

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES WOMEN'S GUILD**  
**GENERAL MEETING May 6, 2019**

The General meeting was called to order at 9:00 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. Margie thanked everyone for their support, assistance and gracious participation throughout the past Guild year.

**INSTALLATION OF 2019-20 OFFICERS:** Parliamentarian Barbara Horton conducted the installation of the following as officers for the 2019-20 Guild Year.

President – Margie Favia  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mary Fox  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Maryann Anthony  
Secretary – Kathy Ulincy  
Assistant Secretary – Rita Miller  
Assistant Treasurer – Jean Green

Treasurer Linda Osgood was absent due to travel and will be installed at the September General meeting.

**DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:** President Margie Favia reviewed the current financial status of the Guild and the Rules requirement to provide starting funds for the next Guild year. The following motions for disbursement of funds were made based on the Board's recommendations:

Rosemary Dougherty moved that a new washer and dryer be purchased for St. Michael's Hall at Prince of Peace, not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion carried. It was noted that these have already been purchased and the bill has been obtained from the parish for payment.

Myra Litscher moved that a new stackable washer and dryer be purchased for Madonna Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes, not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Mary Morris moved that a second microphone for the sound system at Madonna Hall be purchased, and a portable sound system with four microphone capability be purchased for St. Michael's Hall, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Motion carried. President Margie Favia stated that Will Wright would provide information on the portable sound system later during the meeting.

Elsie Thornton moved to purchase 10 sturdy card tables for use by the parish catering team, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Joan Baird moved that 30 stain and wrinkle resistant tablecloths be purchased for the parish's 8 foot round tables, not to exceed \$ 2,000.00. Motion carried. June Racus and Carol Byrne did extensive research in order to obtain the best available stain resistant tablecloths. Test samples have been ordered.

President Margie Favia explained that, due to the above motions, \$10,500.00 has now been set aside for the above purchases. Once actual costs have been determined, remaining funds will become available for disbursement to the parish.

Grace Mahoney moved that \$7,500.00 be held in the treasury for operating expenses per the Guild Rules, and that all remaining funds be given to the parish. Motion carried.

President Margie Favia advised that it is estimated that at least \$14,000.00 will be given to the parish. She further stated that the Guild has this year previously given \$10,000.00 to the parish, and disbursed \$8,000.00 to support various other charitable organizations.

**SWEETIE DINNER-DANCE SLIDESHOW:** Rosemary Dougherty presented a 10 minute slideshow displaying the evening's events and many of the guests. Margie Favia again acknowledged the event's volunteer (professional) photographer, John Schnaible, who is the son-in-law of member, Bernie Slater. John took photos of the event throughout the evening. Margie also said that copies of any of the photos could be obtained, as well as copies of the slideshow.

*At 9:45 am the meeting was recessed in order that members could attend the funeral services for former member, Barbara Knop. The meeting resumed at 10:55 am.*

#### **FEATURED COMMITTEE:**

**BOOK CLUB:** Betty Stone gave a brief history of the book club and stated that the club meets six times during the year.

**PRAYER LIST:** Mary Fox read the names on the Guild Prayer List and led the prayers.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Secretary Mary Fox read thank you notes from Mary Sudol and the Parish Maintenance Department.

**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Mary Fox reminded everyone of the upcoming Mass on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes, which will be said for the living members of the Guild and commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Guild.

**MINUTES:** President Margie Favia requested corrections for the March minutes. She then stated that the minutes were approved as distributed.

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

President Margie Favia advised that Delores Gelb will be auditing the books for the Guild at the end of May.

**WILL WRIGHT:** Mr. Wright explained the portable Fender Speaker System currently being used for the Masses at Vistancia. That system is expensive but can be used both indoors and outdoors. He has found a less expensive system which will allow the use of four microphones which he feels will provide what the Guild needs at both church halls. It is portable and therefore can be moved where it is needed. He estimated \$2,000.00 to purchase the portable four microphone system, plus an additional wireless microphone for the Madonna Hall system.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BAZAAR:** Margie Favia noted that circumstances often dictate changes in order for events to continue. Grace Mahoney announced that Bernie Slater has agreed to be a co-chair along with Lori Duryea for the 2020 Bazaar. Both ladies will assist with the 2019 Bazaar to learn what is involved in staging the Bazaar. Volunteer leaders for some of the booths are still needed. The 2019 Bazaar will be held October 10-11-12. Margie announced that the raffle ticket stuffing party will be held August 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Hall, Prince of Peace.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Joanne Lepkowski and Betty Keane awarded five Basha's gift cards as attendance prizes. Betty Keane and Elsie Thornton will head the Membership Committee starting in September. Margie and the members expressed their appreciation for the many years Joanne has headed this committee.

