School Bash 2027
 - Check for \$117.51 for unused funds made out to Cantonment Rotary

New Business:

- Beckwith picnic –
 - Sign us sheet distributed in late August
 - Sunday School will start on September 20

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- Fall Market planning and publicity
 - Beth not receiving notification from Tithely on registered vendors – Landi will check
 - Judy will not be having the book booth this year. We need to notify the congregation.
 - Kathy may be doing an “everything must go” sale at Thee House
 - Two “No Donations” signs ordered for portico and Thee House porch
 - We will have BBQ
- Special Programs support
 - Ideas discussed: Flower arranging class, Christmas wreaths, sewing pillows, CPR, gardening
 - Check Extension Service and Escambia County Health for other options.
- Pet Blessing
 - Viv will investigate St. Francis medals or something else to give away
 - [Option 1](#)
 - [Option 2](#)

Dismissal Prayer

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August Coffee Hour Rotation

2	Denise Palm
9	MaryAnn Ackerman
16	Deanna Jones
23	Kathy Vail
30	Beth Woods

September Coffee Hour Rotation

6	Connie Chamberlin
13	Landi Hawk Garner
20	Judy Padgett
27	Val Smith

Calendar of Events

August

10	Santa Rosa County Schools First Day
12	Escambia County Schools First Day

September

13	Beckwith Picnic
26	Fall Market

October

3	Blessing of the Animals
10	Episcopets at Pine Meadows
31	Trunk or Treat

November

29	First Sunday of Advent
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December

13	Greening of the Church
18	Parish Christmas Party