

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – April 10, 2016

The meeting was started at 12:05 pm with Marie Reale leading with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Old Business

1. The kitchen is painted. Marie thanked all the people who came down to help and to clear out the cabinets and put things back. The paint job cost us \$1075.00 for the labor and the paint was \$120.00 for a total of \$1195.00. But Marie said Father Sam has decided that it is not really our job to be concerned about what gets done on the church property. We don't have anybody to physically do the work but the Knights don't have young men either. Within one day the job was done. They did ceilings and cleaned up after themselves. M.J. and Lucy worked on some of the plastic containers but the big ones have to be worked on later. Marie mentioned that when we have coffee duty, please put stuff back where it goes and don't leave stuff out. Put food in the fridge so we won't have ants. Let's try to keep everything nice and new looking. She said Father said the church will pay for everything but he will have more on that later.
2. The Guild had decided to give Fr. Ian \$100.00 for his gas and time for our Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 19, but Father Sam felt we should up that amount to \$200.00. Then it was decided that the church would pay for the retreat luncheon. Father decided that since it is a church function, that he will pay for the luncheon. Marie extended thanks to Father Ian for his talk on "Cultivating a personal relationship with Jesus".
3. Marie thanked all the ladies who helped out during Holy Week and Michael, who has taken on the Youth Easter Egg Hunt.
4. MJ updated status of the round tables and said we have two more round tables on order and they will be in one day this week. One was paid for from our Guild and one from the Knights at a cost of \$120.00 each, which includes shipping. MJ said that we hope to eventually replace all of the rectangular tables with rounds tables. Also, if anyone has any place mats, runners, etc. that will work for round tables and would like to donate, please do so.
5. Emma gave the Treasurer's report. As of beginning of March we had \$3887.57 in our account; we collected \$60.00 in membership dues; we earned \$.27 interest and had expenses of \$137.18, which leaves our balance at \$3810.66. We have collected from 22 members and we started out with 39 members.
6. Mothers' Day - Michelle will talk to Frances and Paul at Floral Arts this week about carnations for the children to pass out during Mothers' Day weekend and get pricing finalized and get her committee together. She was told by them that we probably do not want to use babies breath with the carnations because of the high cost to add that touch. Marie suggested we might try to put a ribbon with each carnation and Father Sam said he has plenty of St. Michael medals if we want to add that. And Father Sam said he will be passing out pens for both Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day this year. We could have someone from the Guild give out on both Saturday and Sunday that weekend. Marie VanHeusen asked how many carnations we might need so we will come up with a number for that. We do have a lot of mothers especially when you count both Saturday and Sunday.
7. Father Sam said Fathers' Day is kind of hard to figure out but he has leftover things like prayer cards and pens.
8. Bunko – Marie Reale said we had previously talked about a Bunko evening for April 22 but we have since learned that Father Sam has rented out the hall for that weekend so that date doesn't work.

An alternate date of Friday, May 20 was decided on. The cost would be \$5.00 each and the attendees will be asked to bring a little pickup plate like chips, etc. This is not a money maker event; it is just a fun thing, a church thing, and it will be open to husbands and wives. It is for adults to have an enjoyable evening.

New Business

1. May Crowning is May 1st. We will have roses this time from Paul and Frances and they will make the crowns.
2. Father Sam said that 3½ years ago some ladies came to him to ask about a ladies group. The group was to be based on two things: spirituality and sociality. Father Sam appreciates us wanting to do things like the kitchen but he doesn't want us to think we have to put on a luncheon to pay for painting the kitchen. Our purpose is to take care of the church – vestments, the priest, say Rosary, etc. But it is never our responsibility to do things like the sign or worry about painting the hall, etc. That is Father Sam's responsibility. If we were big enough, we would have a committee to work on things like that. Father Sam pointed out that M.J. and Warren have opened their home twice and donated proceeds to the church. We can point out that we need new things, but things like that are not our responsibility. We are concerning ourselves about things that are not necessary. That is why he is not taking our money for retreat and he reimbursed Emma \$121.00 because that is part of our retreat and we are doing things socially and spiritually. He said that may be one reason why some people have stayed away. He doesn't want us doing all that – just cover spirituality and socially. We have had fun and that is part of it to have fun. Bring any needs to Father Sam's attention.
3. Saturday Vocation Chalice - Father Sam needs somebody to take over vocation chalice for Saturday night. Mary Rourke was handling that but doesn't drive and can't get the chalice here. He said he doesn't need a decision today but Darlene and Freida both volunteered to co-chair that ministry. That led to a discussion about people not having transportation to church and also just reaching out to people we have not seen in a while just to make sure they are doing ok. Talk to Chuck if you are interested in that as a ministry.
4. Emma has one request for Guild members who have receipts that need to be turned in to Father Sam for reimbursement. Please go through her so she can keep up with them for our book.
5. World Youth Day – Marie suggested that because we did not have to pay the expenses for Retreat, perhaps we could consider contributing to the children's trip. Wanda made a motion and that was seconded. We were very fortunate that we got a scholarship from Sister Therese. Marie and Chuck VanHeusen and Rudy from the Pittsburgh Eparchy got a grant for World Youth Day, a scholarship. We were beyond the deadline for the \$500.00 per person, but it was worked out. The Wisers have two boys who are going. Our kids are responsible for \$1000.00 each to attend. A motion was passed to donate \$1000.00 from our Guild to help with expenses.
6. Marie covered upcoming dates to remember:
 - 5/1/16 – May Crowning and next Ladies Guild Meeting (so no meeting on Mother's Day)
 - 5/3/16 – 6:30 pm – Adoration/Rosary/Benediction
 - 5/8/16 – Mother's Day and Ladies Guild Rosary/First Communion with Cake in Social Hall

Remember in prayer: Mary Louise (surgery tomorrow), Heidi, Rosalie (carotid surgery on 4/19); Ira Marsh (friend of Francis); Francis; those that we know and those that we do not know.

The meeting was concluded at 12:55 with a recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Presented by Kathy Criminger