

## Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – May 3, 2015

The meeting started at 12:13 pm. Marie VanHeusen led the meeting since Marie Reale was out of town. She led the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Marie stated there was no need for the secretary's report since the minutes from last month's meeting are available on line. Emma gave the Treasurer's report. Our bank balance is currently \$3080.73 after the deposit from our recent yard and bake sale. The amount deposited from the bake and jewelry sale was \$890.00. The balance also reflected the \$100.00 deduction for the Ladies Guild donation for the Community window and .16 interest.

### **Old Business:**

1. Marie VanHeusen stated that The Good Stuff Sale was really good, even though it seemed kind of thin this year. Marie thought Jessica did a great job heading up the Bake Sale. Jessica took the step of going down to Thompson & Little and got the little food containers which held individual servings of brownies, muffins and other baked goods and made it easy to see everything and to serve the items and made everything look clean. A question was asked if Jessica paid for the containers herself but no one knew and Jessica had to pick up her son so she was not able to attend today's meeting. Marie reminded us that we can turn in receipts for reimbursement if we purchase something to be used at church; but even if we just wish to donate the items without the expectation of reimbursement, we can still let Father Sam or Emma know and turn in a receipt because that amount can be included in your donation total to the church for tax purposes. Emma mentioned that since she doesn't bake, she donates cash which can be used for purchase of items like the containers for example. Marie also advised everyone how much Jessica appreciated all the volunteers for the Bake Sale area and mentioned that even those who signed up for shifts ended up staying the entire time, which made everything more cohesive in that area since everyone knew the particulars of the items, etc. Chrissie Gray recommends that Jessica be in charge of the Bake Sale area again next year. M.J. said she got a nice comment from a shopper that the containers were clearly labeled, which helped identify the ingredients in case there were any food allergies people had to look out for. M.J. thanked everyone for all of their support. At a meeting on 4/26/15 for comments and ideas on how to make things better for next sale, some of the comments from customers and others were:

- One of the best yard sales in town
- Very clean and nice items
- Very organized. Great signs. Felt that I was in a department store.
- Everyone so friendly and nice
- Loved the music
- So organized instead of just thrown on tables
- Wished we had more outdoor things
- Liked individual slices instead of whole cake
- Maybe chairs could be used near coffee and people could sit and snack and have coffee M.J. said she forgot to ask shoppers how they found out about us. Several had heard it on the radio and saw it in the Ft. Bragg paper. M.J. said next year we will number tables and maybe rotate specials on various tables throughout the sale for several minutes at a time. Also, it was decided the only shoes we would offer would be children's shoes—no adult shoes and no stuffed animals. Maybe group like items together, for example, music boxes would be all together rather than spread out by season. The same thing would apply to angels and other like items. A suggestion was made to have the youth group sell sodas and water again next year and to include Pepsi products as well. Another idea to consider was to set up a dollar table but we did have that this year. Maybe we could label more clearly. Some customers were looking for

religious items like rosary beads and medals. M.J. said we need more advertising and not just here in our church but more public advertisements, newspaper ads, community channel spots, outdoor banners. M.J. said that is a large undertaking and we should consider setting up a committee to coordinate that if someone is willing to take that on. Gloria Palmer did a great job putting ads in the paper. Another item that is important: we would like to have more Knights to participate and get them more involved sooner and do more if possible. Would like to have them present during the sale and serve as security. Just having a male presence would make a difference. Marie VanHeusen thanked M.J. for all of her hard work to make the sale go so well.

2. Rosalie wanted us to discuss the cleaning of the kitchen. We got a quote of \$150.00 but she said you have to watch the cleaners or they might skip some things. Marie VanHeusen said she has observed the same thing at Ft. Bragg. People you hire don't have a vested interest and may not do everything you expect them to do. Evelyn has a lot of experience and knowledge about what and how things need to be cleaned. Chuck VanHeusen will get with Michael and Evelyn and Susan and get youth and young adults to do the cleaning. If we want to do it, we ought to do it right. Allie and Chrissie Gray both work for a cleaning company and have experience. If we can save the cleaning fee, that amount can be used for World Youth Day.

