

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WOMEN'S GUILD
GENERAL MEETING January 7, 2019

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 opening Guild Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Margie Favia. She also read a special prayer from Psalms. Chaplain Father Mike Ashibuogwu sang and said a special blessing. Mary Fox read the Guild's prayer list and led the prayers.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Mary Fox advised that thank you letters from the Sheriff's Posse, P.R.I.D.E.S., and St. Vincent de Paul for donations, and thank you notes from Blue Horizons group home for the Guild's lap robes donation, and from Will Wright on behalf of the parish Teens, which acknowledged the Guild's support.

MINUTES: Mary Fox read a summary of the November minutes. Rosemary Dougherty moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 General Meeting as published. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Irene Zawicki presented a report for the months of November and December which were accepted and filed for audit:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BAZAAR: Co-chairs Grace Mahoney and Christa Scott announced the 2019 Bazaar will be held October 10-11-12. The workshops will resume Wednesday, January 9th at St. Michael's Hall. Donations can be brought to either of the two weekly workshops.

MEMBERSHIP: Joanne Lepkowski announced that there were 96 members present. The annual dues of \$5.00 are being collected this month. She encouraged paying by check to insure better record keeping. Name tags ordered at this meeting will be available for pick up at next month's meeting. Five Bashas' Gift Cards were awarded as attendance prizes. Joyce Stalians advised that a sheet of additions and corrections to the annual Directory is available.

PUBLICITY: Rosemary Dougherty said photos and articles are in various publications promoting the Valentine's Day Sweetie Dinner-Dance. The Guild website has been updated.

SHRED-A-THON Rosemary announced the November 17th Shred-a-Thon took in almost \$4,000.00, and thanked everyone who worked to make it a success. The presence of the Sheriff's Posse helped make it a secure event.

TRAVEL: Myra Litscher said that those who went to the Barleen's Arizona Opry Christmas Variety show and lunch on December 13th had a great time. Performers even boarded the bus to thank the group for coming. The tour company, CC&Company, rebated \$413.00 to the Guild from the trip. Myra said they are working on a May 7-9 Laughlin trip with reservations at the Riverside Hotel. Myra announced that Carol Mungas has resigned as co-chair.

WELCOME/STRATEGIC PLANNING: Denise Maleszewski reported 6 new members have joined and introduced 4 of them. She made 21 calls and sent 13 emails to new parishioners inviting them to join the Guild. She thanked the meeting's ambassadors who introduced the new members around before the meeting. She attended the November 14th parish Newcomers event with President, Margie Favia.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REP: Kay Coffey reported that the first annual Veterans Day lunch on November 7th was a big success. She also said the Guild's January food donation purchase has been completed. The food bank will pick up the purchased items.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HATS FOR THE HOMELESS: Millie Perro has resigned after years of delivering hats to the homeless. Caroline Sather has taken over this project and will be working with St. Vincent de Paul.

LAP ROBES: Rita Miller said she delivered 12 lab robes and they were greatly appreciated by the group homes to which they were delivered.

BOOK CLUB/SUNSHINE: Betty Stone reported that no cards were sent in November or December. She said the Book Club will discuss "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah on January 10th.

FLOCKNOTE NOTICES: Margie Favia urged members to sign up with the parish office staff in order to receive notices about the Guild's events.

GREETING CARD MAKERS: Betty Stone and Joan Suminski explained the history, art and skills that go into the cards made for sale to benefit the Guild. Betty has been making them for over 25 years, and Joan for over 12 years. Betty is the quality control person. Birthday cards comprise the most made and all cards now contain verses. No Christmas cards are needed at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Denise Malezewski, Mary Lou Grether and Bernie Slater will present a slate of officers at the March General Meeting. There are still some openings to be filled.

WOMEN'S GUILD BANNER: Margie Favia reported that a dark blue border has been added to the banner by Marilyn Zenz to make it stand out better. The banner is in the church hall at Prince of Peace.

ATTENDANCE AT FUNERALS: Margie Favia reported calls from the parish funeral coordinator to advise that sometimes very few family or friends are expected at funerals. The Guild members have responded by attending those funerals. There were 30 members at the last one.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Margie Favia thanked Linda Osgood, MaryAnn Anthony, and their committee for an enjoyable luncheon held in December at Briarwood Country Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON: Margie Favia reminded everyone of this annual event to be held Thursday, January 24th at Prince of Peace Hall, starting at noon. Everyone attending should bring either a main dish or a salad to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Cards and games will be played following lunch.

SWEETIE DINNER-DANCE: Co-chairs Mary Fox and Carol Byrne, and their committee, delivered the promotion message, which started with everyone singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". The event will be held in St. Michael's Hall on Valentine's Day 2019 from 5-9 pm. The menu for the buffet dinner was announced. The parish catering team will prepare the buffet dinner. Wine will be available for a donation. There will be live music by DJ and keyboard artist, Bart Jensen, a Sing Along, anniversaries honored, and prizes awarded. Tickets are \$27.00 and are on sale until February 4th.

FASHION SHOW: Myra Litscher announced plans are underway for the April 6th Fashion Show at Briarwood Country Club. Ten members have volunteered to model the clothes provided by Don Scott. Elsie Thornton will be in charge of ticket sales. Myra said there are three other Fashion Shows scheduled near the date of the Guild's.

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

PAST PRESIDENT: Past President, Amy Peterson, thanked everyone for the cards and prayers following the recent traffic accident she and her husband, Don, were involved in, stating how much it meant to them to know people cared.

BIRTHDAYS: December and January birthdays were celebrated for two members.

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

Mary Fox, Secretary

PROGRAM: *Following the meeting, members learned four line dances in preparation for attendance at the Sweetie Dinner-Dance. Linda Osgood, Gwen Diebold, Grace Mahoney, Lorraine Rollnick, and Margie Favia facilitated the lessons.*