

Ave Maria Women's Society Sept. 5, 2018 Membership Meeting

We gathered at St. Dennis hall for brunch at 10:00 a.m. Marcia Hart, President called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. which began with a prayer. Thanks expressed to the Board members, general members, brunch workers, the choir, and to JoAnn Martenka for the new name tags handed out today.

The meeting notes from the June 5th, 2018 meeting were read and accepted after a correction to the meeting date and time for today's meeting.

Treasurers report was read and accepted after a correction to the receipt for the Art Fair parking proceeds from \$126.00 to \$1,026.00. JoAnn Martenka, Treasurer, introduced and explained the 2017 expenditures annual average printout to all members present today in order to give members a clear picture of ongoing expenses and expenditures. Total expenditures for 2017 totaled \$34,234.45.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mary Ann Castle, Chair, spoke about the results of the recent book fair and that the proceeds are to be given to the Croswell Baby Pantry in three installments of diapers, wipes, food, and personal hygiene products in the coming year.
2. Rose Lilley, Chair, spoke about the results of the Parking fundraisers and highlighted how parking is still reserved for 4:00 p.m. Mass participants as well as art fair participants. Additional volunteers would be helpful in the future.
3. A motion was raised, accepted and then rescinded after much discussion regarding the cleaning of the upholstered chairs at St. Dennis. Chairpersons will investigate the cost of a professional cleaning service and will have this done if under \$500.00 in keeping with the Womens Society By Laws. Chairs are Judy Kaszyca and Marie Perrini.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A retreat at St. Pauls in Detroit "Rejoice in the Lord Always" was discussed. A list was passed around to today's members who were present at today's meeting to assist us in determining interest in attending this event this fall. Suggested donation for this event is \$210.00 with a \$30.00 reservation fee needed by early October.
2. Kathy Marschall, Chair spoke about her committee's suggestion for a revision in the annual Advent Tea event to include participation and support for the event from the Men's Club and to change the event to a coed Advent Reflection. A vote indicated 19 members in favor of keeping the Advent Tea theme and 5 members in favor of an Advent Reflection theme. A motion was retracted on the floor for membership vote as to the date, time, and location of the Advent Tea, and this will be for the committee to decide at their next meeting.
3. Marcia Hart stated that the November Women's Society meeting will be changed to Nov. 13, 2018 at the St. Dennis site due to the election the first Tuesday of the

month.

4. An outing to the Blessed Solanus Casey Shrine was introduced and 14 members present today indicated an interest in attending this event. Marcia Hart will contact the Monastery to finalize arrangements for this tour and lunch for October and have the details at the October Womens Society meeting. Total cost is estimated to be around \$40.00 per person.
5. Marcia Hart mentioned that monetary donations for the Women's Society brunches are appreciated and all members are encouraged to donate if possible.
6. Judy Kaszyca spoke about the Ave Maria library and Catholic store at the St. Dennis site which was a documented addition to today's agenda. A reading challenge is currently going on in the library and helpers for a scrapbooking activity are needed. The store is open after Masses on Saturday and Sunday at St. Dennis.
7. A lengthy discussion ensued about ways to educate the community about the Women's Society fundraisers. Several former Board members and chairs spoke to the generosity of our group to the local community. The current Treasurer stated that quarterly disbursements to the Diocese of Saginaw are part of the budget in addition to ongoing expenses for the cleaning of the altar linens, the Eucharistic hosts, and the wine. The 2017 annual expenditure report presented today indicates these expenses. A motion was made to have professional posters made listing our donations to local charities for display at future fundraisers. This motion was seconded and passed.
8. Rose Lilley spoke briefly about the White Elephant Sae scheduled for the last weekend of Septmber. Flyers are made for posting and sign up sheets are available for volunteers to assist in the sale dates after today's meeting.
9. Coats For Kids: used/clean or new coats needed. Boxes are now available in the churches.
10. JoAnn Martenka and Barb Schultz, chairs, spoke about the upcoming Christmas Boutiques: Nov. 10th, 2018 at the St. Mary Site and Dec. 1st at the St. Dennis Site. Crafts, vendors, food, auction and a raffle are planned.

A motion to end the meeting was made, seconded and passed.

The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

The next general membership meeting is set for Oct. 2nd, 2018 at the St. Mary Site after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Herrmann, Secretary