

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – September 11, 2016

The meeting as started at 11:45 am with Marie Reale leading with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer and welcomed a potential new member, Rosa, who was previewing us.

Emma gave the Treasurer's Report. There was no change in our balance from last month and no activity on our account. Our current balance is \$2830.88.

Old Business

1. M. J. reported on how many people visited our church and social hall for our Open House on Saturday, September 10, which was held to coincide with the Yesteryear Festival celebrated by the Museum next door. Our Open House started at 12:00 noon and ran until 4:00 pm. The celebration next door began at 10:00 am. We had a total of 21 – 22 people by the end of the day although things were really slow until after 2:00 pm. We had balloons and signs outside, we ran a free ad in the Faith section of the newspaper and had fliers downtown. MJ said she would like to see our name show up more. Our stained glass windows were recently mentioned in City View and there was a picture of one of the windows. MJ reported that the people who did stop in were a nice mix – some young, families and some older people. If we do decide to do this again, we might be able to improve a little about getting the word out. All in all, it was the most people we have ever had for one of these events. Three families expressed an interest in attending our church and our Liturgy and a couple had children who might come to CCD. One other thing, there is a possibility we might be able to get on the Christmas Tour of Homes and Churches because they do sometimes do churches. It would be a great opportunity for an Open House. Chris Cooper had mentioned that he thought we had had an Open House on a Sunday in conjunction with what the museum did. MJ is our contact person with the museum.
2. Outdoor Mass on the 25th of this month – Father Sam is providing the chicken and Ron Foster mentioned that we have a sign-up sheet and since we have to preorder the chicken, we need to know how many will be attending. We need to have enough but we don't want to way over order. If you have not already signed up, there is just one more week to sign up. We have to have the order in to Alfred by Monday the 19th. There will be a cake provided so we don't have to worry about that. Reminder: bring your own chair, bug spray, sunscreen, drink and whatever side dish you signed up to bring. Someone will be bringing tables from church and paper products. Also, consider bringing games like a Frisbee so we can have good day and socialize and enjoy our afternoon. We will have our Corn Toss game there as well.
3. Michelle Gray has surgery next Tuesday. Steve Berti and Ed Vaughn also have surgery or procedures scheduled and Randy Lewis has surgery scheduled. Marie asked us to keep them in our prayers and they are on the prayer list.
4. Father Sam's birthday is in October and the Ladies Guild voted unanimously to give him a Macy's gift card in the amount of \$50.00.

New Business

1. Yard Sale – Date has been set for October 29 and this is a Parish Yard Sale and it will be from 7:00 am until 12 noon and we will have sandwiches for the workers after we pack up. Workers should be here at 6:30 am. MJ reminded us that there are sign-up sheets on the table as we leave from the meeting today. The parish Pumpkin Carving Social that had been planned for the 29th has been moved to Sunday, October 30. The Vigil for All Souls (Holy Day of Obligation) will be on Halloween, the 31st, at 6:30. Father will also have a Liturgy on Tuesday, November 1st at 12 noon. We also decided on having a Bake Sale in conjunction with the Yard Sale as we have done in the past. We have lost Jessica who was in charge of the bake sale since her family has moved, so we need a volunteer to head that up

or possibly have two people to work together on that. MJ suggested we have a nice variety of items and said that will look pretty and will sell better. It was decided to sell whole cakes and some halves rather than individual slices. People may decide to purchase items for the upcoming holidays and freeze them. People signing up to bring items for the bake sale should plan on having their items here on the Friday before at 4:00 pm as we have done in the past and please have your items table ready and possibly with a list of ingredients. And ladies, homemade please – no items in store-bought containers. There will be no one here to package up so that needs to be done beforehand. Mary Louise will try to find out where we can get the nice boxes to package up bake sale items. And as in the past, our parish can purchase yard sale items on Friday evening before the sale but please be sure to take them with you at that time. Heather will make up fliers and posters for the sale. And a reminder about items being donated: whatever you bring, make sure it is sell-able and clean. Also, in the clothing category, no underwear, no hats, no broken shoes, no stuffed animals. Michelle Gray suggested maybe putting a list of stuff not to donate. And, “If you wouldn't buy this, don't give it to us to sell.”

2. On the Family Pumpkin Carving Night on October 30th, we will have tools, paint and prizes.

3. Bishop is celebrating 50 year anniversary of our Diocese. Marie will speak to Father Sam about us putting an ad in the celebration publication. We are not sure of the cost yet but the Ladies Guild voted to contribute \$100.00 towards a full page color ad and the Knights will do the same. If anyone has suggestions on ideas to be included in our ad, please contact Marie VanHeusen.

4. Sheila asked about CCD sign ups. Marie said the reason we had not had so far was to give the kids until about mid-October to give them time to get going good again in school. She will check with Father and see if that might be happening the next weekend. We did lose 5 families this year and each had 3, 4 or 5 kids so we will have a lot less children this year. Marie will only have two children in her class.

5. Coffee duty – On Sundays after coffee duty, there has been a change. We are now asked to take out the trash before we leave as trash pick-up is on Mondays. We don't want to have any leftover trash in the containers when we leave as that will draw pests.

Reminders:

- Tuesday – October 4 – Adoration/Rosary/Benediction – Please try to come!! It is only one hour and we really do need more people to take part in this once a month service.
- October 8 and 9 – Next Ladies Guild Rosary – These are for the entire parish, not just the Guild members. Marie thanked the ladies who assisted this week.
- October 9 – Next Ladies Guild Meeting following Sunday Liturgy. Please try to remember to wear your medals.
- October 23 – We will try to take down and get tables set up for Yard Sale and we will need help with that – volunteers please. We need some strong guys. Following week will be set up for the sale.

Lucy suggested that Father write up a bleep for the bulletin so everyone will know that the monthly Rosary is for the entire church to participate in. And a suggestion was made for those leading the decades to talk a little louder so they can be heard in the back of the church as well as the front.

Chuck VanHeusen leads the adult education classes every Wednesday and he is very faithful to that. These discussions are really good for us. Please consider attending and participating in these classes.

Connie thanked everyone for the prayer blanker for her grandson. She said it was much appreciated.

The meeting was concluded at 12:37 pm with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Presented by Kathy Criminger