

Ave Maria Women's Society- Minutes of May 9, 2017 General Meeting

Board Members- Present: Donna LaRose, Lorraine Wiebelhaus, Barbara Hazuka, Rose Blair, Margaret West; Absent: JoAnn Martenka. Lorraine asked Diane L Kautz to lead us in prayer. Gratitude was expressed to those who provided brunch.

Secretary report was accepted as written after a motion by Rose Lily to accept and a second by Val Koltuniak.

Treasurer JoAnn Martenka provided a paper copy of transactions from 3/31/17 thru 4/30/17: Receipts- \$356; Disbursements-\$1191.21; leaving a balance at EMB of \$10,051.60. Diocese of Saginaw Inter-Parish Account as of 3/31/17 was \$21,246.52. Donna LaRose made motion to accept report, Sefora Gillies seconded, report accepted.

OLD BUSINESS- led by Donna LaRose

1. Report re the Basket donated for Bishop's Charity Ball: Barbara Hazuka, chair, reported that a \$200 gift certificate to "Farmer's Restaurant", \$100 worth of wine, chocolate, and almonds plus a tile painted by Kathy Marschall, lovingly filled the basket. No report from the Diocese re profit -....event was just few days ago.
2. Reminder to those who volunteered to bring potted plants for the 3 outdoor altars for June 18th Corpus Christi Feast: Please bring them in on June 17th.
3. Book Sale: Mary Ann Castle informed us that collection of books will begin after Memorial Day- watch the parish bulletin; collection and organization of the books will take place at the old hall across from the church, drop books off there on Thursdays from 9-10am. The books will be transported to parish center on July 12th. Help will be needed on July 13 as well. Sign-up sheets to help are available today and will also be at the June 6th meeting. Lunch is provided for workers on some days, see sign-up sheets. Janet Allen will be selling Rada knives.

Discussion followed re donating proceeds from the book sale. Darlene Surhigh made motion to donate 1/3 of the profits to each of the following: Back Pack for Kids, Catholic School in Harbor Beach, and a fresh water project. Pat Anderson seconded, all in favor. The White Elephant Sale will make a donation to Right to Life from those proceeds.

Mary Ann reminded us to gather linens, towels, cotton shirts and jeans, sheets, blankets, shoes, boots, etc. for delivery to Gagetown for use by migrant workers. Used articles are welcome. Bring your items to Mary Ann, Sefora, or JoAnn at a meeting or these ladies will even pick up items if you call them. Please don't leave these donations at the church or the hall. This drive will be ongoing.

4. East Region Council of Catholic Women meeting at Gagetown is tomorrow, May 10. Car pool from the two sites of Ave Maria Parish so as to arrive for registration/check in between 9 and 9:30.

NEW BUSINESS—led by Lorraine Wiebelhaus

- A. Parking Volunteers: Rose Lily has self explanatory sign-up sheets which will cover the three times that help is needed. Questions --see Rose or Elaine Collins.
- B. Summer Tea: Barbara Hazuka asked re interest in having a tea this year. No interest shown.
- C. Address Corrections: Rose Lily will update our roster of membership. Please make corrections on the form being sent through the meeting today.
- D. Volunteers needed to hand out flowers on Mother's Day. Sign-up sheets available.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Member requested that we wear name tags at our meetings until we are better acquainted.
- b. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Russian Concert on May 16th at 7:00pm at St. Denis.
- c. The minutes of our meetings can be found on the Parish Web Site: avemariaparishmi.org.
- d. A member suggested we check ourselves on the generosity of our donations which help cover the costs of our brunches/lunches.

NEXT MEETING is on JUNE 6th at 5:00 which will quickly cover any business needs. An APPRECIATION DINNER for our members, in gratitude for all the work we do in and for our parish and others, will follow. It will be catered, with no cost to members. Each person will need to sign up before hand if they plan to attend.

Board Meeting: May 30,2017 at 10:00 am at St. Denis

ADJOURNMENT -- Barbara Hazuka made motion to adjourn, Donna LaRose seconded, meeting adjourned at 11:20.