

Ladies Guild Meeting

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Present: Marie Van Heusen, Betty Gurney, Freida Fadel, Fr. Sam Najjar, Kathy Criminger, MJ Fredette, Darlene Darling, Mary Louise Barefoot, Wanda Foster, Lucy Zahran, Marie Reale, Ivette Vega, Rosalie Berti, Emma Montaldo, and Cristina Francescon.

Marie Van Heusen, President, called the meeting to order with a reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, verses 4-14 and praying the Miraculous Medal prayer to the Virgin Mary.

The minutes of the last meeting are on the internet.

Treasury – Fr. Sam reported a balance in the treasury of \$3,436.80.

Two prayer blankets were distributed. Tom Piner made a donation of \$100.00 in thanksgiving. Though it is not necessary, donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you Notes: Marie Van Heusen read thank you notes from the following people:

Ashley Jenkins – Graduation

Honey Paoni – Mother's Day gifts and all the Guild does

Grace, a cousin of MJ - Blanket

Old Business:

Monthly meetings: It states in the Bylaws that the Ladies Guild will meet on the second Sunday of the month. Therefore, when necessary to change the day of the meeting, adjustments will be made accordingly. There will not be any changes to the Bylaws

T-Shirt Designs: Judy Klatt is still working on the designs for the T-shirts along with the logo.

New Business:

Memorial Garden: Fr. Sam reported that a garden is being created in memory of Jimmy Monsour. It will be the St. Michael Garden. He has ordered a statue for the garden as well. It should be delivered between August 15 and August 18. The garden will be consecrated on the Feast of St. Michael on November 5.

Surgery: Fr. Sam noted that he will be having cataract surgery on August 22 on his left eye and again on August 31 on his right eye.

Open House: MJ suggested that we have an open house in conjunction with the Museum Festival of Yesteryear again this year. The festival will be held on Saturday, September 9. She suggested various times, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, or 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This will give us a chance to welcome people into our church. MJ made a motion to have an open house in conjunction with the Museum Festival of Yesteryear. Mary Louise Barefoot seconded the motion. There was a vote and the motion carried.

Sprinkler Systems: Emma Montaldo reported on the need to replace the hoses for the sprinkler system. She spoke to someone who stated it would cost approximately \$200.00 to replace the hoses. Emma made a motion to pay for the repair of the sprinkler hoses. Rosalie Berti seconded the motion. There was a vote and the motion carried. The Guild approved a repair amount of up to \$300.00. It was suggested that possible extension of the Mary Garden system to the area of the

St Michael Garden. Emma will have him look and estimate adding that. This work could add to the bill slightly and the Guild will be notified if it does.

Outside Benches: Darlene Darling reported on the need to repair or replace the benches on the outside of the church. She met someone who commented on how he enjoys sitting on the benches outside the church to sit and pray. Since many people in the community enjoy sitting on the benches and meditating, there is a need to look into upgrading and replacing the outside benches. Marie Van Heusen suggested that the Knights may want to help with the cost. Also, there may be a need to have more benches positioned outside the church. Christina suggested making the benches in an Old World design. Christina and MJ will research and come back with ideas and prices. They will also look into purchasing urns for planting.

Landscaping: MJ reported that the landscaping is in need of proper care. She will meet with the company we are under contract with to have the landscaping done properly or there may be a need to contract with a different company. It is imperative that the landscaping be done before the Open House.

Religious Education: Signup for Religious Education will be held on the next two Sundays and the classes will begin on September 6 or September 13. Marie Van Heusen asked for anyone who can help teach or substitute to please volunteer their time.

Bulletin Board: MJ reported that Heather will no longer be able to work on the bulletin board. MJ, Christina, and Marie Reale will form a committee to work on the bulletin board. Anyone who has pictures for the board are welcomed to submit them.

Anniversary Celebration: September 15 will mark the 33rd anniversary of Fr. Sam's ordination. We will celebrate the event with a cake after Liturgy on Sunday September 17th. Marie VanHeusen will contact Monsignor Michael Thomas and Fr Ian VanHeusen to ask if they would be able to offer Mass in celebration of Father's anniversary.

Birthday: We will celebrate Fr. Sam's birthday on October 1, the day of the Parish Picnic. There will be more information coming at the next meeting.

Reminders: Daily liturgy is held Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 am.

The Holy Day Feast of the Assumption Vigil is Monday at 6:30 pm.

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Adoration and Benediction is at 6:30 pm on September 5.

The Rosary will be held on September 9 and 10 before liturgies.

The next Ladies Guild meeting will be held on September 10.

The meeting was adjourned with the Guild praying the Hail Holy Queen prayer.

Submitted by Betty Gurney, Secretary