

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY MINUTES

MAY 13, 2024

Ongoing Business

President Lorna Gallogly called the meeting to order at 9:25. 24 members were present. We began with prayers for all intentions, and the Consecration to Mary prayer.

Lorna thanked all those who have helped with recent funeral dinners. She next reported that the revised cleaning instructions, given to us by Katie Waltke, will be read at the June meeting, and will also be sent in a Flock Note. New electric Swiffers will be used to clean between pews when needed. When the books in the pews are straightened, throw out any Welcome cards that are badly scribbled on. Katie has more to replace them in our cleaning cabinet. Rosie requested help with cleaning this week, as she will be out of town after today. Several women volunteered to help. Rosie also shared that she talked with Katie about spots on the pews from Holy Water sprinkled during Holy Week. Community service people will be asked to help cleaning these after Pentecost.

Minutes were read by Susan Schneider and approved after a few corrections.

New member officer Patricia Geise introduced new members Jana Watkins and Sally ----- . Patricia also reported that she has names of other women whom she will call to invite to join ARS. She also requested that we let her know of any others who may be interested. Lastly, she mentioned that the Women's Care Center of NE Indiana needs donations of small items to be put in a "Treasure Chest" as small rewards for women attending parenting classes there. A flyer was sent around with ideas of items, if anyone wants to donate. There was no new correspondence to us in the past month.

Treasurer's report was given by Lorna in the absence of Rose Nelson. We currently have \$7,394.35 left after we have fulfilled all the commitments for donations up until now.

New Business: Upcoming events

Father Osman's Birthday celebration: The Knights will set up tables this Saturday morning. Help is needed for table decorations and tablecloths. Lorna met with Julissa Reyes to discuss food. It was decided to have primarily heavy appetizers, brought by both the English and Hispanic communities. There will also be a cake. In future, both communities will meet to coordinate who will be doing what for special events.

Agape Dinner, May 21 at 6 PM: Marilyn asked for 4 volunteers to help in serving food for the dinner. Patricia Geise, Rose Nelson, Mary Ann Thompson, and Bonnie Groosbeck will help. Food will be provided by Caruso's Restaurant. Tables will be set up after Mass that morning. The Parish Council decided that 2 people at each table will be asked to bring the food for their table when it is served up. All attendees are asked to help with clean-up of tables after the dinner.

The Eucharistic Procession will be happening on June 2 after the 10 AM Mass. Father Osman asked Altar Rosary to provide individual bags of chips and fresh fruit cups. Volunteers were asked to bring bowls of fruit, others to help dish it up into small cups, also to put on tablecloths and decorate the tables. A Flock Note will be sent about this.

Dinner for celebration of Father Antonio's Birthday/Farewell party will be held on St. Anthony's Feast Day, Thursday June 13 after a 5PM Mass. No morning Mass that day. Lorna discussed this dinner with Julissa also. The Hispanic community will provide fried chicken, made by the Amish, which we previously enjoyed at Father Raul's Birthday party. We will bring side dishes, they will also. The Hispanics will also provide a Triple Leche cake. Su Homan will make a cake. A sheet was passed around for volunteering with food and help with tables to be set up.

Rummage Sale: Set-Up of tables, etc. will be done as usual by the Knights of Columbus on June 20 and 21; collections begin Saturday the 22. Volunteers needed to chair the unpacking and distribution of donated items in

the Butler Building on Wednesdays and Fridays. Patricia Geise and Carol Kent volunteered for Wednesdays, Susan Schneider on Fridays. Marilyn Karpinski volunteered to again do the advertising for the event, and the coupons to give to area churches for the needy, for use on the last day of the sale. Margo and Char will again be in charge of the Church Hall items, and need 3 or 4 more people to help unpack and place items. Lorna and Katie Waltke reported there will be a big change in the money collection process. This is mandatory per changes made by the Diocese. Lorna and Rose Nelson will come and get money collected 3x a day, seal it in an envelope, and take it over to the church safe. We will no longer count the money before taking it over. 3 Volunteers will be needed to count money the sale week. Katie will give more education about this at our next meeting. There will also be a new process for selling food. There will now be a food ticket, with choices listed by buyer, which will be given to the cashier to pay. There are also changes in items we who work at the hall and Butler buildings wish to purchase while doing the setu[. The items must be paid for the day we take them, by a check made out to Altar Rosary, for Rummage Sale at bottom. There will be different colored sales tickets each day, with number of items purchased. Tickets will be given to the Cashier, and put in a box to compare amount of money given with number of items. Katie will train the Cashiers after the June meeting. Father Osman needs a list of the Cashiers.

Other topics discussed: Su Homan shared with us that Father Osman and Patti Webster have asked her to continue making cakes for special occasions. Shelley Pulver, chairman of WWMIN for our Parish, reported that more volunteers are needed for the craft sale on May 25th and 26th. They will man the tables to answer questions, and show people where to put their free will donations. Shelly also told us that Keera Sommers, from the organization who helps women who are at less than 29weeks gestation in their pregnancy, is available to talk to us at any time. Patricia Geise discussed that it would be a good idea to have a few evening meetings for ARS, for women who can't come during the day. Others suggested having it during the months with longer evening daylight would be helpful. Rosanne Johnson reported that Fr. Osman has decided on the name of the new area for the Fatima statues: it will be called the Our Lady of Fatima Garden. Fundraising for the statues began in 2014. This year, Rosanne wrote and received a grant donation from the Mary Tipman Foundation to allow us to make the purchase. She has been working with the Divine Mercy Funeral Home in Ft. Wayne, who recommended the company they have purchased statues from. The statues, and slab to place them on, will be ordered soon. A contract with the statue company will be signed in a few weeks. We will receive a clay version of the statues for final approval; Father Osman will make the final decision. The statues will be life-size. It will be a 5-6 month process. We will pay 10% down; balance paid on receipt of statues. Carolyn Fisher reported from the K of C's, via her husband Stan, a thank you to all of us who brought desserts to the Fish Fries during Lent. Janet Rauch will be sending out a letter to all those in the 7 Sisters prayer program for our priests, asking if they are willing to continue praying for their priest; also pray for our new priest, Fr. Jorge, in place of Fr. Antonio, who is being assigned to a California parish in June.

Meeting ended at 1045. The next meeting June 11.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Schneider, Recording Secretary.