3. Father Sam brought up Ian VanHeusen's Ordination and the gift ideas we had previously discussed. Father Sam said the Knights will give Ian the sick call kit we had discussed at the last meeting. Father Sam said a Pastor's stole was mentioned as an idea and he has already gone ahead and ordered one for Ian. The pattern is Coronation stole and it is like the current altar cloth of very fine quality. It comes from the company where Father Sam has ordered his own stoles. The stole is very versatile as well. The cost is \$250.00 and Father Sam said whatever Ladies Guild does not cover, he will take care of the difference. Sheila Monsour made a motion for the Guild to pay the full amount and Michelle Gray seconded the motion, which was carried. The Guild will reimburse Father Sam as he paid for the stole personally and not through the church. It should be here by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. Marie Reale wanted to have a kid's table for Mother's Day but we ran short of time so we can't have it now. We don't have any items for Father's Day that apply. So we think it's better perhaps to wait until next year and have a combination of Mother's Day and Father's Day. Father Sam said we have to plan better for next year. Evelyn motioned and Chrissie seconded not having the table for Mother's Day and Father's Day this year and the motion passed. Father Sam also mentioned we may want to think about outdoor mass and cookout. He feels we could have that at the church since we have restroom facilities and plenty of space outside around the church and we could save the money it would cost to rent the other area. M.J. had suggested in December that if we had interest in keeping tables set up for Mother's Day and Father's Day like we did for Christmas (and this was also brought up in January) we would need someone volunteer to run that. So far no one has volunteered. Father Sam said if we will let him know what type of items we would be interested in having, he can check with Autom, the company he orders from. So we can just let him know. Give him an idea and he can stock up on some things. M.J. asked if anybody is interested in starting a committee. Heather motioned and Sheila seconded it and the motion was passed for us to look into this and report back to the Ladies Guild.

## **New Business**

1. Pancake Breakfast is a money maker for the youth. Maybe the Ladies Guild could see about getting that set up. Evelyn made a point that most churches need to have a health rating before we can sell tickets for this type of event. That would involve much work and updates before being inspected by the Health Department and it could involve quite a bit of time. Kathy asked if we might consider having the breakfast at Applebees like we did in the past. Didn't know if we made enough money having it there versus at the church like the last breakfast. Father Sam said he was just about to mention

the same thing and said the tickets brought in \$215 and we charged \$7.00 and made \$5.00 a ticket plus we had a donation bucket and we made almost \$400.00 in that bucket. The thing about Applebees is that even people just stopping in can buy tickets and eat. All we need to do is advertise the breakfast and provide the people to serve. Applebees doesn't serve breakfast but they do the pancake breakfasts for churches and other fund raisers for the community. We ended up making about \$1,000 when we had our pancake breakfast there. We would have to see what dates are available. Marie VanHeusen will check into that for us. Evelyn will look into what requirements are necessary for the cleaning of our kitchen. Tentative date is 30<sup>th</sup> of May. Marie VanHeusen in the past has created a ticket and she likes the idea of \$7.00 per ticket since it is a fund raiser. As soon as she finds out an answer, she will update by email and will have them ready to be picked up for next week. There will be no charge for children 5 and under. Chrissie made a motion and Wanda seconded on the going forward to look into Applebees.

2. Evelyn mentioned that a church member mentioned that although she donated right much for the Easter flowers, the flowers were not made available on Saturday. They waited until Sunday. Father Sam and Marie VanHeusen said if you donate something, you donate it. Don't expect anything in return. Marie also said we get to enjoy the flowers we donate along with the rest of the church. Father Sam said there were 3 vases of flowers from the burial of Jesus after everyone took some of the flowers home because there were so many brought in.

3. Marie VanHeusen had a couple of reminders. If you can, come to daily Liturgy. It is so precious. That food that you receive at Liturgy is food for our soul. And this coming Tuesday is the first Tuesday of the month when we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Rosary and Benediction. Next weekend is the week of the Rosary and Father Sam said it is so important to start 30 minutes before Liturgy, especially because of First Communion and Mother's Day so please be here on time and maybe even 5 minutes earlier so we can start promptly at 4:30 on Saturday and at 10:00 on Sunday.

4. Final thing – Ian's Ordination. Everyone is invited and if we can let Marie know today if we plan to attend so there will be enough food to feed everyone. She will pass around a sheet to sign up. The Ordination will be on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and Ian will celebrate his first Mass on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. There will be a meal afterward. Marie mentioned that it would be great if a couple of ladies could be available during the meals to be sure things run smoothly. Just talk to Marie if you can help out. Father Sam won't be at Ian's first Mass because he will be away for two weeks. There will be Latin Mass the week Father Sam is gone. Ian may be able to help celebrate Mass while Father Sam is away.

5. Mary Dassau asked for prayers while she is traveling to Lourdes. She was also asked to pray for us! Each member was given the opportunity to mention specific prayer requests for family members and/or friends.

We ended the meeting at 1:20 with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Presented by Kathy Criminger