

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – October 16, 2016

The meeting was started at 12:10 pm with Marie Reale leading with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Marie reminded the ladies that the minutes from the last meeting are available on the website. Emma gave the Treasurer's report. We had \$2830.88 in our account but we had donated \$100.00 towards the cost of a full page ad in the recent publication commemorating the 50 year anniversary of our eparchy. New total is \$2730.88. There may be some interest which will be reflected in next bank statement.

Marie read a thank you card from Betty Morgan for the 80th birthday party we had for her, Emma and Freida. She also read a thank you card from the Hurleys for the ladies helping with the celebration dinner for their twins' christening. The offering from the Hurleys was given to Father Sam.

Marie said as Father Sam had explained during Mass that the yard and bake sale scheduled for the 29th of this month had been canceled and instead we will be picking up furniture and other items people wish to donate to victims of Hurricane Matthew. We know of a family who lost everything. Marie said we can still take household items and can store them upstairs and then if we don't need them now, we can then give them to whoever needs them at a later time. Maybe the clothes you want to donate we can get to Urban Ministry. Father Sam doesn't want the clothes to stay here. He will give them to the VanHeusens to get to either Urban Ministry or Catholic Social Services as these organizations do give items away and do not sell them to those who need them. We will address questions as they come up and we can email answers.

Old Business

1. Pumpkin Carving and Pizza Party – Still planned for Sunday, October 30.
2. Father Sam's birthday card and Macy's gift card were presented to Father Sam at today's meeting.

New Business

1. Father Sam wants cloud lifted over head of church of whose money is whose. The money in the name of St. Michael Church, whether for MYO, Building Fund, General Fund, Ladies Guild, Knights of Columbus, all belongs to the church. Father Sam has used some money for MYO when they needed it. The yard sale has always been for the youth so we could subsidize their workshops. This year's yard sale proceeds were supposed to be earmarked for the new air conditioning unit. We can keep it that way but all the money we did get from whatever function would go to previous function designated. Father Sam wants to keep it that way. Website will show we have active Youth Group, Ladies Guild, etc. But Father Sam said whatever account he puts it in has nothing to do with what goes in the bulletins. Summer is a time when people don't always contribute when they are away, traveling, etc. Father Sam had to use \$6,000 out of youth account to make ends meet over last couple of months. If Father Sam needs \$1,000, he has to take from whatever account he needs. Forget about whose money goes where and Father Sam will use it wherever it needs to go. We are charged service charges by the bank for all of these accounts so we may just have to have one account with sub-accounts. We will still get financial reports on how much we take in and how much we spend. But we will still be able to show we have active Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild, Youth Group.

2. November 6 – Luncheon to celebrate St. Michael's Feast Day – A cake will be provided but everyone needs to bring a covered dish. Sign-up sheets will be at church starting next week. The Pilgrims who went to Poland will do a presentation. Jake is coming from Texas for the occasion. There will be a little program and we can see how our contributions matter.

3. November 13 – Ladies Guild Rosary and Meeting – During that week we need to set up children's table for Christmas. Either we don't have or we will need to bring donations. We will also have a donation jar as we have in the past. We have fewer children this year so maybe we will only need one table for gifts and one table for wrapping.

4. Giving Tree – We will do the gift tree again for foster children. Foster parents are given money for food and clothes, but they are not given money for gifts; so we are asked to bring unwrapped gifts for the ages and gender for each tag on the tree.

5. November 27 – Last Sunday in November and Thanksgiving Weekend. We will bring decorations out and decorate the hall. We will get some of the guys to help. Please plan to help if you are in town.

6. Ladies Tea – December 3rd at 10:00 am. Our annual tea is the only time we spend money on ourselves. Marie gets pickup stuff for food. We bring whatever tea we would like and we ask ladies to decorate the tables with themes. Last year some of the themes were Peace, Love, and Joy. Marie asked for volunteers to pick a table to decorate and several ladies have signed up already. This year Marie would like themes such as the Nativity, the Angels, the Wise Men, the Shepherds to be used. Each table should represent one of these and others that you can sign up for and then we would tell the significance of our table. Each table will seat 6. This is also the time when we collect our annual \$20.00 dues and this year we will also elect officers for the next two year term. Marie VanHeusen will move up from vice president to president, so this year we will need to elect a vice president, secretary and treasurer. We also bring our gift for our secret prayer pal and draw for secret prayer pal for the next year. The gifts are \$10.00.

7. Father Sam gave out Miraculous Medals and said as he replaces, he will start charging.

Reminders:

- We had a cake for Father Sam's birthday and anniversary at the picnic
- 10/26/16 – Wednesday – Darlene and MJ putting things together in bags for donation
- 10/30/16 – Pumpkin Carving and Pizza Party at 5:00 pm in Social Hall
- 10/31/16 – Vigil for All Saints – Liturgy at 6:30 pm
- 11/1/16 – All Saints Liturgy – 12:00 noon
- 11/1/16 – Adoration/Rosary/Benediction – 6:30 pm
- 11/6/16 – Covered dish – Will put a sign-up sheet in church
- 11/12/16 – Ladies Guild Rosary on Saturday at 4:30 pm
- 11/13/16 – Ladies Guild Rosary on Sunday at 10:00 am
- 11/13/16 – Ladies Guild Meeting

Marie welcomed Christina and Yvette and hope both will become members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm with a recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Presented by Kathy Criminger