

First meeting of the New Year:

January 8, 2017, 11:50 am

Present: Marie VanHeusen, Cristina Francescon, Lynn Vaughn, Marie Reale, Lucy Zahran, Emma Montaldo, MJ Hahn, Mary Louise Barefoot, Sheila Monsour, Mary Dassau, and Kathy Criminger.

New President, Marie VanHeusen, welcomed everyone and gave a brief introduction, which included the distribution of new calendars with the church activities and a copy of today's agenda.

The official meeting opened with the Miraculous Medal prayer to the Virgin Mary.

Marie VH reported that the office has a new computer and as such, there are adjustments and updates to be made. In addition, those who use it must get used to the new system. Upon completion of that, we will have more finalized reports.

Treasurer, Lynn Vaughn, confirmed that the amount in the Women's Guild budget at this time is \$3166.35, including interest: (\$2831.09 + \$335.24 dues paid for this coming year)

Marie VH: The Calendar has all the official dates St. Michael's recognizes as firm dates. Some of the important ones coming up soon are Jan. 26-27, March for Life in D.C. (Anyone able to go with Marie?) and on Sunday Feb. 12, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Maron with a luncheon after Divine Liturgy. We will have the usual potluck where everyone brings a dish and Fr. will provide the chicken.

We need to be mindful of measuring other upcoming activities not included on the calendar, which remain mostly unchanged. Perhaps we could be more flexible about adding on or taking out activities as we see appropriate. For example, Bible studies and other socio-religious activities will be added according to our resources, that is mainly availability of time, talent, and interest.

MJ: We should start thinking about the Yard Sale. Perhaps after Easter? The 22<sup>nd</sup> of April? Also, the collection of yard sale items upstairs needs to be organized. We should appeal not only to the Guild but also the parishioners to help with this. (The men will help if we approach it the right way....)

Marie VH: Perhaps gradually and little by little start sorting through the stuff upstairs.

The dates and times and were discussed and the date set is for Jan. 20 at 12 pm. Pack a little lunch for some fellowship and then organization will begin.

Marie VH: Marie introduced the group to a series called *The Bible Timeline* by Jeff Cavins- an overview of the Bible and our salvation history. A date/time/place are still being decided. Cristina suggested Marie's house for a more intimate atmosphere for discussion.

Speaking of activities for our group, several members suggested that taking advantage of appropriate and meaningful activities offered elsewhere in the community is a great way for us to save on prep time at the church while contributing to activities in the community. Marie VH shared that the Diocese of Raleigh, would be holding a *Day of Reflection for Women*, in Fayetteville at St. Patrick's on March 18. More details forthcoming. Cristina shared and distributed her Foreign Film Festival schedule for the spring at Methodist University, which includes the Lebanese film *Where Do We Go Now?*, by Lebanese director and actress, Nadine Labaki. The film is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24. Cristina suggested perhaps going over to Scrub Oaks after the film for discussion. Invite other church members or is this for the Women's Guild?

The women agreed these activities provided by the community but that were meaningful to the St. Michael's community, were a good way to promote activities for the parish.

Marie and MJ: "Spread out the talent". Let's try to get more women involved in Church activities. A discussion continued on different ways to do this.

Marie Reale: Marie presented the book bags with the winter picture of the church. The large one is \$31.00 and the small is \$28.00. She is taking orders now! For the future, the picture can be depicted on mugs, beach towels, ☺ etc., and perhaps other pictures of the church in different seasons can be taken and used similarly to sell for next Christmas. Other ideas?

Marie R. and Marie VH: Discussion on money raising activities vs. other events in the Parish or community. Consider the Intl. Folk Festival- perhaps a table or booth? A Hafli in the future? Most agreed, however, that these activities need a lot of preparation and volunteers willing and able to put in the time or make it a priority.

Father Sam will be away next weekend. We will have more clarity when he returns per some of the discussions above and as the month progresses.

The meeting ended at 1:10 with the Miraculous Medal prayer to the Virgin Mary.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Francescon

# THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

*Presents*

**The Fourteenth Annual Foreign Film Festival**

**Spring 2017**

**When:** 7 pm

**Where:** Hendricks Science Complex Rm. 122, or Clark Hall on the campus of Methodist University unless otherwise noted. Please check film schedule.

**Friday, January 20** *The City and the Dogs* (La ciudad y los perros).

Francisco J. Lombardi, Peru 1985

**Friday, January 27** *Red Like the Sky* (Rosso come il cielo).

Cristiano Bortone, Italy 2006

**Friday, February 10** *Jack Strong*. Wladyslaw Pasikowski, Poland 2014

**Friday, February 24** *WHERE DO WE GO NOW?* ( *WHALLA' LA WAYN,*

فوقنا لوپين ) NADINE LABAKI, LEBANON 2011

**Friday, March 17** *AMOUR* (Love). Michael Haneke, France, Germany,

Austria 2012

**Friday, March 31** *Tangerines*. (მანდარინები *Mandarinebi,*

*Mandariiniid*) Zaza Urushadze, Estonia/Georgia 2013

**Friday, April 7** *In the Time of the Butterflies* (El tiempo de las mariposas).

Mariano Barroso, Mexico, USA, Spain 2001

\*FREE! All film titles subject to change. Please check the MU website main page under 'events' for further information and the Dept. of Modern Languages and Literature (www.methodist.edu). In the event of an emergency cancellation, this also will be posted on the website.

All films in the original language with English subtitles. Pre and/or post film discussions!

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