

## Ave Maria Women's Society- General Meeting- 9-12-17

We gathered for Holy Mass at 9:00am at St. Mary. Co-Presidents Donna LaRose and Lorraine Wiebelhaus lead the meeting which began at 10:00. Kathy Vanhoudt led us in prayer. Gratitude was expressed to those who prepared our lunch.

The minutes of the June, 2017 were read, Marie Zammit made motion to accept. Passed.

Treasurer JoAnn Martenka gave report which covered from 7/1/17 through 9/01/17: Beginning balance on July 1 was \$5996.31; Receipts were \$6750.50; Disbursements were \$3080.45 leaving a balance of \$9666.36. See attachment for more details. Brenda M made motion to accept, Gloria LaDouceur seconded, report accepted.

The monies earned at the Book Sale were evenly divided -(\$600) each to Harbor Beach Catholic School, Salesian Water Project, and Food Back Packs for children in Cros-Lex/ Elementary / Meyer Schools.

The Summer Tea was a great fundraiser.

Parking Projects went very well except more help was needed for the Art Fair.

The White Elephant Project welcomes donated items and helpers. One building and two tents will house the event. Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> boxed items will be displayed. Drop in helpers are needed on Tuesday through Thursday from 9am until you need/want to leave. On 9/30 and 10/1 come at 9 and have lunch at 11:30 OR come at 11:30 for lunch, work until 3pm. Early bird sale on Thursday from 6-8pm with a \$5 admission fee. Open: Friday from 9-3; Saturday from 9-3 and after Mass at 5pm. Bag sale for \$3 and half off at that time. Sunday sale reopens at 9, goes until 1, bag sale, half off; at 1:30 all items are free. Flyers are available to spread the word.

Coats for Kids project has boxes out in church until end of September. A \$200 donation will be used to buy leggings for children. More money donations are welcome. Distribution is October 13th.

ERCCW meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 18, at Holy Family Parish in Marlette, registration at 9:30am. Old worn Blue jeans are being collected to create quilts for migrant workers. See Mary Ann Castle to coordinate your donations. Joan Paling and Diane Z Kautz will be asked to watch for these items as they work at Project Blessing.

Our Parish Feast Day is October 7; help needed to cook, set up, clean up for the lite supper and silent auction of gift baskets. Event begins after Mass. See JoAnn Martenka to donate a basket or to sign-up to help. Help is also needed to help cook funeral luncheons at St. Denis.

Christmas Boutiques- St. Mary on November 11. Flo said 18 vendors are expected, flyer is ready to post. Prizes are needed for the Straw Raffle, gently used items you would enjoy winning are requested, especially Christmas themed items. Call Rose at 622-9045. On December 2, St. Denis will host a boutique. Barb Schultz and JoAnn Martenka are co-chairs. Rose Lily chairs cookie walk.

Cheeseball Project is planned. Two work days with 5 or 6 helpers: 11/7 and 11/9 at St.Mary. For St.Denis two work days requiring 5 or 6 helpers: 11/7 and 11/9....ALL cheeseball WORK IS DONE AT ST. MARY .

Two new members were welcomed: Grace Willis and Kathy Mahoney.

Cookbooks will be for sale after Masses on Sundays.

Padre Pio Relics are on display at the Saginaw Cathedral on September 29 from 8:30 until 8. Mass at Noon.

Next meeting: October 3, 2017 at St.Denis at 11:00am.