

Ave Maria Women's Society
Oct. 2, 2018
Membership Meeting

We gathered at St. Mary's hall for brunch at 9:40 a.m. after Mass. Marcia Hart, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. which began with a prayer. Thanks expressed to all members and helpers of the brunch which preceded today's meeting.

The meeting notes from the Sept. 5th general membership meeting were read and accepted as read.

Treasurers report was read and accepted as read. A final account of the proceeds from the White Elephant Sale as of 10/1/18 total was \$9,057.75 as reported later in today's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. St. Paul of the Cross Retreat is scheduled for Oct. 19-21st and registration is still open. Contact Rose Lilly as soon as possible if interested in attending.
2. Advent Tea Update: Kathy Marschall informed members today that the Advent Tea is scheduled for Dec. 2nd, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Menu is yet to be determined and the food will be catered.
3. The November Ave Maria Women's Society Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13th at 11:00 a.m. starting with Scripture reading at the St. Denis site.
4. Marcia Hart announced that the Blessed Solanus Casey Tour is postponed until April or May of 2019 as the church is closed for renovation. All members of our community are invited to attend.
5. The poster update detailing the charities our group supports is not available at this time.
6. Mary Ann Castle announced the last known count from the White Elephant Sale as of Oct. 1, 2018 is \$9,057.75. Helpers were thanked for their contributions to this event.
7. Flo Husson spoke about plans for the St. Mary's Christmas Boutique scheduled for Nov. 10, 2018. The Rada knives will be available again this year as they are a very good seller and the company is very good to work with. More prizes are needed for the straw raffle by the end of this month or by Nov. 5th. Contact Kathy Marschall at St. Mary's if you have a donation for this activity.
8. Barb Schultz, chair, updated the group that the St. Denis Christmas Boutique is scheduled for Dec. 1st, 2018. Volunteers and cookie recipes are needed.
9. Joann Martenka's update about chair cleaning at St. Dennis: A parishioner has given a very reasonable quote for this project and it is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 11th. The Women's Society cost is \$255.75; the church is splitting the cost of this service with us.
10. Visits to the Sick: Janet Allen and Lorraine Wiebelhaus send cards to hospitalized or ill members known to the Church. Please let Sharon Hinski or a Board Member know of ill parishioners.
11. Coats for Kids: Boxes have been removed from the churches and will be distributed Oct. 26th by the Presbyterian Church.

NEW BUSINESS

1. By Law Committee Members for review of the By Laws include Rose Lilly as chair, Pat Anderson, Dorothy Jackson and Flo Husson.

2. EARCCW Fall meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 18 2018 in Ubly. Featured speaker is David W., the Spiritual Coordinator of Hospice. Sign up sheets for carpooling are available from both St. Mary's and St. Dennis; sign up after today's meeting. Contact Val Fisher at 989-553-3088 by Oct. 10th if you plan on attending.
3. Joann Martenka spoke about upcoming dinners: Oct. 6th is the Feast Day meatloaf dinner at St. Dennis. Pies are needed by Saturday morning and volunteers for clean up afterwards.
4. A joint effort on the part of the St. Mary's Men's Club and the Ave Maria Women's Society to host a spaghetti dinner and possible entertainment is tentatively planned for next spring.
5. Pam Herrmann spoke about the need for sewing help for the Angels Above Baby Gown Ministry and donations to help cover supplies not supplied by the Studio in Garden City. A motion for a donation of \$250.00 was made, seconded by Barb Schultz. All approved.
6. Irene Hunsanger spoke about the need for additional church cleaning volunteers at the St. Denis site. Historically volunteers are scheduled to clean approximately once every six weeks. A sign up sheet is available to sign up after this meeting.
7. Darlene Anderson spoke about the Ave Maria library and Catholic store. Additional items and books are needed and the committee needs a donation in order to cover their expenses. A motion for a donation of \$500.00 was made by Dorothy Jackson and seconded by Mary Ann Castle. All approved.
8. Other: Marcia Hart introduced the idea of scheduling a group known as "Sister Act" from Port Huron at the proposed spaghetti dinner next spring;
9. Plans for posting updates to the Ave Maria Bulletin about the Women's Society activities.

A motion to end the meeting was made, seconded and passed.

The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.

The next general membership meeting is set for Nov. 13th, at the St. Dennis Site after a 11:00 a.m. Scripture reading at the church.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Herrmann, Secretary