

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – September 13, 2015

The meeting started at 12:23 pm. Marie Reale was out of town this week and Marie VanHeusen led the meeting with a recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Marie passed out an agenda for today's meeting and reminded everyone that the Minutes for last month's meeting are available on line as always. Wanda Foster suggested each of the ladies take a minute to read previous Minutes before each meeting and asked if anyone had any corrections to make. She also reviewed how to open the minutes portion on our website. If no corrections, we will let the Minutes stand.

Emma gave the Treasurer's Report and said there was no change in our balance of \$2899.94. We may have some interest to be added in with our next statement.

Old Business:

1. Marie said we had a sign-up sheet for members for the side dishes for the upcoming covered dish celebration next Sunday, September 20. However, she asked if anyone can be available for setting up or cleanup and she passed around sheets for signing up for those functions. M.J. said that her committee will handle the decorating prior to the event.

2. Marie thanked Emma for the magnetic sign-up sheet for the fridge. Father Sam said in the past it was always a gripe to find out at the last minute that we need certain supplies. Now we can all add items when we see a need. But, as Father Sam mentioned, don't wait until the very last of something has been used to put it on the list. When he sees it there, he can go get it!

3. Outdoor Picnic and Liturgy for next month on Sunday the 18th. We will have a sign-up sheet at church much like we did for next week's potluck and we will try to start that early. We don't want to start too early or people may forget, but definitely several weeks before. The picnic will be pretty much like the potluck with Father Sam supplying the chicken and people will bring the other dishes. Marie suggested people may also want to bring their own chairs and/or tables. The sign-up sheet will be at church starting the 26th. Wanda suggested maybe doing a little map for new people. Marie VanHeusen will do that. Marie Reale was thinking maybe some games for the kids, like Bat chi or other yard games, maybe some with teams. The Corn Hole game was mentioned as a possibility but we still have time to plan on that.

4. The week following the Outdoor Liturgy and Picnic is our Pancake Breakfast - date Saturday, October 24th. Marie VanHeusen has given out to her MYO class 5 tickets each and they are responsible for bringing tickets back if not sold or turning in the money for them if they are sold. And she also mentioned that even if people cannot come to the breakfast, they might possibly make a donation. And she said a couple of the kids have said they will need more tickets. She passed out tickets and a sign-up sheet to the ladies today in case we want to get started as well.

5. Marie VanHeusen brought up a possible Constitution Revision and said that she, Marie Reale, MJ and Wanda had met and discussed where the Ladies Guild could (Father Sam wants to understand more about that) have a discretionary fund to make purchases maybe for a present or something of that nature so that we would have access to funds. Darlene made a motion that Wanda seconded, a vote has taken and all present voted yes for unanimous vote. Wanda said by-laws would have to be redone because that is not included as of yet.

6. Marie VanHeusen brought up the rosary making we had previously discussed and said the kit that she had was taken by Tressa. She will look into sending off for a kit, which may be different than the one that she had before. But as we are quite busy with activities through the remainder of the year, maybe we should think about the possibility of waiting until after the first part of the year and maybe even during Lent to undertake this project. But, we do have a pretty full schedule right now.

7. Father Sam went through and found some rosaries and other items that Father Jack had ordered way back and can be used for the store gifts. After going through these items they decided to order only one each of several gift items we might want to consider ordering since many of these items come in sets of four when you place an order. Then we can see what they are like and check quality, etc. before ordering in bulk. So, we will have a few things for the kids. But Father Sam said it has been his experience that you do have to be very careful when ordering because you can be taken advantage of. So, we will first need some things that are basic and go from there. The need for a letter for store gifts being signed by Father Sam was mentioned and it was brought up that some stores will donate four or five gift cards as donations and some stores choose to give a 10% discount to churches when they make purchases. So those are a couple of options.

