

Minutes of Ave Maria Women's Society Meeting- April 4, 2017

We met at Church for Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at 11:00. After brunch co-president Donna LaRose called the meeting to order at 12:12. Rose Lily led prayer. Gratitude was expressed to the cooks. We welcomed a new member, Agnes Flynn. Attendees were invited to stay and help clean-up.

Minutes of the December 6, 2016 were available on the tables. There were no additions/corrections made. Several notes of gratitude were read.

Treasurer Joann Martenka asked for questions/corrections on the hard copy she provided covering transactions from December 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017. No corrections: Summary: Receipts-\$3328.26; Disbursements-\$6,936.14, balance at EMB as of 9/30/16 was \$11,111.81; Diocese of Saginaw Inter-Parish Account on 2/28/17 was \$21,210.61.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Funeral Luncheons needed- Joann Martenka: St.Denis has had 5 since last meeting, Flo Hesson: St.Mary has had 4.
2. East Council of Catholic Women's Convention: Sefora Gillies provided information: Dates-April 21 and 22, in Ann Arbor at Holiday Inn. Cost is \$10 plus \$85 for a room. Contact Sefora asap at 359-3347.
3. Success of Christmas Projects- a. **Giving Tree**-served 20 families with food and gifts, appreciation to helpers and donors and for the money donation from our group. b. **Advent Tea**- Food was great as were the inspirational speakers. c. **St. Nick Event**- needed more help that night, one more station, and the availability of more small gift bags would have moved the process along more quickly.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Basket for Raffle at Bishop's Charity Ball-Chair, Barbara Hazuka shared that a gift certificate for \$200 plus 4 bottles of wine, some painted ceramics will be put together. Barbara Schultz made motion that our group provide \$300 toward the basket, Rose Grizziffi seconded, motion passed.
2. Feast of Corpus Christi-June 18th will have 3 outdoor altars requiring a set of potted plants for each. Bring your donated plants to the rectory in Lexington on June 17.
3. Book Sale- Mary Ann Castle asked us to save the dates: Set-up will be July 13th, sale is July 14,15, and 16. Shallow boxes or plastic containers are welcome to make setting out the books easier. We were asked to donate linens, bedding, towels, which will be taken to Gagetown for migrant workers. Items need not be new, gently used are acceptable. Such items left from the white elephant sale last fall were taken there. Jeans and long sleeved 100% cotton shirts and socks are needed as well. Bring your items to the next meeting or call Mary Anne Castle at 359-8567.

4. Up and Coming Projects- White Elephant Sale at St.Denis only. **Christmas Boutiques-** St. Mary is set for 11/11/17; St.Denis is set for 12/2/17.
5. East Region of Council of Catholic Women Meeting at St.Agatha in Gagetown on May 10, 2017. Sign up by May 1. Cost for the day, which begins at 9:30 and ends about 2:30, is \$10.
6. Summer Plans- Car Parking Project- Volunteers are needed for three events: Parade on Saturday of July 4th week-end, for the fire-works, and for the Art Fair during the first full weekend of August. This has been a great fund raiser in the past.
7. Catholic Choir- Kathy Vanhoudt invited us to get involved. During this second season Michigan Vets will be honored by them on May 29 in Burton MI. Website: Michigan Catholic Choir.org for more info.
8. Joann put a plea out for **more young people to volunteer for funeral luncheon clean-up.**
9. Betty Pasut and Irene Hungsanger need **more volunteers to help with cleaning the church.**
10. Sr.Maria asked for and found **volunteers for the Foot Washing Ritual** on Holy Thursday.
11. Sr. Maria announced that **St.Mary Parish Center needs the kitchen counter tops up-dated.** Barbara Schultz made a motion that our group contribute toward that as we did at St.Denis, Marie Impemba seconded, motion passed. Sr. Maria expressed gratitude for our work in our parish.
12. Joann Martenka asked **for someone to chair calling for desserts for funeral luncheons.** Barbara Schultz volunteered.

Meeting ended with prayer at 1:00.

Next general meeting will be **May 2nd. 2017 at St.Mary** Church and Center at 9:00 am.