

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MINUTES

June 11, 2024

Ongoing Business

President Lorna Gallogly called the meeting to order at 0930. 35 members were eventually present. Following Hail Mary's for each person's intentions, we said our Consecration to Mary prayer.

Lorna reported that Katie Waltke would join our meeting later to further discuss the money collection during the Rummage Sale. Lorna stated that future meeting minutes would be sent out via email prior to the meeting. Please bring corrections or questions to the meeting. Treasurer Rose Nelson reported ARS expenses for May: \$109.46 for the Confirmation class Retreat; also, \$67.67 for a funeral dinner. Money received was a \$150 donation from K of C, and \$5 dues. Our current available money balance after our previously made commitments is donated is \$7,394.35, as of this date. Lorna reported that Dave Ford will attempt to make temporary roof repairs to prevent flooding in the Butler Building during Rummage set-up and sale. Members discussed that we should reimburse him for any expenses, all agreed. Also, some other token of our appreciation. It was decided he would most appreciate Masses said for his intentions. Elizabeth McHugh motioned this, it was seconded, all said "Aye". Patricia Geise was not present, for the Welcome Committee report, but Lorna welcomes 2 new members, Tammy Jones and Kathy Ackerman. Lorna also thanked all those who helped last month at the funeral luncheon, as well as those who did church cleaning last month: Rosie Broxon, Rosanne Johnson, and Kathy Ranshaw. Lastly, the Mary Statue sign-up sheet was passed around.

New business

Father Antonio's dinner: Lorna reported that she met with Julisa, representing the Hispanic community of our church, to plan the dinner. They will provide chicken and dessert; we will provide salads. We also discussed the table set-up. She then asked if we would want to give a farewell gift to Father. The idea of a St. Anthony icon picture was presented; Marilyn Karpinski and Elizabeth McHugh offered to look into this.

The welcome and Birthday party for our new priest, Father Jorge Sis, will be held July 28, at 2PM in the Parish Hall. We will join with the Hispanic women to provide appetizers and desserts. A sign-up sheet was passed around for desserts and clean-up. Marilyn also asked for prayers for Father Jorge, since his mother has just passed away.

Possible new Social Committee: Lorna discussed the many dinners and events that Altar Rosary has been responsible for in the past year, along with prep and doing the yearly Rummage Sale. It is a lot! Several members mentioned being overwhelmed by all that is asked of us. All members agreed! Lorna and members are asking the Pastoral Council to consider forming a new Committee, composed of members from all Parish groups, to take over coordination, etc. for future social and religious events. Marilyn Karpinski will take this to the next Parish Council meeting.

Funeral luncheons: Lorna feels we need to form 2 committees for future luncheons, one for the Hall preparation and serving, another for preparing the food. She recommended leaders for both groups. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Parish keys: Patricia Geise asked all who have keys to let her know, so that daily members being in charge of the Hall or Butler building during Rummage set-up and Sale will be able to get into the building.

Rummage Sale Financial Changes: Katie Waltke spoke to us further about the Diocesan changes in how money in parishes is supposed to be handled from now on. We must now have 2 people sitting with the money taken at each building at all times. One of us will walk with Katie to take the money from each building 2-3x a day. Cashiers will receive special training, and Father Osman needs a list of who will be cashiers. At the Butler building, Katie advised we should write the item, number of them, and price for each type of item. Since most items in the Hall are donation, Marilyn suggested just write GW for Goodwill donation, and total number of items, then total amount. All food will be pre-paid to 2 cashiers stationed near the food in the Hall, then slip is handed to the food servers. All items must be paid for during the 3 1/2 days of sale, no pre-paid items. The only items for which money may be taken in after the sale is for On-line sales of higher-priced items. Outdoor items on which the price is marked will have item and amount written on a ticket, which will be handed to the indoor cashiers by the outdoor sale helpers. Aside from finances, donations of pies for the sale days, Parish Hall, are requested daily for Wednesday to Friday of sale week, early AM before doors open.

VICE-PRESIDENT: We need one! Lorna asked us to please all consider accepting this office. She needs more helpers!

Shelley Pulver: spoke to us about the Right to Life peaceful demonstration in front of the Angola Courthouse on June 22, 10-11 AM. Signs to hold from Right to Life will be available. On October 14, the Northern Indiana Right to Life banquet and program will be held at the Ft. Wayne Coliseum. The speaker will be Jim from the movie "The Christ". Talk to Shelley if you would like tickets. The Auburn Women's Care Center will have their annual fundraiser, Luxury Bingo and dinner this Fall. Talk to Shelley if interested. The craft sale fundraiser at St. Anthony's, held on May 26-27 has raised \$1300 so far, to be distributed to the Auburn and Angola women's pregnancy help centers.

Marilyn suggested the idea of purchasing a "White Elephant" gift at the Rummage Sale, to be exchanged amongst ourselves at our post-rummage sale dinner. No decision was made. The dinner will be on the second Tuesday of August, at 6PM, Parish Hall. We will have the usual potluck dinner, brief meeting, and our annually awaited Fashion Show.

The meeting adjourned at 1030, motioned by Liz McHugh, seconded by Rose Nelson.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schneider, Recording Secretary