

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday, January 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM. As Marie VanHeusen and Cristina Francescon were both away this weekend, Wanda Foster presided over the meeting and began with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer. There were no Minutes from December.

Attendees were Wanda Foster, Patti Reynolds, Freida Fadel, Darlene Darling, Ingrid Franklin, Heidi Creed, Adrienne Stoeckley (first time attending), MJ Fredette, Emma Montaldo, Mary Louise Barefoot, Lynn Vaughan, Mary Rorke, Carol Kannan and Kathy Criminger.

Lynn Vaughan gave the Treasurer's report as furnished by Father Sam: \$1357.36 last balance for November 2018, addition of \$40.00 dues collected in December, \$182.00 donations from Christmas, \$50.00 K of C donation for Children's Christmas Shop with expenditures as follows: \$100.00 for items purchased for Children's Christmas Shop, \$50.00 for Father Sam's Christmas gift from the Guild, \$60.00 for two gifts for Angel Tree from the Guild and \$170.00 for Ladies Guild annual Christmas Tea leaving final balance for 2018 for Ladies Guild of \$1249.36. A question was asked by Adrienne why the Guild did not have its own separate account and Wanda explained that in our situation we do not. Our funds are deposited to a savings account that belongs to the church but it is under Father Sam's discretion on control of funds.

Emma Montaldo collected dues from the members who submitted checks and cash.

First item on the agenda for today's meeting was for the election of officers for 2019 for the Ladies Guild but Wanda had researched in our bylaws and found we needed a quorum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members to be present to elect new officers. We have 26 ladies on our roster and deducting for two inactive members, 24 is our official number so we needed 18 members present to have elections and we were four short. So, the voting is tabled until our next meeting. But, Wanda said it had been mentioned that we might want to consider electing for one year term going forward if that would entice members to serve. When she was elected as the Guild's first president, she assumed it was for a one year period but by the end of the first year she was surprised to learn it was a two year term and that has been the tradition since then. But going forward, we can continue with two year terms or move to one year terms. Wanda said her tenure was only possible because she had good help from us and that is what we need for a successful organization. She also said there have been some whispers about why do we need a Ladies Guild but it is a nice way to plan what we want to happen and to co-ordinate. Wanda feels it is definitely a good thing to have.

Christina Francescon is the current Vice President and the Vice President normally moves up the President but with the demands of her work schedule at Methodist, she has decided her responsibilities there prevent her from taking this on. So, we will be looking to fill 4 vacancies: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Marie VanHeusen has nominated Lynn Vaughan and Lynn said if no one else will commit, she will consider. Marie also nominated Kathy Criminger for secretary and I will consider as well if no one else is interested. Marie VanHeusen also said she would volunteer to be Treasurer. Wanda said we will have to recruit enough members to come in to vote for the officers. It is an important job but no one has to do all on their own.

New Business

- Maronite Vigil & National March for Life – Washington, DC – January 17 and 18
- Gift Bags for Seminarians: Items due NLT Sunday, February 3
- Feast of St. Maron: Potluck Luncheon on February 10, 2019 (MJ said Father Sam will have a sign-up sheet out at church starting next week) and we will adjust our next Ladies Guild Meeting to the first Sunday in February so there will be no conflict

Ash Monday – March 4, 2019

Lenten Soup Suppers Begin on March 8

MJ said she had spoken to Father Sam and the last Sunday in January (27) he will offer the Mass for the Ladies Guild. Darlene mentioned at her previous church when they had a Mass for the Ladies Guild the ladies all sat together in the first couple of rows and it was a nice show of solidarity.

Meeting was closed at 12:35 with a recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Submitted by Kathy Criminger