

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday, October 12, 2014

The meeting started at 12:02 p.m. Wanda Foster and Marie VanHeusen were both away this weekend so Marie Reale led the meeting and began with a Hail Mary.

Previous meeting's minutes were ready by Kathy Criminger, who filled in for Allison Gray.

Old Business:

1. We remembered Chrissie Gray who is ill today and Lynn Vaughn's friend Barbara, whose grandson recently passed away at 18.
2. Father Sam stated we need to make a correction on the amount of \$2350.00 that was reported as what we made from the 40th Anniversary celebration and he will correct that figure when he gives his report. Father Sam stated \$2300.00 (supported by copy of checks deposited) and there is \$100.00 outstanding somewhere but from the checks and cash received, that is what Father Sam deposited in the bank and what shows up on the statement of the account. What we brought in from beginning of the year from all fund raisers, deduct the \$2300.00 given to Father Sam that is correct, \$1498.20 deduction for expenses, so at the end of our function we came up with profit of \$2565.85. Gross and expenses included proceeds from 50/50 Raffles, Auction, Yard Sale, MYO Night, Ladies Guild. Swamp Dog Night was a wash with \$660.00 in expenses and proceeds. An amendment was proposed, seconded, and passed to make the correction. \$2300.00 even is all the money per Father Sam.
3. The only thing Father Sam mentioned to M.J., Marie Reale and Marie VanHeusen besides saying he did appreciate the booklet and the work that went into it, was that we could have made \$5,000.00 for the booklet because of the 17 people he writes checks for each month only three of those bought an ad. He feels we had an opportunity to make more money. It was a good project and a money maker; but you can't just jump in and make a big profit quickly so we might need to consider taking more time soliciting ads the next time around.
4. Father Sam gave the Treasurer's Report. \$1350.47 is our bank balance as of 9/30/14. Father Sam receives a statement every quarter.
5. Marie Reale mentioned that it was brought up at the last meeting about holding off on the ad booklet, but it was voted on and is history now; but we might decide to do a little differently next time.
6. Fall Bazaar – We did not get a commitment from a lot of people who wanted to have a table. Suggestions were that possibly coordinate with other people and maybe charge \$25.00 per table and consider waiting until spring. Maybe the Ladies Guild could do a bake sale and all proceeds would be given to the Guild. We might consider opening up to leagues from some of the other churches in the area. We need to determine how many tables we need and other things like that. It would be a fund raiser.
7. M.J. asked for feedback following the 40th. One comment was why the Knights weren't given a role in church or a table at the meal. Marie said the one table we provided was for the Bishop. Father Sam commented that in the past the Knights didn't want a front pew because of their swords, etc. No pews were reserved for the event and the only table was for the Bishop and Father Sam and Father Larry. M.J. suggested the person address the Knights.

New Business:

1. The Christmas Tea for the Ladies Guild will be held on the first Saturday of December, December 6th. It will be in the Hall and we will use round tables so we can make them very pretty. We have two round tables we can use and whoever would like to volunteer to decorate and has nice things may do so. Even if we need four tables, we have enough tables. The tea will be around 11:00 a.m. and everyone should bring their own tea cup. We will have pick up foods. We will pick new prayer partners at the tea and will do a gift exchange with a \$10.00 maximum. Since we will not have an official Guild meeting in December, we will elect officers at the tea. Motion was made by Jessica that Vice President will move up to President as previously discussed and since Wanda Foster has served for two years, Marie Reale, our Vice President, will move to President and Lucy seconded. Motion was carried. Marie Reale will move up to President after the first of the year.
2. Dues will be collected at the January 2015 meeting.
3. The Feast of St. Michael is on Saturday, November 8th, and Father Sam suggested we consider celebrating with a spaghetti dinner. A vote was taken and it was decided we would have a Crock Pot Dinner on that date at 6:30 following the Saturday evening Liturgy and a sign-up sheet was passed around so we can see who wants to bring a crock pot meal, salad, dessert or bread. Father Sam will also have a sign-up sheet in church. This will be a fund raiser and we will collect \$5.00 per adult and no charge for children.
4. Father Sam said Lent begins February 15th and the only functions during Lent will be the Friday evening meatless meals. The week before Lent begins is the Feast of St. Maron on 2/8/15 and we will be discussing that in more detail at a later date. So, there will be three months between the St. Michael and the St. Maron celebrations. With that in mind, Father Sam suggested we maybe have games following the Crock Pot meal and stay and enjoy each other's company and make an evening of the event.
5. Spring Bazaar dates possibly on the 11th or 18th of April but further discussion will be needed at future meetings.
6. A suggestion was made to continue with the Holiday table for the kids for December so they can select gift items for parents, siblings, grandparents. So, look through your stuff and if you have some nice items you would be willing to donate, please bring them. We will need volunteers to wrap the items as they are selected. Possible time line would be mid-November through mid-December.
7. Father Sam said no decision has been made yet on an Open House at Rectory.
8. Jessie Tree discussion tabled until Michelle Gray can present details at the November meeting.
9. Marie Reale will be getting in touch with some of the ladies about planning events for the upcoming year so we can get a schedule going.
10. Father Sam said we will be celebrating First Communion in May 2015 but exact date will be determined at a later time.
11. The November Ladies Guild meeting will be on 11/9/14.
12. Father Sam announced that Betty Morgan will be having foot surgery next week and she may need some help with the altar cloths during her recovery period. The altar cloths are linen and require special care. Father Sam would not be opposed to having them done at the cleaners if necessary. Marie Reale suggested that a committee get together to help with this. Whoever approaches Betty will need to mention we are offering her help on an interim basis.

We ended the meeting at 12:58 p.m. with The Our Father led by Father Sam.

Presented by Kathy Criminger