

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – November 13, 2016

The meeting began at 12:05 PM with the president, Marie Reale, leading the Miraculous Medal Prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting have not yet been posted on the website but will be available at that location in the next few days. The treasurer reported that our balance is \$2730.00.

MJ reported that the October yard sale was postponed because of Hurricane Matthew. We will look at the possibility of planning for a yard sale next April. Because of the generous donations we gained in the clearing of the home, we were able to help several local charities in aiding those who lost so much in the terrible storm. Some of the charities asked us to hold some things back until later when their supplies begin to dwindle. MJ also asked that if we see something put aside that we would like, to please make a donation for the item or items. Emma mentioned that the dining room suite (table, 6 chairs, sideboard, and cabinet) are for sale and we need to decide on the best way to sell this. Christina also mentioned that the Methodist University students coming in from foreign countries in January could use coats. We could collect some for that purpose as well.

Marie reported that the November 6th dinner went quite well and the presentation from the youth about their trip to Poland for World Youth Day was very interesting.

Michelle noted that the Christmas tree for toys for foster children has been set up in the hall. There are 80 tags on the tree. People should not take tags if they don't intend to follow through with gifts. Names should be recorded in the book when tags are taken. The toys need to be back to the church by December 4th. A good time to bring them would be at our Ladies Guild Tea on December 3rd.

Marie passed around several lists for December. One list was for volunteers to man the children's Christmas table. She asked for more items to be donated for gifts for men and boys. Another list was for those planning to attend the Ladies Guild Tea on Dec. 3rd at 11 AM. Those who are decorating tables need to set up on Friday, December 2nd. Our December meeting will be held at that time. We will exchange gifts with our Secret Prayer Pals. We will also elect officers for next year and draw names for next year's Prayer Pals. An email will be sent to members to remind them of the tea and Rosalie offered to call everyone as well.

MJ asked that we choose someone else to take on her unofficial designation as event planner and decorator. She is willing to help whoever will do this but feels like this needs to be headed by another person in the coming year.

Another list that circulated was for volunteers to man a church open house on December 4th in conjunction with the Poe House Holiday Jubilee. The event will be from 1-5 PM however we can plan on just being in the church from 1-4 PM. The museum specifically asked if we would do this again this year.

Marie suggested that we work with Albert Fadel on a possible fundraiser using such items as tote bags, T-shirts, cards, etc. with a picture of our church. We could sell these items from the religious items counter. This was discussed and Marie plans to look into it further.

For new business, Christina has offered to present a film about a community in Lebanon with some discussion before and after the movie. The film is *Where Do We Go Now?*. It is in Arabic with English subtitles. All adults from the church would be invited. We voted unanimously to do this and decided that some time in January would work well.

Reminders:

- November 27 – Decorate hall for Christmas after liturgy
- November 20 – December 11 – Children's table
- December 3 – Meeting and Tea (11 AM)
- December 4 – Open House (1 – 4 PM)
- December 4 – Deadline for toy gifts under the tree
- December 6 – Adoration and benediction
- December 10 and 11 – Ladies Guild leads rosary
- December 15 – Christmas novena begins (more information to follow)

Marie thanked the ladies for her years as president and explained how the succession follows with the vice-president becomes the president after serving for 2 years. Marie Van Heusen will become our president in January. She also commented on a picture of Our Lady of Fatima that was donated by Eileen Hicks. We will be hanging that in the meeting room.

Marie led the group in the Miraculous Medal Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Foster