

## Ave Maria Women's Society November 5, 2019 Meeting

We gathered at St. Mary's Center in Port Sanilac for a Brunch at 9:35 a.m. Marcia Hart, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. which began with a prayer by Rosie Blair. Marcia Hart thanked the ladies that put on the lovely brunch. Rose Lilly read the Secretary minutes. Two corrections were made to the minutes: St. Mary Boutique is only on Saturday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and Sr. Maria Inviolata is also working on the planning of the Advent Tea. The minutes were accepted as amended. JoAnn Martenka gave the Treasurer's report. Cash on hand in our bank account at Eastern MI Bank is \$8,841.03 and we have \$18,892.11 at the Diocese of Saginaw Inter-Parish Account. A motion was made by Barbara Schultz and seconded by Gloria LaDouceur to accept the report as given. Motion passed.

### Old Business

The changes to the By-Laws were passed out. The first reading was completed. The second reading will be at the December meeting. Voting on these changes will be done at the December meeting following the reading.

The White Elephant sale was a success. The profit from this sale and the furniture sale was \$7,345.00.

Eleven people from Ave Maria Parish attended the Women's Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross. The topic of the retreat was Who Do You Say That I Am. It was recommended that members of the Ave Maria Women's Society consider attending this retreat. Everyone who attended the retreat this year felt that their relationship with Jesus was impacted.

Janet Allen has been chairperson for the Rada knives for the last ten years. She is retiring as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you, Janet for a job well done. The Rada knives will no longer be a project of Ave Maria Women's Society since no one came forward to take over this project.

It was suggested that if anyone wishes to say the rosary on the meeting day it could be recited before the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service at St. Denis. However no specifics were set up. At St. Mary site the rosary is recited 20 minutes before Mass begins. All are welcome.

Flo Husson said that St. Mary Boutique is ready to go. JoAnn Martenka said that St. Denis Boutique is well on its way. The menu for lunch has been set. It will consist of Hot Dogs, Chili and Sliders, Chips Cookies & Brownies, Coffee, Tea, Pop and Water.

At St. Denis teams for church parish dinners and funerals have been set up. Hopefully this will help to include more volunteers. If anyone would like to be on this list, let Judy Kaszyca know.

The Advent Tea will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. Kathy Marschall is looking for women to host a table. Let her know if you are interested in hosting a table. Purple table clothes and pink napkins will be provided. Each hostess needs to provide a small center piece for her table. Judy Kaszyca said that the library store has small advent wreaths that can be purchased. Post cards will be sent out to invite women to attend. Invitations to other churches will also be sent out.

## New Business

Our yearly dues (\$15) was paid to ERCCW and SDCCW.

NCCW is celebrating their 100 year anniversary in 2020. In March they will have a celebration in Arlington, Virginia. All are welcome to attend. The Catholic Woman magazine will be placed in each library for members to read.

The Ave Maria Women's Society received a letter from a Vietnam Veteran. The letter thanked St. Denis Altar Society for a care package sent to him when he was serving in Vietnam. A check for \$150 was enclosed. A motion was made by Pat Anderson and seconded by Barbara Hazuka to use the \$150 check plus \$200 from our treasury to send Christmas packages to current service members who won't receive any gifts. Motion passed. Another motion was made by Pat Anderson and seconded by Kathy Solar to take any donations made to the Ave Maria Women's Society ear marked for veterans to be added to the above project. Motion passed.

The Christian Service Commission will be preparing Christmas Baskets for parishioners in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Home Bound. A motion was made by Barb Schultz and seconded by Gloria LaDouceur to donate \$400 to this project. Motion passed.

Sefora Gillies and Colleen Reed will co-chair the Giving Tree at Dt. Denis Site. Human Resources will give us between 20 and 25 families who live in Applegate, Croswell and Lexington who are in need of help for Christmas. The schedule for this project is as follows: Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> –Tree set up, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and Nov.30th & Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> –Angel will be taken off the tree, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>– gifts need to be returned, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> -- the gifts will be assembled, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> –Distribution of gifts. Sefora asked for help on Dec.13<sup>th</sup>. Let her know if you can help.

Marcia Hart and Jane Orr co-chair the food basket for the needy. Distribution of the food will be on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Marcia Hart reminded us that many of our members need prayers and support. Be sure not to forget them.

Marcia Hart asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee . No one volunteered.

Cheese balls will be sold at each boutique. The cost will be \$6. We are taking preorders.

Next meeting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Denis site. It will start at the 11:00 a.m. with Liturgy followed by lunch and meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Rose Lilly, Secretary