

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – March 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Vaughan at 12:07 pm with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer. Other attendees were Kathy Criminger, Patti Reynolds, Loredana Marciano, M. J. Fredette, Wanda Foster, Sheila Monsour, Marie VanHeusen, Rosalie Berti, Mary Rorke, Freida Fadel, Darlene Darling and Ingrid Franklin.

February minutes were read by Kathy Criminger. Marie VanHeusen gave the Treasurer's Report. We had a beginning balance of \$1429.36; she collected \$80.00 in dues last month; Tom Piner gave the Ladies Guild \$100.00 as a thank you for the prayer blanket he received and she sold two wall holy water fonts from the display case for \$20.00 bringing our ending balance to \$1629.36.

Old Business

We welcomed a visitor, Loredana Marciano, who may join the Guild. Her daughter sings in the choir and he son is the altar boy on Sundays.

Father Sam reported on the first Lenten Soup Supper for this season and he said it was good so far. We had ample food and as long as it stays that way, it will be good. Attendance for the Stations was good. Next Friday the kids will be gone to Richmond for youth conference so attendance may be less. Kevin will come up from Ft. Lauderdale to go with our kids. It is always good to have kids participate as the little kids pay attention when the older kids are participating. The next Soup Supper both M.J. and Marie VanHeusen will not be here so a volunteer would be needed to help set up.

Father Sam mentioned that Paul who does our cleaning has been a bit sporadic on his schedule and he has asked him to go back to the Thursday schedule like before to keep everything functioning better.

Ladies Day of Reflection – Lynn said the day of reflection will be Saturday, April 6 and we will start at 9:30. Fr. Sam is preparing for a talk of 35-40 minutes and is getting his materials together now – handouts. The topic will be The Eucharist. It will be nice after that to break off into small groups for discussion. Father Sam will see where we are coming from. Then we will have lunch and not have a structured afternoon – just get together and talk about what we discussed earlier. One suggestion was to ask Father to hear confessions. M.J. Asked if the only attendees would be ladies and Father Sam said it was open to all the ladies of the parish and not just the Ladies Guild members, but ladies only. Darlene made a suggestion of having background music during discussion. A list was started and passed around for those who plan to attend. Several ladies were not here this meeting so their names can possibly be added. Marie VanHeusen will type up a list and names can be added.

Rosalie asked if we have an updated list of parishioners and phone numbers. Fr. Sam said he will have Emma update list and delete those no longer coming here. Fr. Sam said he needs to know if we have made changes in addresses and/or phone numbers. He may put that in next week's bulletin.

Wanda collected some things for Cristina's international students and they were much appreciated.

New Business

Marie VanHeusen and Father Sam made up new calendars for the year. A suggestion was made that maybe we could have quarterly ladies gatherings – maybe a lunch, or getting together for tea somewhere, even a movie, or read a book and then discuss or just have a subject to talk about to help

pull us together. We will have to work out convenient time. Maybe we could sit together for a Mass and coordinate that with Father Sam.

Another idea was that we might have a Lebanese dinner. We could get together and roll grape leaves like we used to and then on another occasion do kibbie. Father said as soon as Rosalie's grape leaves are ready, he can pick them. A timeline would be somewhere in May or June – maybe summer. Just keep this in mind and we will look at some dates and ask for a volunteer to head that up – there should be lots of help.

Lynn asked for ideas on how the Guild can help Father and the parish with fundraising ideas because the church needs to have the ceiling painted, the St. Patrick's window needs cleaning and a new protective cover. Father Sam will get in touch with Mr. Pakell about the windows (the one in the Sanctuary also needs work. The bulletproof glass is supposed to be clear and we can't appreciate them as they are now. Father Sam will need to get pricing, but he doesn't want us to think that the Guild was founded, or its primary goal is for fundraising. He wants it to be so we can come together. Ever since he came here, everything has been done as a Parrish. He does appreciate the concern over the painting. He said we are behind \$7500 from last year and he has to take from Peter to pay Paul. We are a transient parish, but our young couples are very generous! If one of these young kids gets transferred, those donations are gone too. We have been very fortunate to have had the nest egg from the sale of the Bragg Boulevard property but that is dwindling.

Father Sam said the month of May will be a busy month. First Sunday will be May Crowning with 8 Confirmations and both the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild will meet as the second Sunday is Mother's Day and First Communion.

Father Sam invited us to join in on Monday night, March 11th, for the first of Lenten videos and discussion groups – subject No Greater Love - as something we can do together during Lent. We will watch a 30-minute video, this week's topic is the Prayer of the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. The entire video and discussion will be 60 – 75 minutes max in small groups. Father will be able to see where we are mentally. This subject was an entire semester of theology, but he will abridge it.

Father Sam will be having two procedures done on April 2nd, endoscopy and colonoscopy, and asks for our prayers.

Wanda Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 and it was seconded by Mary Rorke. Lynn closed the meeting and led with the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Submitted by Kathy Criminger