

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – June 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Vaughn, at 12:15 pm with a recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer. The other attendees were Mary Joan Hahn, Patti Reynolds, Ingrid Franklin, Rosalie Berti, Marie Reale, Emma Montaldo, Marie VanHeusen, Mary Louise Barefoot, Heidi Creaf, Mary Rorke, Freida Fadel, Betty Gurney, Darlene Darling, Adrienne Stoeckley and Father Sam Najjar.

April minutes were read by Mary Joan Hahn as Kathy Criminger was unable to attend. No changes or additions were made. Minutes were approved as read. Marie VanHeusen gave treasurer report

Previous Balance was \$\$1,629. Expenditure of \$60 was paid out for the Ladies Day of Reflection, \$20 dues was collected from Adrienne: Final balance for the Ladies Guild is \$1,589.

Old Business

Father Sam remarked on the Lebanese movie mentioned in the April minutes. Father and a few other guild members saw this movie in the theater, but he expressed we need to be careful what movies we offer for viewing at the church. The movie was well done and relevant but not for church.

Father Sam went over some important dates on the calendar: Swamp Dogs Night - July 17th (he is just looking for numbers at this time), St Michael's Outdoor Liturgy and Parish Picnic – September 22nd, and finally, Parish Yard Sale – October 19th.

Yard Sale: Ladies discussed and decided that we definitely will proceed with plans for a yard sale and that going forward we need to encourage donations and start collecting items. Emma promises to be bringing many items from Charlotte ☺ It was suggested that we not wait till the week or two before the Yard Sale to begin sorting and organizing donated items. Perhaps ladies can begin gathering a few weekdays per month to begin. Rosalie Berti recommended conducting a raffle of “High Priced”

Items with advance tickets available for sale for months leading up to the Sale culminating with the drawing held the day of the Yard Sale. Rosalie offered to donate an item, but Father Sam pointed out that we have several such items in the safe. We looked at them and decided to get everything appraised. Once we have a valid appraisal Lynn Vaughan and Marie VH offered to create flyers and tickets to be sold by the ladies. This will be just a couple top valued items to ensure optimum value of ticket sales. Rosalie pointed out that the idea is to sell to people we know in the community generating interest and excitement about our Parish Yard Sale. We decided to sell tickets for \$1 ea.

New Approach to Sunday Refreshments: Marie Reale reported on what has been done for the summer (thanks to MJ for creating sign up sheets posted in the hall). Marie worries that tracking weekly hosting may be difficult. This was discussed and for at least the summer we will continue with this method. MJ pointed out that the sign-up sheets should be placed in a better spot on Sundays to be more visible and that it should be announced better. Mary Louise suggested that Father Sam could make an occasional announcement in the Hall during refreshment time pointing out where the sign-up sheets are.

Greeters: Father Sam mentioned the importance of the role of our Liturgy Greeters. They are not there to just give out bulletins . . . making sure visitors and newcomers feel welcomed and understand our Maronite Liturgy is the true purpose. Both Fr. Sam and Lucy mentioned that many parishes do not give out their bulletins till the end of liturgy. Father recommended this option going forward. We also

discussed the need for everyone to be aware of newcomers, helping them as much as we can so that they can participate to the fullest in our liturgy.

Aladdin: We are moving forward with plans to attend this movie with Fr. Sam on Wednesday June 19th 1PM at the Market Fair Theater.

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Sunshine Committee: Lynn presented her vision to develop and create a special committee, whose primary role is to coordinate efforts to reach out to parishioners who are experiencing situations that may isolate them (for example hospitalizations, being homebound or impairing injuries.) The hope is that the Sunshine Committee could coordinate with Fr Sam to provide meals, visitations and/or rides to appts for our fellow parishioners in need. The key is that this would need to be coordinated through Fr. Sam. Both Darlene and Father talked about ensuring whether someone is at a point where they want visitors or perhaps has special dietary needs and preferences etc. Adrienne asked if this could also apply to new mothers. She remembered how exhausted she was coming home with a new baby. Definitely a great part of this committee. Lynn asked if anyone was interested in heading this effort. She then shared that Marie VH is willing to do this and that she will help to get this started. MJ offered to help with delivery of meals (our own Meals on Wheels.) Lynn and Marie will work on a plan and have sign-up sheets next month identifying anyone who is interested in helping in one way or another.

Marie Reale motioned for meeting to adjourn at 1:05 and Emma seconded. Lynn closed the meeting and led the recitation of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Submitted by Marie VanHeusen on behalf of Kathy Criminger