

Minutes of Ave Maria Women's Society- General Meeting—October 3, 2017

We gathered for Liturgy of the Word and Communion at 11:00am in church at St.Denis.

Co-Presidents Lorraine Wiebelhaus and Donna LaRose lead the meeting which opened with a prayer by Gloria LaDouceur. Gratitude was expressed to the cooks for the lovely lunch.

The minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting were read and approved. Cheese-ball work days need to be clarified however.

The treasurer's report was given by Joanne Martenka: See attachment. Cash balance at EMB is \$11,601.72. Rada knife sales netted \$413.30; White Elephant Sale so far netted \$8929. Thank you notes were read by Mary Ann Castle: Each of the three recipients of \$600 from the Book Sale were very grateful: Holy Name of Mary Catholic School in HB; Salesian Water Well Project in the Philippines; Back Packs for Kids Project locally. Old blue jeans are still being collected. Joanne asked for more people to sign up to help with kitchen service, especially clean up—funerals, feasts, etc..

OLD BUSINESS

1. White Elephant co-chairs Rose and Mary Ann are very grateful for all the helpers, men and women. Two ladies, Betty McEntee and Jenna Yuzwalk showed up every day.
2. Parish Feast Day is October 7th, more help and more raffle baskets are needed. See Joanne M.
3. ERCCW will meet in Marlette on October 18 at 9:30, car pool from the two parish sites will leave at 8:00am. Cost is \$10 which includes a simple breakfast, lunch, and a speaker.
4. Christmas Boutiques are being planned: St.Mary- 11/11/17 with a \$100 money tree and straw raffle. Chair Flo Husson has tables to rent to vendors. St.Denis- 12/2/17 with co-chairs Joanne Martenka and Barb Schultz. Cheeseball sales will be at both. See Kathy Vanhoudt for details.
5. Project Blessing donation amounts were presented to ascertain that all are in agreement to continue to provide \$1100 to Lexington and \$1100 to the Carsonville site two times a year, totaling \$4400. Membership agreed to continue doing the same amounts.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The three Book Sale thank you notes were read by Mary Ann Castle. (See above).
- B. St.Mary Center kitchen counter tops have been replaced. Two coats of paint have been applied, awaiting application of a matching subway tile back-splash; new lights are in near future as is new flooring in 2018.
- C. Emergency funds for funeral luncheons for those who can't pay in full was discussed. A motion was made to subsidize the cost of a limited lunch for such times. Motion passed

unanimously. Then a motion was made to donate \$500 to a Fund Raiser for a member's daughter who is suffering with cancer. Judy Kaszyca made motion, Darlene Surhigh seconded, passed unanimously. All are welcome to attend the fund raiser at Kautz Bowling Lanes on Saturday, October 7 at 6:00pm.

- D. Advent Tea 2017 is being planned for December 5 at St.Mary at 5:00pm. See Kathy Marschall to become hostess of a table, etc. Pat Anderson will prepare the presentation.
- E. The KofC Auxillary are planning a Fashion Show featuring garments from "The Town Shop" for November 18. Tickets are \$20. Doors open at 11:00, lunch at 12:30.
- F. Coats for Kids will do distribution on October 14. Our parish donated 480 coats!

A motion was made and approved to adjourn at 1:47.

Next general meeting is set for November 7, 2017 at St.Mary after 9:00 Mass.