

## **LADIES GUILD MEETING**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

**PRESENT:** M.J. Fredette, Jessica Guerrero, Betty Gurney, Freida Fadel, Darlene Darling, Patti Reynolds, Wanda Foster, Lucy Zahran, Lynn Vaughan, Connie Reidlinger, Mary Louise Barefoot, Emma Montaldo, Yvette Vega, Marie Van Heusen, Ingrid Franklin, Robin Tally, and Adrienne Stockley.

M.J., President, opened the meeting with the Miraculous Medal Prayer.

### **PASTORS COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Day of Reflection** – Saturday, March 21, 9am – 1pm. This is open to everyone in the Parish. Fr. Jack will give the presentation “From Start to Finish: Boot Camp for the Soul”

**Priests Retreat** – March 23. Fr. Sam will be attending this retreat in Fort Lauderdale. He will leave on March 22 and return on March 27 or 28. This will be his last retreat. He will be retiring as of June 1.

**Parish Trustees** – Fr. Sam met with the trustees. The annual financial report was sent to the Eparchy.

**Letter from the Eparchy** – Bishop Gregory sent a letter concerning the Coronavirus. At this time there will not be any changes in the way the Liturgy is conducted.

**Youth Retreat** – The Youth Retreat will be held on March 27 – 29 in Richmond.

**Baptism** – Adrienne’s baby, Lucy Ann, will be baptized on March 29. The family will be contacted to see if they would like a cake at the refreshments hour.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the meetings will only be distributed to the members of the Ladies Guild from now on. They will be available at the meetings as well. There was a discussion as to whether this is a good idea or not, but the decision stands that only Guild members will receive the minutes.

**Information Table** – There is a table in the Social Hall displaying some of the ministries within the Ladies Guild and inviting the women of the Parish to join.

**Souper Bowl** – The change from the Souper Bowl collection will be added up and given to Operation In As Much.

**Prayer Blankets** – A thank you letter was read regarding a prayer blanket that was given to the grandson of friends of Father Jack and two of our parishioners. The family included a \$200.00 donation to the Church. Fr. Sam was given a blanket from the Cancer Center upon completion of his treatments and he will bring it to church for the parishioners to pray over it.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

A correction was made to the Treasurer's Report. It was reported last month that the Treasury had a balance of \$500.00. The Report should have read as follows:

Beginning balance: \$500.00  
Dues: \$340.00  
Ending balance: \$842.00

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Sunshine Committee**

- a) Two meals were delivered to Adrienne and her family as well as a gift card from Kohl's. An example of a card was shown that will be available for expectant families to fill out for help with meals, etc.
- b) Fr. Sam should be notified when someone is sick and is in need of help from the Parish. Marie Van Heusen, the Sunshine Committee Chair also offered to be a contact for people who request a visit or other needs.
- c) A sheet was passed around for those who would like to sign up to cook or deliver meals, or visit with families. It is encouraged to be sensitive to people's needs.
- d) Discussion took place on funeral mercy meals being part of and coordinated by the Sunshine Committee. A situation was discussed where a mercy meal was coordinated with the family, delivered and set up at a local funeral home because the social hall was not available.

### **Greeters, Readers, Refreshments**

There was a discussion as to how to remind people of their time to be greeters and to provide refreshments. It was suggested that a small workshop can be available to those who want to read so they can know the guidelines, which will also be printed. An announcement can be made from the altar before Liturgy announcing who the reader will be that day. A schedule can also be posted for greeters and readers. It was suggested that those who are new to providing refreshments have help in preparing and serving from those who have done this in the past.

### **Day of Reflection**

The Day of Reflection is Saturday, March 21. There will be coffee and pastry served from 9:00 to 9:30 in the Social Hall, followed by the presentation by Fr. Jack in the Church. Lunch will be provided following the presentation, which is entitled "From Start to Finish: Boot Camp for the Soul". There will be a need for 2 or 3 ladies to help set up and to help clean up afterwards.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Bylaws**

A committee will be formed to go over the Ladies Guild Bylaws and to update the ministries of the Parish. It was suggested that past presidents and vice presidents consider being a part as well as any other members.

### **Fundraising**

The Ladies are being asked to think of fundraisers for this year. It was suggested to have a 50/50 and a raffle that could be held on Palm Sunday.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday. The teens will be helping with this event. The ladies are being asked to bring a bag of individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. The eggs and baskets will be provided.

### **Celebration**

There was a discussion concerning a celebration for Fr. Sam for his retirement. The Knights and Ladies will combine to prepare for the celebration. Fr. Sam asked that it is kept simple with a pot luck following Liturgy. His retirement date is June 1 and his last Liturgy may be on May 17.

### **Open Discussion**

A suggestion was made to design a new church logo for t-shirts. All ideas are welcome. The ideas will be open to the Parish.

The next Ladies Guild meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19.

MJ closed the meeting with a beautiful Stewardship Prayer. Copies were distributed.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Gurney