

Ave Maria Women's Society
General Meeting- December 6, 2016

Co-President Donna LaRose called the meeting to order at St.Mary site of Ave Maria Parish at 9:48 after we celebrated Eucharist. Jane led us in a prayer. Gratitude was expressed to the kitchen staff for our soup/salad brunch. Lorraine Wiebelhaus and Donna took turns leading the various parts of the meeting.

Minutes of November 2, 2016 were on the tables. There was one error- the cookie walk has taken place already on December 3 rather than on the 12th. Otherwise the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer JoAnn Martenka presented hard copy of the report to membership: YTD we have received \$19,026.55; Disbursements YTD are \$10,021.51. EMB balance is \$14,256.13, inter-parish -- \$21,071.95.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Report on St. Mary Boutique by Flo H. and Kathy V.: income of \$2457.61 which is not the final tally. Eighteen vendors took part and want to return in 2017. Gratitude to those who baked and made cheese-balls and provided any other help to make this a great success.
- B. Report on Cookie walk held at St.Denis site was given by Barb Schultz: \$716.50 was earned with cookies, etc., Rada knives-\$134.75, homemade cards by Renee C brought in \$72; event was a great success. Gratitude was extended to all who participated/helped in any way.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Advent Tea Chair- Pat Anderson reported 90 guests are expected; food will follow the presentation.
- 2. The Giving Tree and food distribution chair at St.Denis, Sefora Gillies shared that gifts and food will be distributed on Friday; helpers will sort and organize the items on Thursday.
- 3. The Saint Nicholas Shop, chaired by Barb Hazuka is planned for December 21 for the Faith Formation Group. Set up- December 20th at 5:30pm. Small gift bags, boxes, and nylon beribboned bags would be helpful. Helpers needed for set-up.
- 4. A St.Denis Boutique will take place in 2017 with JoAnn Martenka and Barb Schultz as co-chairs. Many customers at the cookie walk,etc. have requested we resume the boutique. Helpers welcome!
- 5. A vote was made following motion to gift parish staff for Christmas: \$100 each for Fr.Don and Sr.Maria; \$50 to each parish secretary and maintenance persons. Unanimous.
Gratitude was expressed for all who have contributed to make 2016 and the various events a success for our society group/parish.

ADJOURNMENT

Barb Hazuka made motion to adjourn, Margaret West seconded, meeting adjourned at 10:09.

Centerpieces were awarded by birthday dates. Thanks to Lorraine Wiebelhaus for acquiring the plants.

NEXT MEETING will probably be in April.....stay tuned as time approaches. We may need a meeting in March.