

Ladies Guild Minutes

Sunday – September 8, 2019

Lynn Vaughan, President, opened the meeting at 12:08 pm with the Miraculous Medal Prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Kathy Criminger.

Treasurer's Report

Marie VanHeusen was not present today and Father Sam said he has not worked his way through three week's mail yet. Lynn said Marie Reale had turned in \$33.00 for a deposit from the sale of religious items.

Old Business

Open House

MJ gave an update on the Open House we held in conjunction with the museum next door and said it was a very significant one and we had between 25 – 30 people and it was really great. It was about the best we have had. Two families came through who asked a lot of questions about our church, the liturgy hours and seemed interested in coming back. Instead of cookies we offered more of a Middle Eastern spread – Baklava and other pastries and tea. It's good when we partner with next door. It goes well and the church music really added a nice ambience. Jessica and Darlene helped, and both thought it was a good turnout and thought the music added. Darlene added that one soldier who was not Catholic knew who St. Michael was and appreciated seeing the statue outside. MJ suggested we could fine tune for the next time and have people a little more like docents and maybe hand out pamphlets and maybe know just a line or two about the different saints. Warren even had a question or two about St. Sharbel. Father Sam said St. Sharbel was adopted by the Latin rite. Also, Father Sam said the one thing that really struck people was the window! The image in a picture and the colors that illuminate the whole church are really very nice compared to what you will see in a lot of churches.

Father Sam added a side note about the history of our rite and said when the greeters notice the flyers that we give out to new people get down to a low amount, please notify him or Emma so they can print some more up.

Quarterly Events

Cristina said the movie that was scheduled for last Friday, the 6th, was rescheduled to this coming Friday, the 13th, due to the weather.

Picnic

Marie Reale has 24 gifts wrapped and ready for prizes for picnic games. We will have a soft Frisbee, 2 corn hole games, relay races, plastic ball and bat, egg toss and bubbles. MJ said we could do 50/50 tickets the week before the picnic and then also at the picnic. She has two \$25.00 gift cards that can be used – Father Sam suggested as door prizes – one from Lowes and one from Barnes & Nobles. Nice flyers for the picnic were handed out with the bulletins at church today. Patti suggested maybe the Knights could handle the 50/50 and Emma said maybe Father Sam could put that in the bulletin. Father Sam did check with the Knights today and they have agreed to handle the 50/50 tickets. MJ said we are ready for the picnic but still need volunteers for the clean up afterwards and Patti suggested we may need volunteers to help assist with the games. We will play it by ear and see. Father Sam has family coming for the picnic and Lynn said we really need to know by next Sunday how many because the pig has to be ordered and the size is determined by how many will be fed. And to clarify, Father Sam will still have the Saturday Liturgy the day before the picnic.

Yard Sale

MJ made up a sign-up sheet and passed around so people can indicate availability before the day of the sale to help with sorting and tagging, etc. and for the date of the sale and for the packing up and clean up after. It was discussed that it seemed to work well in the past to have departments and we can have people pick where they would like to help or be floaters. We will also have 3 shifts so everyone can decide when they can help. MJ also mentioned we don't have too much stuff yet and Lynn said we can encourage our friends and neighbors to donate. But, MJ reminded us to please make sure what we are given in donations is already cleaned up before bringing it in. We will still need a sorting week prior to the sale (maybe the week after the picnic) and MJ will have a sign-up sheet for that. She will be gone for two weeks before the sale and just return the week before the sale, so she is looking for co-chair and fill-in, needs someone to step up to the plate. And we need a PR person for advertising in newspapers, flyers, getting information out to churches.

Sunshine Committee

Lynn checked with Marie VanHeusen and was told that Marie has spoken to Casey and right now what she seems to need is just to talk. Cristina has broken her ankle and is on crutches right now. Freida will send a card and also send one to Heidi, who has had surgery. Lynn said just let us know when someone has a need. We have a good start on it.

New Businesses

Donation Jar

Darlene had made a suggestion of having the donation jar on the snack table before you head down the line and it was there but empty. She said sometimes just having a dollar or two in it helps remind people to make a donation. Marie Reale said she talked to Father about reminding people to donate. MJ mentioned she could make up sign-up sheets for the weekly snack volunteers and Mary Louise said she wouldn't mind if we used that method for greeters to start with December as she has a list through November. MJ said we need a designated area in the Hall for that and might need to rearrange a little to get a good spot for that.

Holiday Cookie Sale

Lynn has a friend in a small church who was telling Lynn about a fund raiser that started small and has really grown and turned out well for them. It's a holiday cookie sale and they take preorders for cookies and they make up trays of different cookies and wrap and sell for \$10.00 for Christmas. Pros and cons were discussed but we took a vote to see who might want to volunteer to bake and who might want to volunteer to plate and wrap. It seems we would have enough of each and can give it a go. We can take preorders or just make them and sell them. We can see if it's worth repeating.

December Open House

MJ said the Poe House right down from the church has an Open House scheduled in December and we may want to consider trying to coordinate with them and have another Open House at our church.

Lynn closed the meeting at 1:05 with the recitation of The Hail Mary.

Presented by Kathy Criminger