

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – February 14, 2016

The meeting was started at 12:20 with Marie Reale wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. She then led with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Emma gave the Treasurer's Report. We started the year with a balance of \$3690.39. Membership dues collected so far added \$240.00 and we received a \$100.00 donation from Mr. Tom Piner and then we had a deduction for \$183.43 for the expenses for the Tea leaving our balance at \$3846.96.

Marie reminded the ladies that the Minutes from the last meeting are available on line on the website, so please read them there.

Old Business

1. Marie thanked everyone who helped make the St. Maron's luncheon turn out so well. We were a little scared because of the weather but it all worked out.
2. Wanda Foster had an update on the Kitchen. She had gotten a good recommendation about purchasing paint from Sheila and checked with Cumberland Paint. The gentleman there will work with us and will give us a good deal. He recommends Benjamin Moore paint and Michael and his crew are willing to do the work for us. We are not going to take the cabinets down to paint as we had once considered. They will have to paint around the cabinets but it will be much easier in the long run not having to take the cabinets down and then put them back up again. Question was asked if we will use two-tone paint in kitchen and the answer is no. The issue will be the color. Fr. Sam said he is not going to go through all of that; therefore, Fr. Sam will make the color selection. He said this is a working kitchen in a church. Wanda said the finish recommended by the paint store is eggshell, which is very easy to clean. He said he had done this before with other churches and institutions so he knows what to recommend to us. Wanda said we are thinking after Easter. We will get us a crew among us to clear everything out of the cabinets and then they can paint, and we will just put back. She said if we have Latex on the cabinets now, we don't have to kilz and he told her how to test, which she did; and we have Latex finish now. Marie VanHeusen brought up a point to consider, however; even if we have Latex finish, covering a dark paint color like the exiting cabinet color without kilz could require several coats of paint to keep old color from showing through. And the more coats of paint you have, the more it costs plus the more chances of chipping, etc. Marie Reale said for the ladies to be expecting an email from Marie VanHeusen about when to empty the cabinets. This will be a good time to eliminate and straighten.
3. Lenten Meals and Stations of the Cross – Marie Reale asked the ladies to please try to attend. This is a lovely service and it is followed by our meager meal in the Hall. We had meatless chili, a "fried" soup, tuna and lentils and salad. Fr. Sam reminded us that meager means not a banquet but just the soup, salad, breads like we have had in the past. If we have more people, we will have more offerings but Fr. Sam would rather have more than less because we can invite whoever happens to be there for the service to join us for the meal. We always have enough – no big spread and no dessert! Marie encouraged everyone to come and make the sacrifice like Fr. Sam mentioned in his homily.
4. Dues – Marie reminded us if you have not yet paid your annual dues, please do so. They are \$20.00 and Emma does have a list if you are not sure if you have paid.

New Business

1. Relic of St. Sharbel – Fr. Sam said we will have the relic for two days but we will only have public veneration for one day, Thursday, February 25th from 9:00 am until 6:30 pm. It will be coming to us from Greenville, SC and then going on to Raleigh. So on the 26th we have to make arrangements for it to be transferred to Raleigh. Fr. Sam will have evening prayer service

because that way the people who have to work will have an opportunity to be here. Fr. Sam will have a 9:00 am Mass for St. Sharbel and then the evening prayer at 6:30 pm but not a Liturgy. It will be a community thing, Ramsho, which is evening prayer of the Divine Office and Fr. Sam will preach on that. Father will get together with the sub deacons and their wives and discuss. Marie VanHeusen will work on a pamphlet or handout that can be given out and Fr. Sam already has 500 prayer cards. He thought he had more than he would need but without knowing how many people to expect, he may not have enough. Marie VanHeusen mentioned that if you press a prayer card up to the container holding the Relic, the prayer card then becomes a third class relic. We need to be very respectful with the Relic because it is an actual bone that belonged to a Saint and we have to treat it with dignity and reverence. Somebody has to be here at all times when it is exposed and Fr. Sam said the Knights will have someone here during the entire time. Marie VanHeusen suggested the Ladies Guild also have members rotating here during the time period as well. And the Honor Guard may have to help move people along if it turns out that we do have a large crowd to enable that everyone has a moment or two with the Relic. Fr. Sam has already contacted his source at the newspaper about putting a notice in the paper and he will make sure the area churches are notified as well so they can put the information in their bulletins this coming weekend.

2. Fr. Sam will be going to Lebanon on August 1st and he will bring back medals for us from his trip.
3. Marie reminded everyone to bring their calendars to our monthly meetings so we can all discuss events and activities and time lines.
4. Fr. Sam said we will have 6 kids attending the MYO Retreat in Richmond, VA from March 11–13. We have three girls and three boys that will be attending. Marie Reale mentioned to the ladies that since Fr. Sam will be gone that weekend and it is the 2nd weekend of the month when we have our next Ladies Guild meeting and we will have a Roman rite that weekend, Mass may get out earlier so please be prepared to start our next meeting a little early.
5. M.J. asked if the youth and young adults are thinking about any fund raisers before they go on their trip to Poland. Marie VanHeusen said there may be one or both for Easter and Mother's Day a flower arrangement delivery project. So, all we would have to do is order flowers from Frances and the youth group would get them delivered the Saturday morning before.
6. Emma said that out of the donation that Tom Piner gave us, she bought ten more blankets that we will use as our prayer blankets. She has done five and the other five Betty Morgan wants to do for children. So now we can do men, women and children as the need arises and there is a notebook so we can keep up with who has been given one. Fr. Sam said his cousin was *very* appreciative of having the blanket we sent her through him; it meant a lot to her. Marie VanHeusen said we don't always think about it so please don't hesitate to ask for one. Lucy asked Fr. Sam if he could announce maybe every month to remind people that we do have the blankets for whoever needs them or to remind people to call and have names added to our prayer chain.
7. Marie Reale reminded us again of our next meeting date: March 13th and that is the first day of Daylight Savings Time so we will lose an hour. She reminded ladies to come for the Rosary that date and not be late and to wear our Miraculous Medals.
8. Marie also reminded us that March 1st is the first Tuesday of the month and we will have Adoration/Rosary/Benediction. It only takes about 30 minutes and she hopes more people will come.
9. Fr. Sam also said he forgot to remind everyone at Mass but this Tuesday the 9:00 am Liturgy will be attended by the 7th and 8th grade classes from St. Ann's school and if anyone is available for 9:00 Mass, it would be nice to have a little representation from our parishioners.
10. M.J. asked if we have a program yet for the Ladies Guild Day of Reflection on March 19th.

Marie Reale said it has not all been worked out yet but they will get it together and there will be a \$5.00 fee for lunch.

The meeting concluded at 1:00 pm with a recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.
Presented by Kathy Criminger