

Ladies Guild Minutes

Sunday –November 17, 2019

Present: Annette Rodriguez-Vega, Mary Louise Barefoot, Carol Kannan, Kimberly Phelan, Jade Morescal (Kim's daughter), Betty Gurney, Mary Rorke, Freida Fadel, Darlene Darling, Wanda Foster, Father Sam, Lynn Vaughan, and Kathy Criminger.

Lynn Vaughan, President, opened the meeting at 12:10 pm with the Miraculous Medal Prayer.

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

Old Business

Yard Sale

Father Sam said we made \$3500.00 as people kept adding to it. There is a question, however. We do not know what happened to the large commercial mixer. No one specifically recalls who purchased it or for how much. Further tracking will be required to get to the bottom of that.

Greeters

The ladies were reminded that we still need greeters for December. Mary Louise said right now we may be covered except for one week.

New Business

Christmas decorating for the church and the Hall date needs to be set. Father Sam will let us know because we need to coordinate with Frances; and he will check with her when he returns after Thanksgiving. Marie Reale said we can do the Hall the Sunday after Thanksgiving, which will be December 1st. We can hang garlands and wreaths and do the chandelier. We will also hang two wreaths outside. Father Sam said the inside is usually done around the 10th or so.

Kids Store

Marie VanHeusen has set up the tables already for the kids store but we need stuff! We didn't save anything from the yard sale; it was all packed up and picked up. We need to start gathering so we can start the week after next. The items will be for the children to select for their mom and dad and perhaps a grandparent. Marie Reale said she needs 3 people behind each table each week and one of those will be wrapping. Marie VanHeusen usually picks up the men's stuff. Items for women could be ornaments, scarves or things like that. If anyone would like to donate items, please do so and start bringing things in so we can operate the store on the 1st, 8th and 15th. If we have a lot leftover, we can consider going on the 22nd as well. Lynn is passing around a sheet for volunteers for gifts/tables.

Christmas Party or Tea

Options were discussed regarding moving the date from December, which is a busy time for everybody, to possibly February. Father Sam pointed out that February will be busy as well as we have a visit by the Bishop scheduled and the St. Maron's Luncheon, in addition to the usual

activities. It was decided that we will continue as a December event with the date set to Saturday, December 7, from 11:00 –1:00. Everybody will bring a gift ranging from \$10.00 -\$15.00. So, if you bring a gift, you can select a gift. The menu was discussed and Wanda Foster, who was our first Guild president, said it was her idea to have a tea but she felt the time had come to try something different. So, we will serve coffee and tea and maybe apple cider for the beverage. The Guild funds the food and we will have appetizer type foods and try to keep things simple so we can enjoy the occasion and each other.

Angel Tree Gifts

Christina was supposed to get the names for the tree and will have them here by next week. We will have a book as we have in the past to record the names and who selected. We will have a shorter turn-around time this year, but we should still be able to keep up the tradition. Mary Louise offered to keep an eye on the tree on Wednesday to make sure the younger children don't pull names off the tree and Father Sam can announce for parent to make sure their kids don't pull the names off.

Cookie Sale

Marie Reale said the sale dates would be the 1st, 8th and 15th; so the plating and wrapping would need to be done the Saturdays before each of those dates. Lynn passed around a sign-up sheet so people could volunteer to either bake or wrap. We will offer \$10.00 trays and see if \$5.00 trays are good sellers as well and then decide the sizes we will offer the other two weeks.

Nominations for 2020 Officers

Father Sam recommended that before we offer a nomination that we first check with the person being nominated to make sure she is agreeable to serving. We will vote at our next meeting.

Father Sam showed us gift bags that will be donated to the Cancer Center at Cape Fear's Main Campus in the name of the Ladies Guild. On his visits for his treatments, he has noticed that other organizations provide snacks and things for the patients and it is a very thoughtful idea. Darlene helped by putting smiley face stickers on the small bags with handles which will hold snacks, cross and they will take 30 bags tomorrow. We could do this a couple of different times during the year. Father Sam does not want anything with our phone number because we are not soliciting –we are just making a nice gesture. Father Sam said there is a special one for Dawn Hurley. Father Sam will be visiting Ingrid Franklin after our meeting and checking on her. He asked for prayers for Dawn Hurley and all of our parishioners who need prayers at this time.

Mary Louise motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mary Rorke. Meeting was closed with a Hail Mary.

Presented by Kathy Criminger