

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday, November 16, 2014

The meeting started at 12:20. Wanda Foster led the meeting with a Hail Mary.

The previous meeting's minutes have been posted to our website and are available for viewing there so they were not read at today's meeting. Wanda asked us to pray for Michelle Gray who had to go to the hospital unexpectedly.

Old Business:

1. Father Sam gave the Treasurer's Report. We receive a quarterly statement and there has been no change in our balance since the last statement dated 9/30/14.

2. Father Sam said we have two major feasts each year that we celebrate: St. Michael, the patron saint of our church and St. Maron, the patron saint of our rite. He emphasized that it is so important that if we sign up that we will attend an event or celebration and commit to bring something that we actually do so. He cited the recent "Crock Night" to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael as an example of 48 people signing up and only 28 people actually attending and paying the \$5.00 donation; and there were only 3 crocks to feed everybody. Father Sam has listed important "Dates to Remember" in this week's bulletin starting with Thanksgiving and continuing through the Ascension of Our Lord on May 14, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. He asked that we keep these dates in mind as we plan our own personal events so we can plan around these dates as much as possible.

New Business:

1. Wanda suggested that with so much coming up with the Ladies Annual Tea Party on December 6th and with ladies attending who are not members of our Guild that we go ahead and elect the other three officers that we will need for the next two years at today's meeting. Marie VanHeusen seconded the Motion and it was agreed on. As previously decided, Marie Reale will move up from Vice President to President for the next two years. Marie VanHeusen was voted in as Vice President, Grace Jenkins as Secretary, and Emma Montaldo as Treasurer. The installation of officers will take place sometime in January.

2. M. J. was thanked for doing such a wonderful job for the St. Michael Crock Pot Dinner.

3. M. J. suggested we have two ladies volunteer for each Saturday and Sunday for the Holiday Store for the children and passed around a sign-up sheet. We need continuing donations to replenish as items are "sold."

4. In Michelle Gray's absence, Marie Reale reviewed the guidelines for the Christmas tree ornaments that we began signing up for today. If you take an ornament, be sure to sign your name in the notebook under the appropriate gender and age and when you return your gift, make sure your tag is returned attached to the gift. The gifts are to be unwrapped and they should be toys, books, or games and not clothes. The gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 7th. That is the deadline. Michelle Gray and her girls will take care of getting them turned in.

5. Marie Reale mentioned we need to decide on a day to decorate the church and the hall. Father Sam said we can decorate the Social Hall the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 30. The Rectory is scheduled to be decorated 12/4/14 and he has slated Wednesday, 12/10/14 for the church to be decorated. Marie Reale suggested we switch the Rectory and church dates and Father Sam said he will check to make sure Frances and Paul are available for the change.

6. Marie VanHeusen volunteered to bring 8 – 10 round tables from her work that will seat six for the Ladies Tea. Marie Reale asked for volunteers to decorate eight tables and we have

eight ladies who volunteered to decorate a table with a centerpiece, napkins and tablecloth. Each lady is asked to bring her own tea cup and saucer but Father Sam said we will have extras. Finger foods will be provided by the Ladies Guild. At the tea, each lady is asked to bring a gift, \$10.00 maximum, for your secret prayer pal. If you do not have a prayer pal, please bring a gift anyway and we can swap so everyone will be included. Mary Joan is in charge of the decorating for the event and asked the ladies who are decorating a table for the Tea to meet in the hall on the Friday evening before the Tea to do that.

7. Father Sam went over some of the problems that made the recent church directory such a nightmare. There were omissions in pictures, mistakes in the history, and blatant misrepresentations. Rather than starting over and incurring additional costs, Father Sam said it was suggested he distribute the directories we have. So he passed out some today and will distribute the remainder. He has information on another company that we might use for the next directory but we won't need that for a couple of years. No additional funds will be paid for the directories we have received.

We adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m. with a prayer led by Father Sam.

Presented by Kathy Criminger