

Minutes of the St. Michael's Women's Guild

May 7, 2017

Present: Marie VanHuesen, President, Cristina Francescon, Vice-President, Lynn Vaughan, Treasurer Mary Dessau, Miriam Johnson, Mary Louise Barefoot, Marie Reale, Lucy Zahran, Ivette Vega, Emma Montaldo, Darlene Darling, Wanda Foster, Michelle Gray, Ingrid Franklin, Carol Kannon, MJ Fredette, Fr. Sam (later in the meeting as he was meeting with the men).

The meeting opened at 1:10 pm with the Mary Immaculate prayer.

Treasurer report: Lynn Vaughan stated and inquired about what is the purpose of having a treasurer when she does not know where the money goes, how much of it is in flux etc. Marie VH agreed that this must be rectified. Nevertheless, the dues still need to be recorded. An updated roster of the Ladies Guild with contact info etc. is needed.

Old Business: First communion is next week and it is also Mother's Day. Flowers have been ordered to be distributed to all mothers at Liturgy. Cristina and Marie VH will meet next Saturday to make some kind of flower arrangements that the boys of First Communion will help distribute to the mothers.

Marie VH for Judy Klatt: Event for children in social hall to be scheduled this summer?

Eileen thanked Marie VH, Cristina and Marie R. for the May/Virgin Mary décor in the social hall and the Mary altar in there.

MJ Fredette: Thanked all the women for the things they brought in and especially for their assistance in organizing, pricing, and working the sale. The total sale earned around \$4000.00.

YARD SALE:

MJ confirmed some things to keep in mind: The sale last week was well-organized, everyone was helpful, friendly toward customers, and according to comments, "one of the best sales in Fayetteville". In looking forward to the next sale, however:

1. Perhaps we should price lower? (Some had mentioned that prices were too high but those are usually vendors with booths who want items almost for free so they can make money). However, still some prices might have been lowered after the first hour.
2. There were too many clothes and books and from the beginning they should have been bagged or boxed with a set or flexible price. Perhaps next year we will not accept clothing and books as they are always left over.
3. At the beginning of the sale for the first few hours more volunteers are needed at different points for those just paying a few dollars who want to leave quickly, and more baggers at the front table to help check-out.
4. We also need to be prepared for potential new members of the parish.
5. More security/volunteers on the floor are needed.
6. "Sold" signs should have buyer's name and price.
7. Big ticket items need more visibility and a clearly stated price.
8. The Friday sale for parish members has not been successful and there has been some confusion as to when their payment is due, when to pick up, -especially larger items.

Perhaps set other times during the week before with clear intentions for payment and pick-up?

New Business Marie VH

1. Who would like to decorate the hall? Please let her know if you are interested. There is no need to commit to the whole year. Perhaps per month or season?
2. There will be a graduation cake and cards for Alex Hoadley and Ashley Jenkins on Sunday, May 28. Everyone is invited to bring a card or whatever appropriate.
 - a. Fr. Sam interjected that it is important to recognize graduates from both high school and university. It is very different nowadays to keep youth in the faith with what is going on at universities. (Cristina commented that she certainly can attest to that!). These young people are the future of the Church.
3. Fr. Sam: Swampdogs This year it is on July 19th. \$18.00 for all you can eat-hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and drink. A great deal for food and an evening of fun!
4. NAM: Who is going? Let Marie VH know so she can arrange for all to be seated together at the banquet Sat. evening.

Other business:

Lynn Vaughan requested that the meetings be moved to the third Sunday. This will go through vote, proxy, and quorum.

Closing prayers by Fr. Sam: Hail Mary and remember Fr. Larry in our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Francescon, Phd