

## **Ave Maria Womens Society**

### **Nov. 13Th 2018 - Membership Meeting**

We gathered at St. Denis hall for lunch at 11:30 a.m. after Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service. Marcia Hart, President, called the meeting to order at 12 noon. which began with a prayer given to members who attended the St. Paul Retreat. Thanks expressed to all members and helpers of the lunch and to speakers at the liturgy. The meeting notes from the Oct. 2nd general membership meeting were read and accepted as read.

Treasurers report was read and accepted as read and are on the back of today's agenda for membership review.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The agenda was adjusted to allow Kathy Marschall to inform us of updates on the Advent Tea scheduled for Dec. 2nd. Postcards were sent to all women in the parish. Need additional hostesses for tables. Refreshments include salad, sandwiches, dessert and tea . "Rejoice Be Glad" is the theme. Free will donation accepted. Set up for hostesses available on Saturday Dec. 1st. Flyers sent to other churches in the area.
2. Marsha Hart:
  - a. St. Paul Retreat: 13 women from Ave Maria attended. Silent retreat and reported to be very meaningful.
  - b. Thank you note from Angels Above Baby Gowns for our donation was read.
  - c. Bulletin updates will be ongoing.
3. JoAnn Martenka: Chair cleaning completed. Suggestion from membership: Send a thank you note to the company who gave us a reduced fee and did a great job!
4. Various committe chairs
  - a. By Law Comittee update: The first meeting will be scheduled for January 2019 and will be reported on at our first meeting in 2019 in April. Barb Schultz agreed to fill a missing vacancy from St. Dennis on the committee.
  - b. Mary Ann Castle reported that the second donation of items were dropped off at the Croswell Baby Pantry this morning.
  - c. Cheese balls: 143 made; \$332.00 profit to date: Contact Rose Lilley to help make

more on Nov. 26th and Nov. 27th. More will be available for pick up at the Dec. 1st. boutique at St. Dennis. (Sign up sheet passed around).

d. St. Nicolas Shop at St. Marys for the Faith Formation children is set for Dec. 19th at 6:00 p.m Set up on Dec. 18th. Need helpers.

5. Gloria LeDouceur: Coats for Kids: Thanks given for the great donatons. 256 coats (235 children's coats) were given out and infant coats were given to the Baby Pantry. Monetary donations were used to purchase boots and snowpants.

6. Flo Husson: St. Marys Christmas Boutique: Final figures not available, but are reported to not be as successful as previous Boutiques due to a conflicting event in the area.

7. Betty Pasut: St. Dennis Church Cleaning: Sign up sheet passed around second month in a row. The committee has lost 50% of the volunteers and are in desparate need of help.

8. Darlene Anderson: Library update: Thank you note read for the recent contribution. \$200.00 of Rada knives were sold at the St. Marys Christmas Boutique and \$400.00 of special orders are pending.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Marcia Hart: ERCCW and SDCCW: Judy Kaszyca agreed to take over as the contact person for these groups from Marcia Hart and will review emails and report to our group as needed.

2. JoAnn Martenka: Project Blessing: Explained history of our donations. Judy Kaszyca made a motion to contribute \$2500 to each site (Lexington and Carsonville); seconded by Betty Pasut; All agreed.

3. Jane Orr & Sister Mary Inviolata: Rice Bowl Grant and Christmas Food Baskets: Patricia Anderson applied for a grant and we are the proud recipients of \$1,000.00 to disperse this year. Sister explained that \$500.00 will be decided on in the future and represents the donation from the Catholic Foundation of mid Michigan and \$500 can be used to help bolster baskets for donation during the Christmas season.

Volunteers are needed On Nov. 23rd after 9:00 a.m. Mass to set up the Christmas giving tree as well as sit by the tree after Masses on Nov. 24th and Nov. 25th and Dec. 1st and 2nd to assist parishioners in taking angels from the tree.

Volunteers are needed to assemble food baskets on Dec. 12, 2018 and disburse them on

Dec 14th. Sign up sheets are available to sign up after today's meeting.

4. St. Dennis Christmas Boutique on Dec. 1st: Donations for 2-3 special baskets needed for our Silent Auction. Need volunteers for baking for the Cookie Walk.

5. Marcia Hart spoke about the need for additional participants to attend a Cros Lex High School Presentation on Dec. 7th and Dec. 8th titled : "The Ghost Bargain. ". Tickets are only \$5.00 each.

6. Other: Flo Husson suggested that the Womens Society approve the purchase of additional tables for use for events for Ave Maria as currently they are shared between both St. Dennis and St. Marys for events and are very labor intensive to move. A motion was made by Judy Kaszyca to purchase 15 tables at the most reasonable price. Seconded by Joyce. All agreed.

The meeting ended at 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec 4th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Marys.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Herrmann, Secretary