

AVE MARIA WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Minutes of October 1, 2019 General Meeting, at St. Denis site

We met in church for Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at 11:00.

President Marcia Hart called the meeting to order at 11:40 with a prayer offered by a member.

Gratitude was extended to those who prepared the brunch which would follow the meeting. The minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting were shared.

Treasurer JoAnn Martenka provided a handout with recent transactions, see attachment. Total receipts for the year-- \$11,552.60, total disbursements for the year--\$4,510.45, leaving a cash balance of \$8,691.77. The Diocese of Saginaw Inter-parish account, as of July 31, 2019 held \$18,892.11. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Gloria LaDouceur, 2nd by Barb Schultz, all in favor of acceptance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mary Anne Castle reported that proceeds from the White Elephant sale have not yet been tallied but as of now it will be at least \$6000, including the furniture sale. Gratitude was expressed to the 25-30 women and the 8-10 men who worked very hard to make this a success. The old hall will be cleaned next week
2. The annual retreat for our women will take place October 18-20. See Gloria, Sharon, or Diane if you want to be included in the car- pool to St.Paul Retreat Center.
3. After 10 years, Janet Allen has asked to step down as chair of the Rada knife sales. Dorothy Jackson and Betty Pasut will handle that project now. Janet will train them if they desire.
4. Flo Husson reported that vendors are signing up for tables for the November 9th Christmas Boutique at St.Mary's. Lunch will consist of chili, broccoli cheese soup, sloppy joes, and hot dogs, all at reasonable prices.
5. At St.Denis, JoAnn has some vendors, more soon ,hopefully. Lunch plans for are not yet finalized for the Boutique on November 23rd.
6. Parish Feast Day Dinner will be after 10:30 Mass and the Living Rosary on Sunday, October 6th. Menu: Chicken Picotta, pasta salad, roll, dessert. Planning for 100. Desserts needed. Help will be needed for clean-up. Recyclable serving items will be gathered, rinsed off, and recycled. New people /couples are welcome to help with clean-up.
7. Mention was made of the Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, nothing more.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sr. Maria Inviolata, Kathy Marschall and Pat Anderson are working on plans for our Advent Tea.
- B. Betty Pasut encouraged us to pray the Rosary together more often due to the unrest throughout the nation and world. Sr.Maria shared that on October 13, the 102nd anniversary of Fatima, our parish will pray the Rosary at 4:00, at St.Mary's, joining with others around the nation.
- C. The church lock down seems to be working out. Sr.Maria asked for volunteers to step up to participate in a safety commission group to pre-plan procedures in case of various choice-less events while we are gathered for prayer, etc. (tornadoes, power outages).
- D. Barb Schultz, JoAnn, and Sefora need more help with cakes for funeral luncheons, set up, clean-up, etc. Sign up sheet is available today. Judy Kaszyca volunteered to put together teams.

- E. It is time to donate to Project Blessing again—a total of \$4400 annually divided in two payments to the two locations. Flo Husson made motion to donate that amount. Pat Schmidt 2nd, motion passed.

We were asked to take our used recyclable tableware from our brunch today to the window of the dishwasher room where it will be emptied and rinsed in prep for recycling.

Meeting adjourned when Judy Kaszyca and Barb Hazuka made a motion to do so at 12:20.

Next meeting – November 5th @ St. Mary's--- Mass at 9:00 followed by brunch and meeting.

Sub secretary, MW