

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – March 13, 2016

The meeting was started at 12:00 with Marie Reale leading with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer. She reminded everyone that the Minutes from the previous meeting are available on line.

Emma gave the Treasurer's Report. Collected \$140.00 in membership dues in February. We had an expense of \$53.35 to pay for prayer blankets and \$46.00 for cookies for the events in conjunction with the services for The Relic of St. Sharbel. That leaves our balance at \$3887.57. Emma collected some dues today but they will go in next month's report. Marie Reale reminded the ladies that if some have not paid yet, please go ahead and pay. If paying by check, make payable to St. Michael's and make a notation in the memo area that it is for dues for the Ladies Guild so Father Sam will know when he makes the deposit.

Old Business

1. Kitchen – We are going to hopefully empty the kitchen the week after Holy Week, possibly Easter Monday so remember that date. Marie has not heard from Michael yet so we need a backup plan. Wanda will check with Cumberland Paint to see if they can recommend a painter and Kathy will see if the painter where she works might give us an estimate. Marie asked who is available for Easter Monday to empty the cabinets but we do have people taking time off who may be traveling over Easter break. Marie said she needs to make sure that Fr. Sam doesn't have anything scheduled for the hall for that week. Wanda asked about kiltz for the cabinet paint at the paint company and they recommended using "Crud Cutter", which is \$8.00 a quart and more than covers, makes the paint adhere. Father Sam hasn't chosen the color yet. M.J. suggested the youth group to help empty the cabinets and that could be considered one of their projects. Marie Reale will have Marie VanHeusen send out an email once we have all the dates set up. M.J. asked how many youth volunteers we need and Marie said the more hands the quicker it will go. Marie would like everything to be done if possible the week following Easter. She may call Fr. Sam, who is traveling back with the MYO Group from their Retreat in Richmond and will then be on his way to Brooklyn for the Chrism Mass, to check on that.
2. Parish Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 19th – Marie Reale talked about it at church today and mentioned that if anyone has not signed up but plans to attend, they need to let us know because we have to order sandwiches for lunch. There will be a payment to Father Ian for gas and his time and M.J. motioned it should be \$100.00. Motion was passed unanimously. Emma will write the check and Father Sam will sign.
3. Lenten Meals following the Stations of the Cross for Lent – There is only one left and it will be this Friday, 3/18/16. Marie said it's a beautiful service and she wanted to thank M.J. for setting up every week and taking down and keeping up with the meal lists and everything. Marie may need to talk to Father Sam about getting more Stations of the Cross booklets or putting more booklets out if we have more of them.
4. Holy Week Services – The schedule for Holy Week services are printed in this week's bulletin and Marie suggested we please try to attend as many as we can. Most are at 6:30 pm to allow people who work to be able to attend. Try to block out the whole week for 6:30 on our calendars and get in as many as you can and you will be blessed. For Good Friday please remember to bring flowers. M.J. said our service is more special than other service. Marie said if you can only go to one service during Holy Week to please try to make it to Good Friday.

5. Round Table Purchase – M.J. said she was embarrassed to say that last year we approved the purchase of a couple more round tables so we don't have to vote on the matter again but she has not done so yet and is going to buy either two or four tables. The Knights approved one and the Ladies also but the Anglican Church may pay for two as well. So, M.J. will order.

New Business

1. Marie Reale has talked to M.J. and other ladies about when we have a project, we need someone to be in charge. There will be help but it should not be always the same people. One of the things she brought up now is the table for Children for Christmas time. In years past, Marie has saved stuff from the yard sale but she really doesn't have much now. Three questions to consider. First, do we want to do it? Second, would someone take charge of it? Third, would someone get stuff for it? Marie asked the ladies to think about these questions and we will discuss further at next meeting. Remember, you wouldn't have to do it all so you would get help. But it does keep our church out there.

2. Yard Sale – It has not been decided on yet if we will have another one yet but if we do, it would be after the World Youth Day trip.

3. Rosary – Marie Reale reminded everyone that on the weekend when we have the Rosary, it would be so wonderful if we would get here on time. We really need to make an effort to be here on time.

4. Mothers' Day – Do we want to have a table for the children to pick out something for their mothers or do we not? M.J. mentioned maybe we should consider other suggestions. Emma mentioned cupcakes. Michelle mentioned flowers for the mothers. We can think about it and our next meeting is April 10th, so we would have time to decide. Mothers' Day is May 8th so we will have our Ladies Guild meeting the Sunday before. Even if we have a table, we wouldn't have it until the 24th of April and May 1st would be our two Sundays to man that table. Michelle suggested that someone check with Sam's Club on the flowers or with Floral Arts. If we decided on flowers, we would give out flowers on both the Saturday before Mothers' Day and on Mothers' Day. Maybe we can get a count of the number of ladies who attend both Saturday and Sunday over the next couple of weekends so we will have a better idea on how many flowers we would need. Maybe next year we could go back to the idea of having a table for the children because children like to give something to their mothers.

5. Bunko Evening – Marie was thinking maybe after Easter sometime during April or May maybe we could have a Bunko night again. We have only done one but it was a lot of fun. Marie asked if there was anybody who would like to have that on a Friday night? She said the ladies brought a little pick up snack last time. She asked if there was any interest in that. Marie will talk to Father and see if 4/22/16 might work. And then maybe we could do it again in July or something. We charged \$5.00 a person to come last time and we provided drinks and plates and napkins. It is not really a fund raiser. It is a way to have our church family come together and for fun.

6. Reminders:

- Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and will be a Youth Liturgy with the kids doing the gifts and everything. No "shushing" of children that day Marie said. Have patience!
- April 5th – First Tuesday and we have Adoration, Rosary and Benediction
- April 10th – Ladies Guild Rosary and Ladies Guild Meeting – Please bring your calendars to the meeting and wear your Miraculous Medals.

7. M.J. asked if each flower for Mother's Day have a ribbon or prayer card? We need to plan when children are going to give out the flowers or will they be in a basket? Marie will talk to Father Sam about when and how, etc. Michelle Gray volunteered to be in charge of giving them out. She will also check prices on the flowers. We will co-ordinate with Father Sam as he has done something for the Mothers in the past.

8. M.J. asked what we would like to do for Fathers' Day in June? Marie said we will have to think about that. Emma brought out a nice looking pen, which might be nice but Father Sam may have a plan for the pens already. Marie said all of these ideas have to be agreed upon by Father Sam.

9. M.J. asked if there would be an Easter Egg hunt for the kids this year. Marie was not sure and said last year Michael Gamble was in charge of that and took care of the whole thing but she is not sure if there are plans for this year. We may need to get volunteers to stuff the eggs or buy candy for this year.

The meeting was concluded at 12:45 pm with a recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Presented by Kathy Criminger