

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – October 4, 2015

The meeting was started at 12:08 pm. Marie Reale led the meeting with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Marie stated the reason she moved the meeting was she missed the last meeting and will be gone next week and she didn't want to miss another meeting. She hoped it didn't mix us up. She said last month's Minutes are available on line at our website.

Emma gave the Treasurer's Report and said our balance remains \$2899.94. We are expecting \$0.21 interest any day now.

Old Business

1. Marie wanted to thank everyone who came to the luncheon on September 20. We have an easel so Heather will be making posters for us so we can keep up with events. And she does the bulletin board too. She needs pictures. If you email to her, she will try to download to get the pictures. Now we will have posters and can move to the church and social hall so we can see.
2. Outdoor picnic and Mass – Sign-up sheets are at back of church for any side or dessert you want to bring. Father Sam is providing the chicken. Items to bring for you and your guests would be bug spray, disinfectant and chairs or even a table. Susan will bring tea. We will provide plates, napkins and cups. You can bring family games. We have the area for 4 hours. We hope new families will know how to get there. Susan added the address to the sign-up sheet.
3. Pancake Breakfast – Saturday October 24th from 8:00 until 10:00 am at the Applebee's next to Harris Teeter on Raeford Road. Some ladies may be needed as a backup to serve. Father Sam said he expects the youth to do the serving and busing as they have in the past.
4. Constitution Change – Wanda is not back yet, so we will discuss when she returns.
5. Pumpkin Carving – The event is scheduled for Friday, October 30th at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per family. Marie VanHeusen is making the pizzas. We will have pizzas, chips and drinks. It should just be a fun night.
6. M.J. and Warren's Open House – Strictly by donation. All proceeds will be used for the paint for the Social Hall Kitchen and for more round tables for the Social Hall. You can dress up as much as you like for the event. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
7. Religious articles are in. Marie is supposed to get them in the case this week. We did not get a lot. We have some key chains, rosaries to see how it goes. If we have a request to order, we need to make sure first because of postage costs. The Guild will manage and we can make up price sheets.
8. Francis has asked Marie to see if any members are interested in joining the choir and John is asking the Knights also. Francis said we are in need of more volunteers. Father Sam said if you can't sing, please don't volunteer!
9. We now have a registration for the Guild members. The form has an area to indicate member's interest in serving on various committees. Because our church is so small, we need to have people sign up for the Prayer Chain, Mercy Meals, Home or Hospital Visits are still being developed. M.J. chairs the Decorations, Mary Louise takes care of Ushering and Greeters, Marie Reale handles Coffee Hour Schedule, Marie VanHeusen oversees Religious Ed. We only have three teachers so 1st and 2nd grade are together, and 3, 4 and 5 are together. Jessica supervises the younger children in the Social Hall

corner. If you are interested in teaching and we had enough volunteers, we could do every grade. If there is a talent that you have and are willing to share, please let us know. Even if you can only do two weeks per month, we will take it. We can always use new people. It is the same people all the time who volunteer. If we can get two people a month, it will help.

10. Lucy is taking over the prayer chain structure while Grace is recouping. The new method that Marie VanHeusen is working on we will find out more about when she returns. Please let Lucy know if you would like to be on the prayer chain. Marie bought 21 books for the members of the prayer chain. Marie stressed that this is not a “gossip club.” It is personal. The only thing you are doing is praying for that person. We do need people to pray for us. Lucy’s number is 868-1147. She will make a list of who she has on her list.

11. Mercy Meals – This is when someone has died and we need a meal for the family. Marie said we know a lot of people work and it would involve keeping a list of who is bringing what. We need a chair person and volunteers. If you are interested in it, please let Marie Reale know. Father Sam said as soon as someone finds out someone has died; the first question is “Are we having a mercy meal?” If they have it catered, fine. Otherwise, we have a meal. Father Sam said, “Don’t be rude if someone calls.” Just say you are unable to attend if you cannot be there. Sam’s Club has everything you need. You don’t need to bring something homemade; even if you pick up a bucket of chicken or some other store bought item, it helps with the meal. Obviously you can’t plan these things. Sometimes people can come to the service and then have to go back to work but if you have an opportunity to drive by and pick something up and bring to the funeral that will be nice. Maybe the people you were kind to will be kind to you.

