

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WOMEN'S GUILD GENERAL MEETING February 4, 2019

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 opening Guild Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Margie Favia. She also read a special prayer to the Holy Spirit to help in living our faith. Chaplain Father Mike Ashibuogwu said a special prayer for the Guild members. Mary Fox read the Guild's prayer list and led the prayers.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Mary Fox read thank you letters from Father David, Father Mike, Father Augustine, and maintenance worker, Tom Scott for Christmas gifts from the Guild; from Sun City West Beaders for a donation of beads, and from the Our Lady of Lourdes St. Vincent de Paul Conference for the Guild's donation to the Adopt a Family Program.

MINUTES: Rosemary Dougherty moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 General Meeting as published. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Margie Favia introduced the ten ladies who have volunteered to be models at the April Fashion Show.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Irene Zawicki presented her report for January 2019 which was accepted and filed for audit.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BAZAAR: Grace Mahoney and Christa Scott announced that the 2019 Bazaar will be their last as co-chairs. They urged volunteers to step up so they can work alongside them during the coming year. Christa said that ideas for new craft projects are welcome and should be submitted to her. The Bazaar will be held October 10-11-12.

MEMBERSHIP: Joanne Lepkowski and Elsie Thornton reported that there were 83 members present. The annual dues of \$5.00 are still being collected. She encouraged paying by check to insure better record keeping. Five boxes of Valentine's candy were awarded as attendance prizes.

PUBLICITY: Rosemary said she places notices of Guild events in 22 publications. The latest "Communiti" magazine features the Sweetie Dinner-Dance. She is working on the March General Meeting and the April Fashion Show as well. The Guild website is up to date.

TRAVEL: Myra Litscher introduced her new co-chair, Lori Duryea. They are working on a late May Laughlin trip at the Riverside Hotel, three days and two nights.

WELCOME/STRATEGIC PLANNING: Denise Maleszewski introduced three new members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Denise Maleszewski reported they will present a slate of officers at the March meeting. There are still openings for some offices.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

GREETING CARD MAKERS: Betty Stone and Joan Suminski showed examples of the new, personalized cards that Christa Scott will make for sale. Cost will be \$1.50 each.

BOOK CLUB/SUNSHINE: Betty Stone reported that she sent out three cards in January. She said the Book Club will discuss "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck in March.

LAP ROBES: Rita Miller said she currently has three lab robes to deliver to group homes.

HATS FOR THE HOMELESS: Caroline Sather said she will be collecting knitted or crocheted hats to donate to St. Vincent de Paul next fall. Mary Fox advised that these hats can be delivered to either weekly workshop throughout the year and the Knit-Crochet group will store them for her, but they should be marked for that purpose.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON: Margie Favia reported that 60 ladies attended the luncheon on January 24th. About 30 ladies stayed to play games and Bunco. She thanked the ladies on the committee who made it a fun, successful event.

BOX TOPS AND SOUP LABELS: Margie Favia let everyone know that former Guild President, Emily Hodus, still collects these. She asked members to help Emily out by bringing the saved items to the General meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

POTENTIAL VEGAS NIGHT EVENT: Margie Favia advised that she and Rosemary Dougherty will attend the Minnesota Club's Casino Night on February 12th to observe how it is conducted. The information will be used to determine if the Guild will hold a similar event next year.

2019-2020 CALENDAR: Margie Favia reported that dates for events next year have been submitted to the parish for the master calendar. Some dates are tentative.

BOB'S VARIETY DISCOUNT CARDS: Margie Favia said that the Bazaar co-chairs have a supply of these cards for use by members.

EVENTS:

APRIL SHRED-A-THON: Rosemary Dougherty announced the next Shred-a-Thon will be held Saturday, April 13th from 9 am to Noon at Prince of Peace.

SWEETIE DINNER-DANCE: Co-chairs Mary Fox and Carol Byrne are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Hall, to take photos of guests, to escort guests to their tables, and to help with dinner service. Volunteers can sign up at this meeting. They reported 109 tickets have been sold so far. The event will be held in St. Michael's Hall on Valentine's Day 2019 from 5-9 pm. Tickets are \$27.00 and sales were extended to February 7th.

FASHION SHOW: Myra Litscher announced tickets are now on sale for the April 6th Fashion Show at Briarwood Country Club. Menu choices will be salmon or Yankee pot roast. Clothes will be from New Image, Don Scott, who donates part of the proceeds back to the Guild. Tickets are \$30.00. There will be several baskets and other items raffled off. Flyers were available at the meeting. She asked that members post them around town. Myra urged member support as there are three other Fashion Shows scheduled near the date of the Guild's.

FEATURED COMMITTEES:

Meeting Refreshments: Marilyn Zenz and Joan McKenna explained what is involved in providing refreshments for each General Meeting.

Donut Sunday: Bernie Slater described how she and Mary Lou Grether order and provide donuts once a month at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on behalf of the Guild. Donations are accepted for the doughnuts, and any that are left over are made available to the KCs for their Bingo customers.

SCW SHERIFF'S POSSE CRISIS: Rosemary Dougherty advised that there is a meeting on Thursday, February 7th, at 8:00 am at Palm Ridge Center, at which Sheriff Paul Penzone will be present to explain why he has suspended the services of the volunteer Posse in Sun City West.

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

BIRTHDAYS: February birthdays were celebrated for five members.

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

Mary Fox, Secretary

PROGRAM: *Following the meeting, Gwen Diebold led members through a series of low impact, chair exercises. She was assisted by Margie Favia.*