

Ladies Guild Meeting

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Present: Marie Van Heusen, Betty Gurney, Mary Louise Barefoot, Lynn Vaughan, Freida Fadel, Darlene Darling, Mary Rorke, Marie Reale, Lucy Zahran, M.J. Fredette, Patti Reynolds, and Carol Kannan.

Marie Van Heusen, President, opened the meeting with the St. Jude Thanksgiving Prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting are on the internet.

Treasury:

Lynn Vaughan gave a beginning balance of \$1,027.36. \$330.00 was added from the sale of jewelry at the Yard Sale which leaves an ending balance of \$1,357.36.

Calendar:

Rosary – Marie encouraged everyone to participate with leading the parish in praying the Rosary. Next month the Rosary will be on December 8 and 9.

Ladies Guild Tea – The Tea will be held on December 15 at 11:00am.

Children's Christmas Liturgy

The children's Liturgy will be on December 24 at 5:00 pm.

Christmas Liturgy will be on December 25 at 10:30am.

Old Business:

Yard Sale

Marie Van Heusen has asked for feedback concerning the sale to see how everyone liked it and for ways to improve it if needed. She mentioned Emma Montaldo was very helpful in bringing items to the sale.

Ladies Guild Annual Tea

It was decided after some discussion that there will not be a theme this year, but for those who are decorating a table to decorate as they wish.

The following ladies have volunteered to decorate a table:

- (1) Mary Louise and Lynn
- (2) Marie Reale, Lucy and Carol
- (3) Marie VanHeusen
- (4) Darlene, MJ and Freida
- (5) Wanda Foster? (Marie VH will ask her if she wants to do this again ☺)

Wanda will provide the tea.

There was a discussion concerning those women who have young children. The tea is for the ladies, but Marie Van Heusen suggested that we should make sure that all women feel welcome

to attend the tea. It is difficult for women with young children to come to the meetings, but they should feel welcome to belong to the Guild and come to the tea. Marie will send an email inviting all women to feel welcome to join the Guild. She also encouraged the ladies to speak to the women of the church themselves and invite them.

Darlene suggested having events during the year other than the tea where women could come and bring their children. There may be further discussion concerning this idea.

**The annual dues will be collected at the Tea. The dues are \$20.00.

It was decided at the last meeting not to have prayer partners this coming year. Instead we are all encouraged to be aware of our sister Guild members and keep each other in our prayers throughout the year! For next year's Tea the ladies will each bring a gift, the gifts will be numbered, and the ladies will pick a gift with the corresponding number.

We will present Fr. Sam with a Christmas gift from the Guild (a Macy's gift card) at the Tea.

Angel/Giving Tree

Thank you to Cristina for heading up the Angel Tree. She is working with the DSS Foster Care Program. The gifts this year are being given to individual children. The gifts are to be wrapped with the ornament label on them, before they are brought back to the church. It is essential that they be brought back NLT Sunday, December 2. Cristina has arranged for the DSS to pick up the gifts at St Michaels on Monday December 3rd.

New Business

Open House/Poe House Holiday Jubilee

Our church will have an Open House in conjunction with the Poe House Jubilee. The hours will be from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Marie Van Heusen suggested making homemade cookies for the event. Lemonade will also be provided. The Tour of Homes is also being held that day. Fliers will be at the Museum and Marie will check to see if fliers can be made available for those going on the Tour of Homes. Marie also asked for volunteers at the church for the Open House. She will send out an email for volunteers.

Children's Holiday Shopping Store

Items are needed for the Children's Store. In the past we have used items kept back from the Yard Sale, but this year we really didn't have anything. We discussed continuing with this tradition by having each member bring two items for the store. There was a discussion about number of items needed and who the children could shop for i.e. Moms and Dads, not siblings and extended families. Lynn made a motion to spend \$100.00 for purchasing items for the table. Mary Louise seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion carried. Marie will shop for items. The store will be open two Sundays December 9 and December 16, following Liturgy. Children will be allowed to pick out one gift each for moms and dads only.

Holiday Store for Parishioners

MJ suggested having decals made for our vehicles advertising our church. She has asked Fr. Sam and he has approved of this idea. Fr. Sam also wants to have note cards made up to be sold in packs with pictures of our church on them. These can be made available for the holidays as well as throughout the year.

Ladies Guild Officers

Cristina has spoken to Marie Van Heusen concerning how demanding her job is and that she would not be able to take on the office of President alone. She said she would like someone who would be able to share the office with her. Wanda has been asked to co-chair this office. They are both in prayer about this. Marie wants to have a slate of officers in place to vote on before the Tea. The names she has suggested are:

President – Cristina and Wanda, co-chairs

Secretary – Kathy Crimminger

Treasurer – Marie Van Heusen

There was a discussion concerning the Vice-President and Marie will speak to Cristina and Wanda about this position and there will be further discussion at the Tea.

It was also decided that the terms of office will be 1 year instead of 2 years and that the Vice-President position shouldn't be necessarily expected to move into the position of President the following year.

Hall and Church Decorations

The Hall will be decorated after Liturgy on November 25.

The Church will be decorated on Thursday, December 6. 6:30pm is the tentative time.

New garland is being purchased and new lights will also be needed. Lynn made a motion that the Ladies Guild will purchase lights. Mary Louise seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Table Decorations in the Hall

Marie Van Heusen will decorate the tables for the month of December through Epiphany. Anyone who would like to help decorating in the months following is encouraged to volunteer.

Marie Van Heusen led the Guild in closing prayer with the Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Submitted by Betty Gurney,

Secretary