

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WOMEN'S GUILD
GENERAL MEETING March 4, 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 of inspiration for all Guild members. Mary Fox read the Guild's prayer list and led the prayers.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Mary Fox read a thank you note from member Susan Hall complimenting the Guild on its successful Sweetie Dinner-Dance.

MINUTES: Rosemary Dougherty moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 General Meeting as published. Motion carried.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BAZAAR: Grace Mahoney and Christa Scott again announced that the 2019 Bazaar will be their last as co-chairs, and encouraged members to come forward so they can work alongside them during the coming year. There will be no workshop on Wednesday, March 6th, due to Ash Wednesday.

MEMBERSHIP: Joanne Lepkowski and Elsie Thornton reported that there were 76 members present. The annual dues of \$5.00 are still being collected. Five gift cards for Fry's were awarded as attendance prizes.

PUBLICITY: Rosemary Dougherty is placing articles in the papers about the April Fashion Show, and the April 13th Shred a Thon which will be at Prince of Peace Church. She stated that regardless of the status of the SCW Posse, there will be Posse volunteers at the event to help with traffic and security.

TRAVEL: Myra Litscher and Lori Duryea announced the Laughlin bus trip on May 21-23 at the Riverside Hotel and Casino. Trip is three days and two nights at a cost of \$170 double and \$225 single occupancy. Two breakfasts and one dinner are included. Reservations will be accepted until April 19th. They are working on a tea house trip for the fall.

WELCOME/STRATEGIC PLANNING: Denise Maleszewski introduced two new members. She made calls to the new parishioners for January and February inviting them to join the Guild. She thanked her meeting ambassadors who welcomed the new members and introduced them around before the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL: Kay Coffey encouraged attendance at the March 7th Diocesan Campaign Reception with Bishop Olmsted in St. Michael's Hall and requested RSVPs to insure enough food is prepared. She also announced that Stations of the Cross will be said before all daily Masses during Lent.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

FLOCKNOTE NOTICES: Margie Favia encouraged members to sign up with the parish office so they will receive notices about the Guild.

BOOK CLUB: Kay Coffey said the Book Club will discuss "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck in March and urged everyone to come to the discussion on Thursday, March 14th at 9 am.

HATS FOR THE HOMELESS: Caroline Sather said she is collecting knitted or crocheted hats to donate to St. Vincent de Paul next fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2019-2020 CALENDAR: Margie Favia brought attention to plans to celebrate the Guild's 40th Anniversary in November. The Guild began in July 1979. She also reported on her attendance at the Minnesota Club Casino Night with Rosemary Dougherty. Tentatively, a Guild Vegas Night is planned for February.

SWEETIE DINNER-DANCE: Margie thanked the Committee for a fun-filled, successful evening. Co-chairs Mary Fox and Carol Byrne presented a report citing enthusiastic work by committee members to transform St. Michael's Hall into a welcoming, dinner-dance setting, and an event profit of over \$1800 with 120 tickets sold.

BOX TOPS AND SOUP LABELS: Margie Favia reminded all to save box tops and soup labels as former Guild President, Emily Hodus, still collects these. A basket will be available at each meeting to collect them.

NEW BUSINESS:

FASHION SHOW: Myra Litscher and Elsie Thornton announced 222 tickets have been sold to date for the April 6th Fashion Show at Briarwood Country Club. Tickets are \$30.00 and on sale until March 31st. Margie announced the themes

for the various raffle baskets members are donating for the Show – Easter, Pasta, Oriental Tea, Movie, Spa, Wine, Mexican, and there will also be a money tree.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Denise Maleszewski, Mary Lou Grether and Bernie Slater announced the following slate of officers for 2019-2020:

President – Margie Favia
First Vice President – Mary Fox
Second Vice President – Maryann Anthony
Secretary – Kathy Ulincy
Assistant Secretary – Rita Miller
Treasurer – Linda Osgood
Assistant Treasurer – Jean Green

Election of officers will be held at the April General meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

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

BIRTHDAYS: March birthdays were celebrated for six members.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Mary Fox, Secretary

PROGRAM: *Following the meeting, the Theatre West Ambassadors, led by Valerie Griffin, performed a humorous and entertaining skit for the members.*