12. Father Sam said Mary Louise takes names for greeters and ushers but he would like to get with them. He does not like people coming in the door and just hand them a bulletin. He wants us to ask if they have ever been here before because he doesn’t want anyone leaving because they are confused. There are two brochures at the front of the church to help with that. Say, “Welcome to St. Michael if this is your first time here.” That is what that is for. Also, once a month we have the youth liturgy during the school year.

13. Refreshments – Father Sam thinks people have shied away because it gets out of hand – mini pizzas, etc. But when a man does it, he may not have the same type of offerings. The whole point is for all of us to get together in the hall after Liturgy. The “no running” in hall seems to be working. And the bench is one of the best things we have done and establishing that corner for young children. The purpose is to come in here and have a social hour and meet whoever is here.

14. Religious Ed – We are always looking for volunteers but if you are around kids, we have to have criminal background check done and a commitment form that Father Sam has in his office must be completed. There is an online program in office also that must be completed and then you can get a certificate. This protects the Church, us, and the kids; and it is required. Father Sam said it only takes one parish out of the 45 to fail the audit. Then the entire Eparchy fails. Father Sam said just to let us know as soon as Mike turned 18, he had to get a background check and do all the things Father Sam just listed and all three over 18 had to have that done in order to be around the younger altar servers. Cannot touch the children. Very simple process. Protect us, your children, protect you.

15. Hospital Visitation – That is Father Sam, Chuck and Ron’s ministry. Sometimes the person doesn’t want or need visitors. There was an instance where one of the Subdeacons was asked to leave. So, just leave that to Father. Freida sends cards in the name of the Church. Grace is in rehab at Village Green. She always wants people there all the time but she does need to get her rest and her therapy. Some people don’t want anyone there. Sometimes too much is too much!

16. Linda Lewis fell and broke her leg. Before you decide to see someone, unless you have been in contact with the family, see one of the Subdeacons or Father Sam first.
17. Marie handed out registration forms for us to complete and on the back of form there is a list of what options we have to volunteer for. Father Sam tried to plug the Ladies Guild in church.
18. Yard Sale is coming up. Please bring good stuff. If Father Sam has to call for junk to be taken away, our cost is \$150.00. M.J. said we have only had 3-4 yard sales and we already have a good reputation for having good stuff, friendly people, good pricing in Cumberland County. There will be sign-up sheets for working in different sections on reverse. We will probably have first and second shifts as well.
19. M.J. said on decorations if you can help some, that is fine or donations will be fine too.
20. Father Sam said to let him know when we need things. There are two lists on the fridge right now. Don't wait until the last minute. If you do buy it, unless you want to contribute it, give Father Sam the receipt and you will be reimbursed.

New Business

1. By next meeting, we will be going over all the Jessie tree, etc.
2. Lynn Vaughn mentioned an idea for Christmas Eve Liturgy. Years ago we had songs before the Liturgy began and we had so many different nationalities, people would stand up and do a couple of sentences in their own language. It was the same message for each person, but in their own language and it was really very special. We had Spanish, Romanian, Arabic, German, Italian, Japanese, and Polish. This was pre-Liturgy. Father Sam said we could do that and he will pick out a passage like perhaps, "A child is born and His name shall be Emanuel."
3. Marie passed out a list for ladies to sign up to manage the store.
4. Reminders: Daily Liturgy, Adoration, Rosary and Benediction on Tuesday October 6th, Rosary next Saturday and Sunday. Please support Marie VanHeusen and be there. It begins 30 minutes before Liturgy. Next Rosary on Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th. Next Ladies Guild meeting will be on Sunday, November 1st because luncheon on the second Sunday, a covered dish. Mark your calendars. Daylight savings time ends the same weekend. Sign-up sheet for Pancake Breakfast – MYO and MYA. Father Sam said he doesn't want any excuses about them not wanting to be there.
5. Prayer – If you know of anybody who needs prayers, call Lucy and she will get them.
6. Yard Sale – MJ said MYO and MYA Yard Sale and Marie VanHeusen said she will be in charge of this one. We still are going to have committees – advertising – radio/newspapers/ bulletins. We will have early and afternoon shifts like the last sale. Set up of hall we will need help from Knights, MYO and MYA. Sign-up sheets will be in the hall. Pricing and set up is the main area of concern and needing help. MJ said Warren can come by for items needing a truck to pick up.

The meeting was concluded at 1:08 pm with Marie Reale leading with the Recitation of The Miraculous Medal prayer.

Presented by Kathy Criminger