

## **Ladies Guild Meeting**

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Present: Cristina Francescon, Betty Gurney, Fr. Sam Najjar, Kathy Criminger, MJ Fredette, Lynn Vaughan, Lucy Zahran, Sheila Monsour, Mary Louise Barefoot, Carol S. Kannan, Mary Rorke, Darlene Darling, Emma Montaldo, Marie Reale, and Wanda Foster.

Cristina 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 – Lynn Vaughan reported a beginning balance in the treasury of \$3,411.80. There were deposits of \$175.00, interest of \$.26, and an ending balance of \$3,587.06.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Parish landscaping:**

**Sprinkler System:** Emma reported that the estimate for the sprinkler system is \$300.00. This is separate from the St. Michael garden area. The people who are working on the sprinkler system and the landscaping will discuss this further.

**Landscaping:** Fr. Sam reported the landscaping is being done in stages. The next phase will concentrate on the side of the church facing Bradford Avenue. He also spoke of other landscaping needs, such as bushes, trees, and lighting. Daniel, who is doing the landscaping will give an estimate on doing the planter on the other side of the hall. PWC has been contacted concerning the light outside. They will fix it, hopefully in the next few days.

**Interior:** There is an area of the carpeting in the church that needs to be smoothed out. Work also has to be done on the older stained glass windows to clean them and to put protective glass over them.

**House:** Fr. Sam is having someone coming to the house to do some painting.

**Donations:** Fr. Sam spoke about the goodness of people who have donated to the following: St. Michael garden, altar cloths, doors, new benches. Everything has been paid for. God is providing for the needs of the church.

#### **Parish Picnic – After-Action comments:**

Mary Louise spoke about the need to encourage people to stay longer at the picnic. Many people came for the Liturgy, ate, and then left. A discussion followed concerning what can be done, such as games and other activities to get everyone involved.

MJ suggested forming a committee to organize events for the picnic in the future. There will be further discussion concerning these needs in the future.

### **New Business:**

**Pumpkin Carving Party:** The pumpkin carving party will be held on Friday, October 27 at 6:00 pm. Each family will bring their own pumpkins. There was a discussion concerning meal planning. Further information will be provided.

**Feast of St. Michael/Consecration Sunday:** Sunday, November 5. The altar will be adorned with altar cloths on this day. Fr. Sam will dedicate the St. Michael garden. The potluck for the Feast of St. Michael will follow Liturgy. Chicken and a cake will be provided and everyone will bring side dishes. Also, everyone will get a ticket and door prizes will be given. MJ is donating two St. Michael wind chimes.

**Foreign Film:** Cristina announced that the foreign film entitled "Ida" will be shown at the church on Saturday, October 21 following Liturgy. The film 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. Everyone can bring their own meals and snacks will be provided.

### **Religious Education:**

There are over 20 children attending Religious Education on Wednesday nights.

### **Adult Discussion Group:**

The adult discussion group is held on Wednesdays during Religious Education. There is a different discussion each week. MJ will be conducting the discussions this week for Subdeacon Chuck.

### **Bible Study:**

Marie Reale reminded everyone there is a Bible Study group every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30. There is a short film followed by discussion.

### **New Members:**

Fr. Sam announced that there are 3 new couples and a single man have joined the church.

### **Ladies Tea:**

The Ladies Tea will be held on Saturday, December 2 in the hall. The setup time will be from 9:00 to 11:00 and the tea will begin at 11:00. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

### **Prayer Partners:**

A reminder was made to remember to pray for our prayer partners and to send cards periodically during the year.

### **Reminders:**

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

**Adoration and Benediction** is at 6:30 pm on November 7.

**The Rosary** will be held on November 11 and 12 before liturgies.

**The next Ladies Guild meeting** will be held on November 12.

The meeting was adjourned with the Guild praying the Miraculous Medal prayer. Submitted by Betty Gurney, Secretary