

Ladies Guild Meeting
Sunday, March 11, 2018

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

Marie Van Heusen, President, opened the meeting with a prayer and the Miraculous Medal Prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting are on the internet.

Treasury:

Lynn Vaughan reported no change in the treasury balance. The balance remains at \$927.29.

Old Business:

Marie Van Heusen reminded the Guild of upcoming dates on the calendar:

There are two Lenten Soup Suppers remaining, March 16 and 23.

Marie Van Heusen will be in Richmond next weekend with the youth at their retreat.

The 2018 Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Parish Hall, beginning at 9:00am. Father Noone will be the speaker and the subject will be “Prayer: Listening to Your Life”. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Ladies Guild will lead the Rosary on Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8.

New Business:

SESOBEL (Update)

We are participating in a fundraiser to help a non-profit group named SESOBEL, it is being coordinated by a member from Fr. Sam's home parish in Atlanta. They are working with “Got Sneakers” collecting shoes to send to Third World countries and refugee centers. They prefer sneakers but will take shoes of all kinds.

All monies collected by SESOBEL goes to help handicapped children in Lebanon.

So far Marie has sent five bags of 30 pairs of shoes per bag. Our goal is to collect 300 pairs of shoes. May is the deadline. We are at the halfway point now. She will be sending another bag out this week.

Marie also encouraged the Guild to collect shoes from outside our parish as well.

Michelle asked where children's clothes can be donated and Marie suggested Catholic Charities takes children's clothing.

Father Sam spoke of our parish and even though we are small, we give whenever a need arises. Many other parishes don't get involved the way we do.

Easter Egg Hunt

Father Sam will ask Michael Gamble if he and his mom would like to plan the Easter Egg Hunt again this year. Marie Reale will go through left over supplies to check how many baskets and eggs we have to begin with.

Palm Sunday

The children will be processing with candles, which they will decorate during their Wednesday night classes. A Maronite tradition is for Palm Sunday to be for the children.

Mass Intentions

Father Sam asked that mass intentions be given to him at least two weeks in advance so he can put them in the bulletin. First Anniversaries and Forty-Day masses always take priority over other requests.

Bible Study

Marie Van Heusen reminded the Guild that bible study is being held on Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Chrism Mass

Father Sam and Father Jack will be going to New York for a Chrism Mass. There will be no liturgies the week of March 19. They are both scheduled to return on March 22.

Films

A Lebanese film entitled “Caramel” will be shown on Friday, April 13 at Methodist University. There will be flyers in the Social Hall.

Another Lebanese film entitled “The Insult” was shown at the Cameo Theater. It is about a conflict between a Lebanese man and a Palestinian man. Father Sam went to see the film and recommended it as a film to be shown in the Social Hall. Christine will get a copy of it and a time will be announced when it will be shown.

Saint Patrick Students

On Wednesday, March 14, the sixth graders from St. Patrick’s School will be coming to Archangel Michael Church for their Day of Reflection. Father Sam encouraged all who can attend to come to liturgy at 9:00am.

Marie Van Heusen closed the meeting with a prayer and the Miraculous Medal Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Sunday, April 8, 2018.

Submitted by Betty Gurney
Secretary