

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – August 9, 2015

The meeting started at 11:45 am. Marie Reale led the meeting with a recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Marie began with a reminder that the minutes from the last meeting are available on line. She also stated that some people may have thought that the meeting was canceled so some members were not present but be assured that if a meeting is canceled for any reason, we will be notified by email. She also gave the Treasurer's Report with our current bank balance of \$2899.94. This includes the \$100.00 raised by the Bunko evening in July.

Old Business:

1. Bunko Evening – Twenty-one people attended and we collected \$100.00 proceeds from the event. Marie said it was a great time and most people said that they wanted to do again but Father Sam said not again this month. Seems like a good summer activity so next year we will try to plan for it on the calendar. Marie VanHeusen went around and taught everyone how to play in about five minutes. M.J. brought up the idea of a monthly game night. Marie said maybe we could try every second or third month, etc. The thing is we didn't get the word out. Mary Louise brought about six people from her bridge group, so next time we could try a little harder. We were able to make a donation to the Guild from the event.
2. Outdoor Mass and Picnic – Still planned for October 18th.
3. Kitchen – Michael and Kane were to call Marie two weeks ago and schedule but she will have to try to contact them next week. Chuck VanHeusen's surgery is August 28th. He and Warren were going to be mentors to the boys to get them started on the kitchen. So, that may be postponed for the next little while.
4. No Hafli this year. Marie thinks Father Sam's thoughts are the Bishop is coming in December – December 6th. September is not good month for Father Sam because the Pope will be in the U.S.
5. Pancake Breakfast – Still scheduled for Saturday, October 24th, at Applebee's next to Harris Teeter. Marie still has tickets but it's not until October so she will hold onto them unless someone wants to start selling early.
6. Father Sam and Marie are still working on the religious articles order.
7. Mercy Meals – Has anyone decided to take on heading up the committee? Marie Reale, Lucy, Freida, M.J., and Darlene volunteered to serve on committee. Will start out more like a phone contact; but for the setup, M.J. will still do that and Marie will still sign in people. We just need it in writing. Also, put in Minutes: as part of Mercy Meal committee, we should be able to call on the Knights to do the tables and chairs and set up to help out because the ladies cannot do all of that. If we know far enough in advance, Chris is always available.
8. Prayer Shawl – The prayer shawl has already gone to Phil Montaldo. He has called to thank Father Sam.
9. Rosary Making – While Marie VanHeusen is free, maybe she can get us going. Mary Dassau and M.J. can help make for hospitals. So when Marie VanHeusen is available, she can see about contacting some of the ladies who are free in the daytime and make. Mary Dassau will have some rose bushes in the spring and they can be made into beads for the rosary making.

10. Kitchen Bulletin Board – Little meeting when M.J. and Marie had a discussion of buying a bulletin board to go on the back of the door in the kitchen where the ladies and/or gentlemen doing coffee duty can write what supplies we are out of. Before Marie purchases one, she checked to see if maybe anyone has one that they are not using. Darlene had a suggestion of using magnets instead of something that might get erased accidentally. Jessica suggested sticking on the fridge door and Kathy suggested sticking up a list on the door like a grocery pad list. Emma has a magnet gadget to bring that should work and Marie Reale will tell the people on her coffee committee to make sure they know to write any needed items on the list.
11. The Assumption of the Virgin Mary – Marie reminded the ladies the Feast of the Assumption is being celebrated on Friday evening at 6:30 and Saturday at noon this week and that Father Sam has been reminding us for several weeks of this; and it has been in the Bulletin as well.

New Business:

1. Reminders for September – Next Ladies Guild meeting is September 13th. We should have a cake for Father Sam's 31st anniversary, which is actually on September 15th. Michelle Gray and her girls have coffee duty next month. Marie Reale will talk to Father Sam to see if he would allow the Ladies Guild to organize a potluck to celebrate his 31st anniversary.
2. Telephone Updates – Kathy advised that Emma is working on compiling the information and updates are still in progress and that once the lists are completed, we will have fewer callers who will contact those wishing to be called on land lines or cell phones. We will also have some preferring email or text notifications but we will continue as in the past until all of the updates and sorting has been done. Emma said we have a new email address: stmikeoffice@gmail.com and Emma can access from her house or her office at church.
3. St. Michael's anniversary – Our 42nd anniversary of St. Michael's Church is on September 21, so maybe we can do a combination of celebrations on the 20th. Marie will get with Father Sam and see what his feelings are about that.
4. Marie opened the floor for any more business.
 - Cross off Hafli for this year
 - September 2nd – Religious Ed for kids starts back. Adults have been continuing during the summer with Chuck VanHeusen leading the class and it has been very enjoyable
 - October – Outdoor Mass and Picnic
 - October – Pancake Breakfast
 - November – Busy month – keep up with events with calendars – Daylight Savings Time Ends on the 1st; Ladies Guild moves up meeting due to luncheon the following week and meets on the 1st; Feast of St. Michael the Archangel Luncheon on the 8th; Jesse Tree & Children's Gift Table begins on the 15th; Ladies Guild decorates the church on the 29th.
5. Jessica mentioned updating Bulletin Board in the Social Hall with current events/information. Heather should be back and maybe Emma can even put up current weekly bulletins on the board. Plus any time we are mentioned in the Maronite Voice, maybe that could be displayed as well.
6. In December we have the Bishop's visit, Ladies Tea and Open House. Marie mentioned that we have many new people and we really do need to do things that help us interact with them.

7. Mary Dassau mentioned children's nursery idea but Marie mentioned that there would be a list of things to take into consideration, the least of them being proper and safe space, background checks which can take up to six months to go through the process, training, and other items that make this not feasible at this time.
8. M.J. mentioned seeing in Maronite Voice about holiday bake sale and boutique sale open to whole community where a holiday bake sale and bags of nuts were sold and maybe we could consider for next year's calendar. Maybe have several vendors such as jewelers, crafts, hand blown items, Frances and Paul with flowers. Could be a hit and get more community involvement. Could be instead of our usual yard sale. We could talk to some of the people who might be interested. Worst part would be parking situation but that may be alleviated as the museum next door is going to be remodeled and knocked down with parking in its place and the museum being moved across the bridge and into a new three story structure.
9. Marie shared that on Channel 460 EWTN at 3:00 on Monday through Friday there is Divine Mercy and at 3:30 International Rosary. Then there is a Novena and a prayer. There was an article in St. Anthony Magazine about Suffering Benefits. She will check with Father Sam when she sees an article we might have an interest in and see if she can give it out.
10. Marie will talk to Heather, Michelle and Father Sam and see if maybe we can have a potluck – covered dish on September 13th or 20th.
11. M.J. shared Pope Francis' comments from his visit to Ecuador on July 5th which was very meaningful. She passed out gifts to the ladies from her recent personal mission.

The meeting was concluded at 12:50 pm with Marie Reale leading with the Recitation of The Miraculous Medal prayer. She also reminded us that meetings will not be canceled unless we receive an email.

Presented by Kathy Criminger