

AVE MARIA PARISH- WOMEN'S SOCIETY

SPIRITUAL/CHARITABLE/SOCIAL

Minutes of meeting of September 13, 2023

The meeting started with a prayer at 11:20A.M.

Present: Rose Lilly, President

Sharon Hinski, Vice President

Darlene Anderson, Secretary

Cindy McDaniel, Treasurer

Marge Filipiak and Doris Hudson, Board Members

- Rose thanked the group helping with lunch preparation.
- Darlene Anderson read the minutes, a correction was made. An amendment was made to the minutes to correct the names of Society members who regularly send greeting cards to fellow members in need of a good word. Lorraine Wiebelhaus, Marg Filipiak, and Janet Allen diligently perform this important service. Thank you to the three for their efforts.
- Cindy McDaniel read the Treasure's report. A motion was made by Dorothy Jackson to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Marge Filipiak. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Projects still needing Chairpersons:
 - Parking Cars
 - Straw Raffle at St. Mary's
- Book Sale report made by Mary Anne Castle. She thanked all helpers. This very successful event raised \$2133.17. \$1280 will be given to the Backpack for kids program to support weekend food needs for at risk children.

- The parking cars program was acclaimed for its success this past summer season. Diane Gray was thanked for her suggestion to move the program to a “donation” instead of a set fee event. Diane’s suggestion, along with the help of Society members parking cars, is credited with the financial success it was. \$4329.00 was raised.
- Spaghetti Dinner was a fun successful event. The Women’s Society received \$603.50 as their portion of the profits.
- The Steak Dinner raised \$159.91 for the Women’s Society.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brian Jackson took the opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you on behalf of Project Blessings for our continued financial support. He also explained in detail the “Coat and Boot Drive” organized by Talk of the Town Therapy Services in Croswell. Colleen Reed will chair the Women’s Society donations at the St. Denis campus and Brian Jackson will handle donations at St. Mary’s. All donations need to be in by 11/17/2023.

Pat Anderson made the motion for the Women’s Society to make a \$250.00 donation to this drive. Sefora Gillies seconded this motion. Motion passed.

- Eastern Region of Catholic Women officers are Sefora Gillies, Treasurer, and Rose Lilly, President. We are very proud of their representation of our parish.

Next meeting is October 4, 2023 at the Knight of Columbus Hall in Ruth.

Speaker: P. MacEvoy – Topic: “Sharing Faith as a Catholic Women”.

All were invited to attend.

- Christmas Boutiques:
St. Mary’s on November 11, 2023, Flo Hudson, Chair
St. Denis on December 2, 2023, Kathy Watson, Chair.
Straw Raffle St. Denis, Cindy McDaniel and Darlene McKaig, Chairs.
Straw Raffle St. Mary’s, Chair needed.
- St. Nick’s Sale, Elizabeth Morales and Adele Rossi, Chairs. To be held December 20, 2023.
- Pie Social today, September 13, 2023 at Trinity Episcopal Church from 1:00 - 3:00. Seeking dialogue about community events for seniors.
- Funeral with luncheon following on September 14, 2023 for Joe Wojtowicz.

- Details given on the retreat to St. Paul of the Cross Conference Center on October 27, 28, & 29. Invitation extended to all. Car pools will be available. Register with Rose Lilly. The outstanding features of this event were elaborated on.
- Sister Maria shared some of the details of the parish feast day event. October 7, 2023 at 5:30P.M. will be the event time. Preregistration is required.
- “Spirit Wear” is available. See the office for details.
- Sister Maria expressed gratitude for the Women’s Society many contributions. Our Society expressed great gratitude for the Sisters’ many contributions.
- Gloria LaDouceur opened a discussion on the Society’s representation at the funerals of past and/or present members. More effective communication of these funerals is being asked for. Rose assured all every effort will be made to make this happen.
- Margaret West moved for adjournment. Gloria LaDouceur seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Adjournment at 12:30P.M.
Closing prayer said.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Anderson