

Ladies Guild Meeting

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Present: Christina Francescon, Betty Gurney, Fr. Sam Najjar, Kathy Criminger, Mary Louise Barefoot, Marie Reale, Rosalie Berti, Sheila Delahunty, Lynn Vaughn, and Mary Dassau.

Christina 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 reported a balance in the treasury of \$3,586.80.

Old Business:

Open House: Fr. Sam stated that the majority of those who had signed up to be available at the church's open house did not show up. It was suggested that a reminder should have been sent out to those who had volunteered to help. The Guild decided that because of attendance has been low for the last two years; we will suspend having an open house.

Sprinkler System: Fr. Sam reported that the sprinkler system will be installed along the walkway from Mary's Garden to St. Michael's Garden, with a spout on each end. There will be a timer on the system. The person who is installing the sprinkler system will work in conjunction with the landscaper.

Landscape: There has been much work done on the grounds of the church. Fr. Sam will oversee what will be planted in the future, as the landscaping wasn't being properly attended to. People weren't keeping up with what they were planting. There is a lot of work involved in keeping up with the landscaping. Fr. Sam also stated that the neighbor next door to the church, Diane, paid for taking out some roots from a tree that in the future could have damaged both her property and the church's property.

Benches: Christina spoke about the need to replace the benches. She suggested that concrete would be the best kind to purchase. Fr. Sam stated that he has benefactors for the benches. He spoke of the need for brickwork to be done before the benches can be placed. He agreed that concrete benches would be best. It is important to have benches that are durable and affordable. Fr. Sam's neighbors, Bob and Lynn, paid for brickwork that was done at his house.

Thank you cards will be sent to the neighbors who have been very gracious to our parish.

New Business:

Outdoor Mass: Fr. Sam will have a signup sheet for the upcoming outdoor Mass on Sunday, October 1. He will provide the chicken. Plates and silverware will be provided. Everyone must bring their own chairs. Tables will also be provided. Everyone can bring their favorite dish.

Kitchen Supplies: Fr. Sam reminded the Guild that there is a notepad on the refrigerator in the kitchen for making a list of supplies that are needed for the kitchen.

Prayer Pals: Christina reminded everyone to send cards to their prayer pals saying that they are being prayed for and that they are being thought of. Saturday, December 2 is the tentative date for the next Tea.

Religious Education: Religious Education begins on Wednesday, September 13.

Anniversary Celebration: Michelle and Ingrid provided the cake for Fr. Sam's anniversary cake. His anniversary is Friday, September 15.

Pumpkin Carving Party: The pumpkin carving party will be held on Friday, October 17 at 6:00 pm. Each family will bring their own pumpkins.

Feast of St. Maron: The potluck for the Feast of St. Maron will be held on Sunday, November 5 after Liturgy.

Advent/Announcements Family Workshop: This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Foreign Film: Christina spoke about the next foreign film that will be shown at Methodist University. It is entitled "Ida" and it will be shown on Friday, September 22 at 7:00 pm at the Hendricks Science Complex 122. It is about a young woman who is about to take her vows as a nun when she learns from her only relative that she is Jewish. She also suggested that it can also be shown at the church in the future.

Reminders:

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

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

The Rosary will be held on October 7 and 8 before liturgies.

The next Ladies Guild meeting will be held on October 8.

The meeting was adjourned with the Guild praying the Miraculous Medal prayer.

Submitted by Betty Gurney, Secretary