

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WOMEN'S GUILD GENERAL MEETING November 5, 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. She also read a special prayer for all the Guild members. Chaplain Father Mike Ashibuogwu blessed those present. Shirley McGarrigle read the names on the Guild's prayer list and led the prayers.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Mary Fox read a thank you letter from the South Phoenix Prep and Arts Academy expressing appreciation for all the school supplies donated by Guild members. This project was initiated by Grace Mahoney on behalf of the daughter of member Jo Hermann, who is a teacher at the school.

MINUTES: Mary Fox read a summary of the October minutes. Rosemary Dougherty moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 General Meeting as published. Motion carried.

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

Margie thanked all for their efforts and hard work throughout the year which made the Bazaar so successful.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BAZAAR: Co-chairs Grace Mahoney and Christa Scott thanked everyone for their help and support during the past year. They especially acknowledged Harriet Kowalski's \$50.00 money tree donation which produced a \$600.00 profit. Betty Keene, a new member, was thanked for her willingness to take on any task requested of her. Betty Stone was thanked for making sure refreshments were available at all the workshops during the year. Grace gave her co-chair, Christa, flowers and stated she was the best partner one could wish to have. Grace announced that the workshops will resume in January. There are booth chair positions open due to resignations. Grace announced that the Appreciation Breakfast will be on Wednesday, November 28th at 9:00 am at Prince of Peace, St. Michael's Hall. It will be catered by Memo's. Those attending were asked to pay \$5.00 each, which will be refunded to those who actually attend.

PUBLICITY: Publicity is gearing up to promote the Christmas luncheon and the Sweetie Dinner-Dance.

Shred-a-thon Rosemary announced she has ample volunteers for this event which will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 9 am-noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. She said she is getting phone inquiries because of the advertising.

TRAVEL: Myra Litscher announced that the bus going to the Barleen's Arizona Opry Christmas Variety show and lunch on December 13th is full and there is a waiting list. The bus will leave promptly at 10:15 am from the R. H. Johnson Rec Center. She also said they are working on a Laughlin trip for the spring.

WELCOME/STRATEGIC PLANNING: Denise Maleszewski invited nine new members to introduce themselves. She thanked the meeting's ambassadors who introduced the new members around before the meeting. Denise will attend the November 14th parish Newcomers event with President, Margie Favia.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REP: Kay Coffey thanked the Guild members for their support of the parish. She reminded everyone about the first annual Veterans Day lunch event to be held November 7th starting with Mass. Following lunch there will be a speaker. It is a free event, but those planning to attend need to pick up tickets at a church office.

PROGRAM: *The meeting was suspended for a half hour for the "Getting to Know You" program, which started with everyone singing that song from "The King and I" musical. Members were divided into teams of five. Facilitators guided each team through a series of questions which revealed personal information about them. After 15 minutes, three of each team moved on to a new table.*

MEMBERSHIP: Joanne Lepkowski announced that there were 95 members present. The names of five members in attendance were drawn and each was awarded a \$5.00 Fry's gift card.

PLANNED EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Linda Osgood reminded everyone about the annual luncheon to be held on December 3rd at Briarwood Country Club. Elsie Thornton announced that so far 134 tickets have been sold. Tickets are \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for guests.

SWEETIE DINNER-DANCE: Co-chairs Mary Fox and Carol Byrne delivered the promotion message, which started with everyone singing "I Want a Girl". There will be live music by DJ and keyboard artist, Bart Jensen. The parish catering team will prepare the buffet dinner. The menu will include Chicken Cordon Blu or Sliced Beef, twice baked potato, green beans almondine, salad, dessert and beverages. Wine will be available for a donation. Tickets are \$27.00 and will go

on sale in January. The event will be held in St. Michael's Hall on Valentine's Day 2019.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

BOOK CLUB/SUNSHINE: Betty Stone reported that she sent out five cards during October. She asked help in identifying the donor of over 200 donated design cards, ready for sale. The cards were left at the parish office just before the Bazaar. She said the Book Club will discuss "Call Me, Mrs. Miracle" by Debbie MacComber on November 8th.

FLOCKNOTE NOTICES: Margie Favia advised that she is working with the parish office staff to send out notices to members that in the past would have been sent via the phone tree. The phone tree has been retired due to technical problems which the manufacturer will no longer resolve due to the age of the Guild's equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This year's Committee will consist of Denise Malezewski, Mary Lou Grether and Bernie Slater.

ANNUAL DONATIONS: Myra Litscher moved to adopt the Board's disbursement recommendations as follows:

- \$500.00 SCW Sheriff's Posse
- \$500.00 P.R.I.D.E.S
- \$150.00 Visa Gift for each parish maintenance worker
- \$100.00 for each of the parish priests
- \$1,000.00 each (\$500/month in food) to three food banks (Valley View, St. Mary's, St. Vincent de Paul) in rotation (Jan., Feb., March, June, July, August)
- \$10,000.00 to Father David Ostler to use at his discretion for the parish

Motion carried.

Mary Ann Frison moved to amend the amount for the parish priests to \$150.00 each. Motion carried.

Joyce Stalians moved to donate \$1,000.00 to the St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-a-Family program. Motion carried.

50/50 DRAWING: A drawing was held for ten cash prizes.

BIRTHDAYS: November birthdays were celebrated for two members.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Mary Fox, Secretary