

Ladies Guild Meeting

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Present: Marie VanHeusen, Cristina Francescon, Betty Gurney, Ines Page, Darlene Darling, Freida Fadel, Ingrid Franklin, Michelle Gray, Sheila Delahunty, Wanda Foster, Fr. Sam Najjar, Carol S. Kannan, Emma Montaldo, Judy Klatt, Lucy Zahran, Marie Reale, MJ Fredette, Sheila Monsour, and Rosalie Berti.

Marie VanHeusen, President called the meeting to order with the Miraculous Medal prayer to the Virgin Mary.

Announcements: The installation of officers will be held on February 12, 2017.

Fr. Sam reported that a new computer was purchased to replace the old one that was affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Thank you cards: Marie V read a thank you card from Honey for the prayer blanket, a card from the Jenkins family in memory of Grace, a card concerning the ordination of Fr. Phillip, a card from Marie Reale concerning the gift from the Guild, and a card along with a donation from Patty Evans-Gordon.

Old Business:

Parish Yard Sale: The yard sale has been planned for April 29. MJ spoke about how the social hall will be set up with the different departments. The first get together to start sorting out and grouping items will be held on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 10am. There was a question as to whether we want to have a bake sale again this year. Last year the bake sale made \$400.00. The youth will be selling drinks again this year. There will be a sign up sheet for those who can help at the yard sale along with the times and departments they will work. Stuffed animals will not be accepted. The Urban Ministry is in need of clothing items and the clothes that have been collected so far will be packed up this week to be brought to the Ministry.

Plaques: The plaques for the stained glass windows are in the process of being made and are almost ready.

Cana Sunday: Cana Sunday is February 26 and Ash Monday is February 27. Lenten soup suppers will begin on Friday, March 3 at 6:30 pm.

March for Life: Marie V gave a report on the March for Life in Washington, D.C on January 27. 600,000 were in attendance. She spoke about a Vigil for Maronites that was held the evening before. A meal was served by the Friars of Renewal along with a healing service.

Feast of St. Maron luncheon: the luncheon will be held on February 12. Setup for this lunch will be on Friday beginning at 12 noon. Those who will set up on Sunday are being asked to be at church no later than 9:30 am. There was a discussion on having a raffle to collect for the new air conditioner units. There were other discussions on ideas for fundraisers.

Film: Cristina spoke about the Foreign Film Festival spring schedule at Methodist University. The film "Where Do We Go Now" is being shown on Friday, February 24. A signup sheet was passed around for those who plan to go. Those who want to carpool will meet at the church at 6:00 pm and go to the University from there.

Bible Study: Marie V spoke about a bible study that will begin on Monday, March 6 at 6 or 6:30. Genesis will be the topic that will be studied and the first meeting will be at the Parish hall. There was a discussion about having future meetings at members' homes.

Bags: Marie Reale gave a report on the tote bags that are available for sale that have a picture of the church on them. She said there is an assortment of other items as well, such as mugs, pillows, etc. She will send an email of the items to Marie VH who will send an email to everyone.

New Business:

Secret Prayer Pals: Cristina made a suggestion that we send our prayer pal cards throughout the year for different occasions to include praying for them. A mass could be said for them as well.

Dance lessons: Judy Klatt has offered to teach dance classes. She is a dance instructor and has offered to teach ballroom and swing classes. She spoke of a performance that she will be in. It is being held in Benson on Monday, May 22. The performance is Cinderella. Cristina spoke of her experience with dance also and will help Judy in giving lessons.

Retreat: The Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 9 am to 2 pm at St. Patrick Church. The cost of the retreat will be \$25.00.

Prayer Blankets: Emma asked that if anyone sees a blanket that would be appropriate to give to someone in need to go ahead and purchase it. She asked that the blankets be of a soft fleece material, not too fluffy. Donations will also be accepted.

The meeting was adjourned with the Miraculous Medal prayer.

Submitted by Betty Gurney, Secretary