

## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES WOMEN'S GUILD**

### **GENERAL MEETING September 10, 2018**

The General meeting was called to order at 9:30 am in St. Michael's Hall at Prince of Peace Church by President, Margie Favia. The Guild Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Margie Favia. Chaplain Father Mike Ashibuogwu gave a special blessing, and led all in singing "Come Holy Ghost". Shirley McGarrigle read the names on the Guild's prayer list and led the prayers for them. Margie also said a special prayer for all members of the Guild.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the May 7, 2018 General Meeting were approved as published. Secretary Mary Fox advised that all minutes are posted on the Guild's website, and copies were available at the sign-in table.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Secretary Mary Fox read a thank you notes from Corrine Gillmeister and John Potter. She also read a letter regarding the Walk for the Poor that the St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Lourdes Conference is holding on September 29 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Members were urged to consider participating.

**MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS:** Mary also reminded members to attend the Mass for Deceased Members scheduled for Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 9:00 am. Joyce Stalians advised the time stated for the Mass in the new Directory is incorrect.

**AUDIT REPORT:** President Margie Favia announced that Delores Gelb has audited the books for the 2017-18 Guild year and all was found in order. The audit report was adopted by general consent. Kay Coffey was acknowledged for her work as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer the past four years.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Irene Zawicki presented the financial report for May through August which was accepted and filed for audit.

Irene noted major expenses: purchase of food for the food banks as approved by the members, and rental fees for two trucks used during the spring Shred-a-thon.

Assistant Treasurer Linda Osgood gave a summary of the financial plan for the coming Guild year, including projected income from various events, and expected expenses throughout the year. Margie thanked Irene and Linda for their work over the summer to produce the financial plan and establish banking procedures.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BAZAAR:** Grace Mahoney and Christa Scott thanked all those ladies who faithfully help at the weekly workshops to prepare items for sale at the Bazaar, as well as those working on projects at home. They encouraged all bakers to donate as many items as possible, and advised that the booth ran out of baked goods early on Day 3 last year. They encouraged all to promote raffle ticket sales, a major component of the funds raised at each Bazaar. Baskets to collect these will be at both churches after all weekend Masses. The bazaar is scheduled for October 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> from 8- 2 each day. The committee is still accepting donations.

**PUBLICITY:** Rosemary Dougherty reported that articles about Guild meetings and events are being published locally, and bazaar publicity is in the bulletin weekly. She reminded everyone about the next **Shred-a-thon** on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 9-noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Two trucks have been ordered, one for storage of records not shredded on site by choice.

**MEMBERSHIP:** JoAnn Lepkowski and Elsie Thornton announced that there were 100 members present. The new 2018-19 Guild Directory is now available. A form is available to notify them of any corrections to the Directory. Joyce Stalians was acknowledged and thanked for all her work to get the Directory ready and published. Five members in attendance were drawn and each was awarded a \$5.00 Fry's gift certificate.

**TRAVEL:** Myra Litscher described the Benevilla tour on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Those going will learn about the service and resources this organization has provided for 30 years. Members will car pool for the tour which will be followed by lunch at Bert's Bistro at a cost of \$15.00 each. Those going were asked to specify an entrée. Carol Mungus asked everyone to sign up and enjoy the Barleen's Arizona Opry Christmas Variety show and lunch trip planned for December 13<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$73.00. She said the Rec Center has a bus trip going there the same day, but at a higher cost.

**WELCOME/HISTORIAN:** Denise Maleszewski introduced 3 new members. She said that over the summer she made 46 phone calls and sent 25 emails to women new to the parish to invite them to join the Guild. Rita Miller will assist Denise with assembling the history book for the Guild. The book was on display at the meeting.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** Margie invited those in charge of Lap Robes, Hats for Homeless, 50-50 Drawing, Guild Brochure, Flocknotes, Phone Tree. Website and Sunshine committees to come forward and be acknowledged for what they do for the Guild.

**BOOK CLUB/SUNSHINE:** Betty Stone reported that she has sent out 14 cards, and asked to be advised of anyone who should receive a card. She said the Book Club will discuss "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" on Thursday, September 13th.

**WEBSITE:** Rosemary Dougherty reported that the Website is current with 2018 minutes and photos.

**LAP ROBES, HATS FOR HOMELESS, ONCOLOGY HATS:** Completed items should be delivered to the Knit-Crochet group at the Workshops on Mondays or Wednesdays. Rita Miller delivers the lap robes and Millie Perro the hats for homeless. Shirley McGarrigle announced that MD Anderson/Del Webb Hospital no longer will accept Oncology hats.

**50-50 DRAWING:** Mary Lou Grether is now assisted by Mary Ann Frison. Mary Lou would like to retire and asked members to consider taking her job.

**GUILD BROCHURE:** Margie announced that the Guild Brochure has been revised, updated and printed thanks to lots of hard work and time spent by Joyce Stalians, Myra Litscher, and Myra's son, Joel Gonzalez. Copies have been placed in the vestibules of both churches.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Installed at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were Mary Fox, Secretary, and Irene Zawicki, Treasurer. Both were absent at the May General meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Margie expressed her thanks and appreciation to all those who have worked over the summer on their projects, and who have volunteered their time at the workshops.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' FASHION SHOW:** Margie urged members to support the Catholic Daughters by attending their Fashion Show on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**50/50 DRAWING:** A drawing was held for nine \$5.00 cash prizes.

**BIRTHDAYS:** September birthdays were celebrated for six members.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Mary Fox, Secretary

**PROGRAM:** *Following the meeting, Ginna McLeod and Gail Bunn conducted a Safe Environment Training class for those who have already completed the Foundation class. The Diocese has now mandated that all parish volunteers must complete this training annually.*