

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WOMEN'S GUILD

GENERAL MEETING October 1, 2018

The General meeting was called to order at 9:30 am in Madonna Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church by President, Margie Favia. The Guild Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Margie Favia. She also lead those present in singing "Our Lady of Fatima". Shirley McGarrigle read the names on the Guild's prayer list and led the prayers. Margie also read a special prayer for all members of the Guild.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Mary Fox read thank you notes from Ginna Villa-Pollock regarding Guild member participation in the Safe Environment Training at the September meeting, and from St. Vincent de Paul regarding the Guild's donation of a pamphlet/file rack.

MINUTES: Mary Fox read a summary of the September minutes. Mary advised that all minutes are posted on the Guild's website, and copies were available at the sign-in table. Myra Litscher moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 General Meeting as published. Motion carried.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS: Mary reminded members about the Mass for Deceased Members scheduled for Sunday, November 4th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 9:00 am.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Irene Zawicki presented a report for the month of September which was accepted and filed for audit:

Irene reported raffle receipts to date of \$5,064.00. Major expenses included \$510.00 to publish the annual membership directory, and \$639.75 for bulk mailing of the raffle tickets. The latter will be reimbursed to the Guild by the parish.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BAZAAR: Christa Scott thanked all those ladies who faithfully work weekly at the workshops to prepare items for sale at the Bazaar. She especially acknowledged Denise Maleszewski and Betty Keene for the new signs advertising the Bazaar, and the kitchen crew which will prepare lunch for the volunteer workers during the Bazaar. Grace Mahoney said all tables will be in place by noon Monday, October 15th and booth chairs can begin their setup that afternoon, if they wish. She reminded workers they are all to wear red or wine tops, and name badges. The bazaar is scheduled for October 18, 19 and 20th from 8- 2 each day.

MEMBERSHIP: Denise Maleszewski reported for JoAnn Lepkowski who was absent. She announced that there were 80 members present. The names of five members in attendance were drawn and each was awarded a \$5.00 Fry's gift card.

WELCOME/STRATEGIC PLANNING: Denise Maleszewski reported 6 new members and two of them were introduced. Denise attended the parish Newcomers event with 1st Vice President, Maryann Anthony.

PUBLICITY: Rosemary Dougherty said there will be a paid ad about the Bazaar in the Independent newspaper. Ads about the Bazaar will also appear in the classified publications, as well as parish bulletin articles.

Volunteer workers were signed up at this meeting for the **Shred-a-thon** on Saturday, November 17th, 9-noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. She asked that volunteers wear red and their name tags, and that all members promote the event wherever they can.

Rosemary was provided a contact for the SCW Broadcast club and will see if Guild events can be broadcast on the SCW station.

TRAVEL: Linda Osgood presented Myra Litscher with a gift card and thank you for her son, Joel Gonzalez, who had helped design and print multiple flyers used to promote Guild events. Myra thanked everyone who went on the Benevilla tour on September 28th and stated that much was learned about what it offered at their facility. Lunch and good conversation at Bert's Bistro followed the tour.

Myra and Carol Mungas stated that 32 have signed up for the trip to enjoy the Barleen's Arizona Opry Christmas Variety show and lunch on December 13th. The bus will hold 56. Checks should be made payable to CC& Company for \$73.00. It was noted that the Rec Center has a bus trip going there the same day, but is charging \$110.00.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REP: Kay Coffey explained the details for the first annual Veterans Day lunch event to be held November 7th starting with Mass. It is planned for this event to occur every year on the Wednesday before Veterans Day. Widows and widowers of veterans are encouraged to attend. Following lunch there will be a program and a speaker. It is a free event, but those planning to attend need to pick up tickets at a church office.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HISTORIAN: Rita Miller asked that members share photos to help her assemble the history book for the Guild. The book was on display at the meeting.

KITCHEN: Joan McKenna and Patricia Richardson will be in charge of providing refreshments at General meetings. Cake will be served in November.

HATS FOR HOMELESS: Millie Perro said the goal is 100 hats and she currently has 70 on hand.

LAP ROBES: Rita Miller said she has two on hand but expects to receive more after the Bazaar.

BOOK CLUB/SUNSHINE: Betty Stone reported that she sent out 3 cards during September, and asked to be advised of anyone who should receive a card. She said the Book Club will discuss "Marry Mr, Mrs. Christmas" by Debbie MacComber on November 8th.

PHONE TREE: Margie Favia described increasing technical problems that led to a call for technical support to the manufacturer. She was told they no longer support the Guild's equipment. Options to replace this system will be explored. In the meantime, the Guild will rely on the Flocknote email system to contact members about upcoming events.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

STUFFING PARTY: The stuffing of the envelopes for the raffle mailing was held August 31st. Margie thanked the many ladies who came to help, and said that about 2,600 envelopes were processed.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Tickets are now on sale for the annual luncheon to be held on December 3rd at Briarwood Country Club. Tickets are \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for guests.

SWEETIE DINNER-DANCE: Mary Fox gave a singing presentation to encourage members to enjoy this event on Valentine's Day 2019.

FASHION SHOW: The organizing committee has begun preparations and arrangements for this event to be held at Briarwood Country Club in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

WOMEN'S GUILD BANNER: Margie advised that the Guild banner, currently hanging in St. Michael's Hall at Prince of Peace, will be enhanced and improved in appearance by Marilyn Zenz.

PRIORITY DECISION FOR 2018-19 DONATIONS: Margie described Father David's appearance and talk at the September Board meeting. Father advised the Board that parish improvements are about complete. Because the Guild is part of the parish, and its purpose is to support the parish, he presented a list of parish events that the Guild could consider supporting financially. The Board then voted to establish a priority order for those, and other traditional organizations the Guild supports. The vote resulted in the following priority order:

1. Parish Appreciation Lunch
2. Veterans Appreciation Lunch
3. Food donations to Valley View, St. Mary's and St. Vincent de Paul Food Banks
4. Christmas gifts to parish maintenance and staff – tied with-
4. SCW Posse and PRIDES
6. Teen Pro-Life trip to Washington, DC

The monetary amounts to be allocated will be determined when funds are actually received from the Guild's various fund-raising events.

It was further explained that Father David recounted how the Nigerian parishes of Father Mike and Father Gus are well supported by the parish. Father Mike's parish and seminary receive about \$17k-\$25k annually through the Ash Wednesday collection, and the parish has donated about \$150,000 over the years to Father Gus' parish. As a result, the Board, with Father's consent, removed the donations promised to the two priests by the Guild last May from the list to be prioritized.

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

BIRTHDAYS: October birthdays were celebrated for six members.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Mary Fox, Secretary

***PROGRAM:** Following the meeting, Dorothy Westfall from Radio Family Rosary, Inc. related how the radio rosary began in the Phoenix Diocese, patterned after Father Patrick Peyton's national Radio Rosary broadcasts. It is now the longest-running radio program in the Diocese.*