

**Ave Maria Women's Society**  
**Minutes of November 2, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Co-president Donna LaRose at 10:03am. Diane Gray led us in prayer. Gratitude was expressed to those who prepared the brunch. The minutes of October 4, 2016 minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer JoAnn Martenka provided hard copy showing: Total receipts of \$8,737.25, Disbursements of \$3,328.90, leaving a balance on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 of \$6,680.99 at EMB. Saginaw Inter-Parish- \$21,036.23.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. There was one **funeral** at St.Mary site resulting in a donation and a thank you note.
2. The **East Council of Women Meeting** saw 5 members of our parish in attendance, next meeting will be in May, 2017 at Gagetown. The statue of Mary was brought to our parish. Christine Bock took it home for this month and will return it at the December meeting.
3. **The Parish Feast Day Dinner** saw 116 in attendance, thus it was counted as a great success.
4. **St.Mary Boutique** is all set for November 12 with 17 vendors. Rose Blair explained the Straw Sale which will award 240 prizes, cost of 3 chances for a dollar. Thank you to donors of prizes.
5. Kathy Vanhoudt reported orders for 108 **cheeseballs**, help is needed to create, package, and distribute to purchasers. Leftovers, if any will be sold at the cookie walk.
6. Gratitude was expressed to Gloria LaDouceur for chairing the successful **Coats for Kids** drive.

**NEW BUSINESS**—conducted by Co-President- Lorraine Wiebelhaus

- A. **St.Denis Cookie Walk** will take place on December 12<sup>th</sup> with Barb Schultz and Donna LaRose as co-chairs. Sign-up sheets to help set up, to work one of the two three hour sessions, and for bakers are available today. Please drop off your generous amounts of cookies/other baked goods the day before. Lunch by JoAnn will be available from 11-1. Flyers were available to distribute.
- B. The **Advent Tea** will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at St.Denis. Volunteers as table hostesses are needed. Reserve your spot with Sharon. Advent décor for the space is welcome. If costs are reasonable JoAnn Martenka will rent dark purple tablecloths for the event or the KofC group may have them available for free. TBA.
- C. Barb Hazuka has been shopping for items for the **St.Nick Shopping event** for the faith formation children. Harbor Freight coupons would be helpful to her. Set up is December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Helpers needed. Sale takes place on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Donna LaRose and Marcia Hart will help.
- D. The **Giving Tree** will be set up at St.Mary's on November 20<sup>th</sup>, at St.Denis on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sefora reminded us to leave the correct copy of the angel tags on the tree for tracking purposes. Two persons will be needed at each Mass on weekends of November 19/20 & 26/27 to ensure that happens. Gifts due on December 3/4<sup>th</sup>. Distribution is on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. Sign-up sheet available. **Meeting adjourned** at 10:38 with brunch following.  
**Next Meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016** after 9:00am Mass at St.Mary Site.