

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – November 1, 2015

The meeting was started at 12:10 pm with Marie Reale leading with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer. She said the minutes of the last meeting are on line so if anyone wanted to read them, please go there.

Emma gave the Treasurer's Report. We had a deposit of \$420.00 which went into the general bank account but was earmarked for the kitchen work. This was from donations received from M.J. and Warren's Haunted House event. Our balance is currently \$3309.44.

Old Business

1. Marie Reale thanked everyone who came to the Outdoor Liturgy. The day started off a little cool but warmed up nicely. We will probably do again next year. Father Sam really enjoys that day and we will need to keep that in mind for planning for next year.
2. Pancake Breakfast – Marie VanHeusen said we had about 15 kids there. She said that we only pay for how many people actually show up and not for how many tickets are sold. We served about 70 people and we also had a donation jar. Profits were almost \$1,000.00 (actually just under \$970.00) and these funds will go into the Youth Fund for World Youth Day. The kids are doing fundraisers with the help of the parish and some people in the parish donate anonymously. We can make small or large donations towards that. Every little bit helps. The cost of the trip per child is \$2000.00. They have to pay \$1000.00 to go and the remainder is from fundraisers and donations from parishioners. Hopefully, by the time they go, all of the money will be raised. So, we have until the end of July to collect money; and it will be very much appreciated by them. And as a reminder, World Youth Day is not a vacation; it is a pilgrimage. Sometimes accommodations are through someone's home, but they can be just in sleeping bags in a church hall or something like that. The experience is very inspiring and 4 million youth are expected to be there for the next event.
3. Haunted House – M.J. said it was a great success with approximately 36 ½ attending! Almost everybody dressed up in some way. She said the kids' looks were priceless! There was a Trail of Terror, lots of food and people followed the plaque that read "Eat like there's no tomorrow!" There were games, a fire pit and lots of fun all around and \$420.00 was raised and donated to the church for the work to be done in the kitchen and any leftover to go to purchasing new round tables. This was the second time this was done for the church.
4. Pumpkin Carving – Marie Reale said that Marie VanHeusen provided all of the food and made all of the pizzas. It was a fun evening and there were prizes given out. Each of the five families that were there ended up with a prize. There were 23 kids plus adults, so close to 40 people and \$55.00 – \$60.00 was made and was just put in the church fund. Father Sam carved his very first pumpkin at the event! And it was on display in the Social Hall.
5. Constitution Change – Marie Reale advised that the Constitution has been sort of revised. We will hold off until we can talk about a slush fund because at this point Father Sam writes all the checks. So, for certain situations we should have our own funds like when we wanted to buy something for his birthday and he had to write the check. We will work on that. Marie VanHeusen mentioned that at her job she had a cash box with \$200.00 in it, so we could maybe have one with \$100.00 in it that could be replenished as needed.
6. Registration Forms – Marie Reale thanked everyone for completing the Registration forms. The Fall Festival/Yard Sale items can still be picked up Marie VanHeusen reminded the ladies and she said she and M.J. can come by and get them if there is a need. Next week we can set up the tables. Anybody

who hasn't signed up please sign up now. We need to get some of the guys after church next week to help put the chairs on the racks. Then, the following Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Marie VanHeusen and MJ will be in the Social Hall working so if you can help out for a couple of hours, it will help. Friday the 13th is the last day to accept donations for the sale. Parish only shopping night is Friday night before the sale. Also, that is the drop off date for baked goods. Everyone needs to be there early on Saturday morning, like at 6:30 am. Marie Reale said to please remember whatever you bring, make sure you think somebody will want to buy it. We don't want to fill up our dumpster before the sale. Mary Dassau offered to dispose of cathode TV's if they don't sell because the dump won't even accept them. M.J. also reminded us if you are going to donate kitchenware, please wash it really well before you bring it. We don't want items with grease or food particles stuck to items to be sold! Make sure clothes and shoes are clean and in decent shape. We will sell by the bag, \$5.00 to start and then later \$3.00 a bag. By 10:30 or 11:00, we will lower prices. If you are available at all to help for any length of time, please come by. Any time frame while someone is there will work but if you can write down what time you are available, it will be helpful with the planning. And, we will have departments again as that seemed to work well. There will be electronics and miscellaneous housewares, shoes and clothes, jewelry and accessories, holiday items and crafts and toys. We will have floaters between departments like last year. The Friday night before the sale is also when the parish can shop, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Jessica had a suggestion that if we purchase the night before, take the items with you. It gives the wrong idea if at the start of the sale when the public comes in if good stuff like a sofa is already marked sold. The bake sale has its own list of volunteers and Jessica reminded us to package baked goods in individual or small sizes; and she will have small boxes available like she did last year. She said all items should be made in your kitchen, even if you are baking cookies from a roll for example. And she said larger cakes are hard to sell because they are more expensive and they also cost more to make and we don't want to have those left over. One suggestion is to maybe cut a cake in half and package and sell that way. Pies should be okay whole. Breads are fine; even small loaves. Jessica also reminded us to make sure we label so people will know if an item contains nuts, etc. And the prettier something is packaged, the better it sells. Couple of other reminders, if you are good with a certain department, by all means you can volunteer for that area. Cleanup crew should be here by noon. The truck picking up leftovers will be here at 1:00. The sale runs from 7:00 to 12:00 and lunch will be served for the workers after the sale. Once we close up from the sale, we will start bagging up what we want to save and separate what goes on the truck and what goes in the trash.

