

Ladies Guild Meeting

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Present: Cristina Francescon, Betty Gurney, Freida Fadel, Wanda Foster, Fr. Sam Najjar, Emma Montaldo, Marie Reale, Kathy Criminger, MJ Fredette, Darlene Darling, Carol Kannan, Mary Barefoot, Mary Dassau, Ivette Vega, Lucy Zahran, and Lynn Vaughan.

Christiana Francescon, Vice-President called the meeting to order with the Miraculous Medal prayer to the Virgin Mary.

The minutes of the last meeting are on the internet.

Treasury – Fr. Sam presented the treasury report. As of today, the treasury balance is \$3,121.47. This balance includes the dues that have been collected and the cost of the Women's Day of Reflection.

Thank you: Wanda Foster thanked everyone again for the anniversary reception. She posted a thank you note on the bulletin board in the hall.

Marie VanHeusen was recognized for helping the Guild in participating in the Women's Day of Reflection.

Old Business:

Lenten Meals: MJ reminded everyone who are able to sign up for the Lenten supper. She spoke on the beauty of the Lenten service.

Parish Yard Sale:

The yard sale will be held on April 29. There will be a time after Liturgy on Sunday, April 23 to set up for the sale. Anyone who can help is encouraged to do so. Those who will help clean up after the sale are asked to arrive at 12Noon on the day of the sale. There will also be times throughout the week before the sale to help assist. MJ reported there are many items for the yard sale this year. MJ noted that our yard sales have always been successful in the past and there have always been very good comments about our sales.

In 2014 the yard sale made approximately \$2,600.00. In 2015 the bake sale and jewelry departments made \$587.00. The MYO and MYA made \$370.00. In all \$2,329.50 was made. All the proceeds this year will go to help pay for the air conditioning/heating units.

The clothing department is not in need of anymore clothing. Marie Reale asked for more jewelry in that department.

The time of the yard sale will be extended by one hour. The sale time will be from 10:00am to 1:00pm. A decision was made to have coffee only in the hall during the yard sale and donations will be accepted. The youth will be selling water and soda outside of the hall again this year at \$1.00 each. There was a request for someone to be in charge of the youth during the sale. Christina volunteered to be in charge of the youth and one more person will be needed. The Knights of Columbus will be asked to help outside as well.

In the past, parishioners helped customers carry big ticket items to their homes. This will not be done this year as it takes their time away from the sale. Receipts will be available for those who are donating and need paperwork for tax purposes. The hall will be open to the parishioners from

1:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday, April 28 for early shopping. Please do not shop on Saturday if you are working at a station. You will have two weeks to pay and pick-up your purchases.

Signup sheets were again available to notate when and where we can help work before, during and after the sale.

MJ spoke of the various ways of advertising in the newspaper. She also encouraged everyone to advertise by word of mouth and on the internet. Fr. Sam asked the Knights to help with advertising as well.

Film: Cristina presented the film “Where Do We Go Now” to the parish on Saturday, April 1 at 6:00pm after Liturgy. There were very good reviews. Fr. Sam mentioned that more of these kind of events are welcome in the future.

Air Conditioning/Heating Units: Fr. Sam reported that donations are coming in, many from people who no longer attend our church or are not part of our parish. The price of the units are approximately \$15,000.00. He thanked those who are giving and greatly appreciates how much the parishioners do to help when needs arise.

Palms: The palms will be coming this week.

Holy Week: The youth will be decorating their candles on Wednesday evening in preparation for Easter Sunday and the procession. Marie V is getting the candles. Please bring fresh flowers for the service on Good Friday.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter egg hunt will be held after Liturgy on Easter Sunday. There hasn't been any response from Michael concerning his availability to help at the Easter Egg hunt. If he is unavailable volunteers will be needed to help.

Father Sam reminded us that he will be in New York for the Blessing of the Oils this week.

New Business:

May Crowning: May Crowning will be on Sunday, May 7.

Mother's Day: Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 14. There was a discussion about the kind of flowers that will be given to the women of the parish.

Refreshments: Marie Reale asked for volunteers who can be responsible for refreshments in the hall following Liturgy. There is no need to bring too much. Donations are also welcome. Anyone can bake or bring things to help with refreshments.

Readers: Ron asked for people who would be willing to sign up to be a reader. When you read, please dress appropriately.

NAM: NAM is offering “Trees for Lebanon” where people can buy a tree that would be planted in honor or in memory of someone in Lebanon.

FORMED: St. Mary of the Angels has purchased a subscription and is making available to us. This is a website called formed.org. On this website there are programs, videos, books and other resources available which are designed to enhance our Catholic faith.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 7.

The meeting was adjourned with the Miraculous Medal prayer.

Submitted by Betty Gurney, Secretary