

## Ladies Guild Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Present: Marie Van Heusen, Betty Gurney, Cristina Francescon, Fr. Sam Najjar, Kathy Criminger, Mary Rorke, Mary Louise Barefoot, Michelle Gray, Ingrid Franklin, MJ Fredette, Lynn Vaughan, Freida Fadel, Darlene Darling, Marie Reale, Lucy Zahran, Carol Kannan, and Myra Jackson.

Marie Van Heusen, President, opened the meeting with a prayer from St. Gemma Galgani and the Miraculous Medal prayer to the Virgin Mary.

The minutes of the last meeting are on the internet.

A calendar was distributed to the Guild for Parish events in 2018.

**Treasury:** – Dues for the year are \$20.00.

Lynn Vaughan reported a beginning balance in the treasury of \$3,587.06. There was a \$3,000.00 withdrawal which was transferred to the General Account. Fr. Sam explained that all monies belong to the Church. Transfers are made when necessary. The ending balance in the treasury is \$587.29. The Ladies Guild is designed to uplift the church and to do various projects for the church. Any large donations that are made to the church should be brought to Fr. Sam so they can be recorded.

### **Old Business:**

Thank You cards were read from Chris and Peter, who are attending the Maronite Seminary in Washington, D.C. They sent cards thanking the Parish for their gifts at Christmas.

A thank You card was read from the Department of Social Services, thanking the Parish for the holiday gifts that were given to foster children in their program.

### **New Business:**

#### **Maronite Vigil & National March for Life**

Marie Van Heusen attended the Vigil and March for Life in Washington, D.C. Our Lady of Lebanon was the sponsor. She gave a report on the event, which included Adoration, meals, Liturgy and a march. She spoke on the beauty of the event.

**Talents & Treasures:** Marie Van Heusen asked for anyone who would like to help with various needs of the church to please offer your talents, to include decorating, greeters, readers, refreshments, etc. She also asked everyone to greet newcomers and visitors and continue to be welcoming to everyone, ready to explain the Maronite Rite and to answer any questions.

**Refreshments:** A discussion was held concerning refreshments and providing refreshments on a weekly basis rather than on a monthly basis. Fr. Sam suggested creating a list to be placed in the Social Hall and letting people sign up for a week at a time rather than on a monthly basis. This will begin in February.

**Feast of St. Maron:** The feast of St. Maron is on Friday, February 9. There will be a Vigil on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30pm and a Noon mass on Friday, February 9. A potluck feast will be held on Sunday, February 11.

MJ has a signup sheet for setting up, decorating, cleanup, and breaking down tables and chairs for the feast. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for at least one of these times. The setup time will be on Sunday, February 4 following Liturgy and the Knights and Guild meetings. The decorating time will be on Friday, February 9, before and after mass.

Fr. Sam will provide the chicken for the potluck feast. Please bring a potluck meal but no desserts. Marie Van Heusen will provide a cake.

**Cana Sunday:** Cana Sunday is on February 12. Ash Monday is on February 13 with ashes to be distributed at Noon and at 6:30pm.

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** The Lenten suppers will begin on Friday, February 16 following the Stations of the Cross.

**Announcements:**

**Day of Reflection:** Everyone is asked to think of when and where we would like to have the Annual Ladies Day of Reflection. There will be further discussion next month.

**Bible Study Salvation History:** A new study will begin on Monday, February 26 at 6:30pm. This study will include watching a video and a discussion.

**Newsletter:** Emma sent a suggestion to the Guild to create a newsletter of the Ladies Guild meetings, what is happening and what the Guild is planning. The newsletter would be included in the bulletin so all ladies of the parish can see what the Guild is doing and letting them feel they can be a part of the events that are going on in the church.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on the first Sunday in February rather than the second Sunday, due to the Feast of St. Maron. The meeting will be on February 4, 2018.

Submitted by Betty Gurney

Secretary