7. At the conclusion of the sale when we are resetting up the Hall, we will keep the back corner for the Christmas Sale area for kids. Marie Reale said we will let the children shop the first two weeks once it is set up and then the parishioners can shop. There is no charge for what the children select and we will wrap for them, but usually the parent will put a donation in if their child is shopping. Mary Louise suggested we ask Father Sam to put something in the bulletin about the first two weeks being reserved for children only. We will need to man the gift table so we will need volunteers for this and to wrap.

8. Letterhead – Marie Reale said we now have a letterhead from Father Sam so when we go to a business for a donation for an event, this should make it easier for us to solicit donations. Lots of businesses require this and need it beforehand. And if a business is willing to donate say \$100.00 for an event, maybe they could donate four \$25.00 gift cards instead. If you have a connection with a business, this might be a suggestion.

9. Jesse Tree – Marie said this needs to be done before Thanksgiving. Michelle Gray is our point of contact and as in the past, when we take a name, we sign up on a log and take the tag with the information for the recipient and return the gift **unwrapped** and with the tag attached. The Jesse tree should be ready by the 15th. We have a deadline to have the gifts turned in.

10. Decorating for Christmas – We won't have another meeting before we decorate but Frances made new bows and wreaths last year. We will talk more about that and will send out emails. We usually do the decorating for the hall the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Be on the alert so when Marie asks you to stay late you will know why.

New Business

1. Bishop's visit was changed from December 6th to 13th. Marie VanHeusen said we were going to have a Parade of Saints but we don't have enough girls and Father Sam feels it would be too much for the same day as the Liturgy. There will not be a Liturgy on Saturday, December 12th. Instead there will be a short program in church Saturday afternoon with light refreshments, probably Roly Poly's, served immediately after.

2. Ladies Guild Tea – Our tea, which was scheduled for December 12th, will need to be rescheduled since it was to be on the same date that the Bishop is now visiting. One suggestion was to move it up one week to the 5th, but Sheila Monsour motioned to move it to January and Lucy seconded. A vote was taken and the tea will be rescheduled to the second weekend in January, which will be 1/9/16. We can just bring our gift in January.

3. Covered Dish – Father Sam will get a spiral ham for our covered dish on the 13th in honor of Bishop Gregory's visit. We will need sides, salads and desserts. The phone committee will need to call people the week before.

4. Prayer Chain – Lucy is heading up since Grace is still in rehab. She will give members a notebook to record names for prayer requests.

5. We had two visitors to our Guild Meeting today – Barbara and Prudence; and we hope they will come back again and consider joining.

6. Religious Items – Marie Reale said we just go new religious articles in. If you have a specific request for an order, keep in mind we need to make sure first because of high postage costs.

7. Reminders: (1) Wear Miraculous Medals to our meetings (2) Daily Liturgy – Please try to make this a part of your day (3) This Tuesday is first Tuesday with Adoration, Rosary and Benediction. Our attendance has dropped from around 30 down to eight or so and we would hate to lose this. It is just once a month and there is a little card that gives you something to read that is put out in the back of the church on that Tuesday. Adoration is from 6:30 to 7:00, then the Rosary and Benediction and you are out by 7:20. (4) Next Saturday and Sunday are Rosary. (5) Meeting and Rosary for December will be on the 6th, the first Sunday due to the Bishop's visit.

The meeting was concluded at 1:05 pm with Marie Reale leading with the Recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Presented by Kathy Criminger