8. Marie brought up the possibility of a Fall Bazaar/Yard Sale and possible Bake Sale and asked did we want to go ahead with that and if so, what date? A show of hands approved a Bake Sale and a date of November 14th was mentioned as being the latest we might want to consider due to the upcoming Season of Announcements and the holidays. Marie mentioned possibility of family craft projects. She said she will get her kids fired up and this will be a good time to donate for the holiday sale.

9. Heather is back and ready to work on the Social Hall Bulletin Board. She said she needs current pictures to put up on the board and suggested people can email her and she can print the pictures from that. Right now she doesn't have anything new to put up. She said she does think putting current bulletin is good idea as well as religious articles that she can post. M.J. suggested putting an invitation up about once each month to come to the meeting and sit in and/or join. Nichola volunteered to help write things up for the board. Father Sam mentioned that anything that is submitted to him to be included in the weekly bulletin be turned in by Monday so he can meet deadlines.

New Business:

1. Ron Foster gave an update on Grace Jenkins. He said she is doing well; her numbers are good. But she is expected to be in the hospital another two weeks. She is quite anxious to be out, but she is improving and doing well.

2. Marie said there will be Pumpkin Carving on Friday, October 30th. She thought we could have prizes for the funniest, scariest pumpkins and things like that. Each family could bring their own pumpkin. This would not be a fund raiser but there would be a cost of \$5.00 per family, which would be used to cover the cost of pizzas.

3. M.J.'s Halloween Party and Open House will be on Saturday, October 24th, so mark your calendars. M.J. and Warren will provide drinks and hors d'oeuvres and will have their house all decorated up. Everyone is invited to drop by and make a donation which could be used by the church for perhaps the purchase of small round tables or to buy paint or possibly hire someone to get the kitchen painted. Father Sam said Mike and his mother Erica spent two days scraping walls and if they could have moved the fridge out, they could have gotten back there as well. He mentioned that the Rectory has to be painted and the ceiling needs to be fixed. None of that has been done since he got here and these are issues that have to be taken care of soon. Sometimes in the interest of getting something done, we bite off more than we can chew. Mike is in school and has other clients. Scott has

planted flowers. We don't have to make any final decisions right now, but keep aware. Sometimes you can make things too complex and less fun.

4. Father Sam said the Bishop's Visit is December 6th. Marie said the youth will present a "Parade of Saints" program. Marie asked about a possible Pig Picking but Father Sam said he hasn't gotten that far yet. Maybe there will be something on a Saturday with the kids like we did before but we have a lot on our plates right now and that will all have to be worked out. Bishop's schedule has to be taken into consideration as well.

5. Mary Dassau asked if we have a FaceBook page. Marie stated we do not. We do have a website.

6. Marie VanHeusen asked if any members of our prayer chain were present at today's meeting and we only had one member today. Marie brought up how the prayer chain worked where she was before and said it always starts at the top and works down to the bottom and how you leave a message if you reach an answering machine or a spouse or a child and then move to the next person and so on until the last person is reached and that person calls the first person, and the chain is unbroken. She passed out a sheet explaining how it worked and asked the ladies to start thinking about it and said if anyone has any thoughts to please share them with her. She said she would get notebooks for writing down names.

Reminders of things to have on our mind and on our calendars:

- Daily Liturgy – When Father is here, Marie encourages everyone who can be here to come because it's a great way to start your week.
- Adoration and Benediction is on the first Tuesday of October, which is the 6th. It's a beautiful chance to be with the Lord. People keep talking about when we see Jesus, but He is here! We have to start thinking reality and not ethereal.
- Rosary before Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th. Marie appreciates those who jump in for decades.
- Next Ladies Guild Meeting is on Sunday, October 11th.
- Outdoor Liturgy and Picnic on October 18th. Reminder of no Liturgy at the church that date.

The meeting was concluded at 1:30 pm with Marie VanHeusen leading with the Recitation of The Miraculous Medal prayer.

Presented by Kathy Criminger