**FUNERAL ATTENDANCE:** Margie thanked the members for their attendance at funerals for former Guild members during the year.

**PUBLICITY:** Margie explained that in order to provide better group photos for the bulletin, the assistance of a professional photographer will be obtained. Carol Byrne will continue to provide articles for the parish bulletin column. Rosemary Dougherty will continue to send articles and photos to various local publications and newspapers. It is anticipated that an article about the Bazaar will appear in the Sunday bulletin twice a month. A writer for these articles is needed.

**SHRED-A-THON:** Margie acknowledged the organizational skills of Rosemary Dougherty in staging these very successful events this past year. She sent thank you notes to the ten volunteers who worked loading the trucks in April.

**FASHION SHOW:** Myra Litscher and Elsie Thornton said they received high praise for the professional presentation of this event held April 6<sup>th</sup>. It succeeded in all aspects and was attended by nearly 300 guests, many of whom came from outside the parish membership. New Image sold \$4,000.00 worth of clothing. The basket raffle and 50/50 Drawing were very popular. Myra announced a total profit of \$4,151.00.

**TRAVEL:** Lori Duryea announced that there are only four seats left on the bus for the Laughlin bus trip on May 21-23 at the Riverside Hotel and Casino. A minimum of 30 are needed. The trip is three days and two nights at a cost of \$170 double and \$275 single occupancy.

Myra Litscher shared details for a trip to Organ Stop Pizza on September 26<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$30.00 per person. A minimum of 50 is needed and reservations will start in August. The Christmas event will be to Silver Star Theater in Mesa on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

**WELCOME/STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Denise Maleszewski introduced two new members. She said a total of five new members have been added and that three of them signed up at the parish's Newcomers Reception on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Madonna Hall.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Kay Coffey announced plans for the "Year of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Rosary" to be celebrated with various events in our parish from July 2019 through June 2020. Promotion of saying the rosary will be encouraged with small parish groups. In June 2020, (Pastor) Father David Ostler plans to lead a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes shrine in France. More details to come.

#### **FEATURED COMMITTEE:**

**LAP ROBES AND GUILD HISTORY BOOK:** Rita Miller explained that she regularly delivers knitted or crochets lap blankets made by Guild members to various group homes and these are greatly appreciated. She also takes the time to visit with the residents. She announced that Amy Peterson has agreed to take this on next Guild year. She displayed the 2018-19 History book she has been assembling throughout the past year which chronicles the meetings and events held during the year.

**APPOINTED COMMITTEES:** President Margie Favia announced the following committee appointments for the 2019-2020 Guild year.

Betty Stone, Book Club  
Gwen Diebold and Maryann Frison, 50/50 Drawing  
Joyce Stalians, Directory  
Margie Favia, Flocknote notices to members  
Marilyn Zenz, Joan McKenna, Pat Richardson, Kitchen/Food  
Bernie Slater, Donut Sunday  
Amy Peterson, Lap Robes  
Carol Sather, Hats for the Homeless  
Gwen Diebold, Sunshine Lady  
Rosemary Dougherty, Website

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MAGNIFICAT LUNCHEON:** This organization is holding their next meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Margie Favia encouraged members to attend. Registration ends May 6<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$15.00.

**2019-2020 EVENTS:** Margie announced that the old and new officers will meet to plan events which will commemorate and celebrate the Guild's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Other 2019-20 calendar events will include the Bazaar, Christmas Luncheon, two Shred-a-Thons, International Luncheon, Vegas Night and Fashion Show.

**50/50 DRAWING:** A drawing was held for five cash prizes. Margie stated the appreciation of the members for the years Mary Lou Grether has headed this committee. Gwen Diebold and Maryann Frison will be in charge of the 50/50 Drawing starting in September.

**BIRTHDAYS:** May birthdays were celebrated for three members.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon..

Mary Fox, Secretary

*Following the meeting, members enjoyed a bag lunch followed by games. Ice cream treats were provided by the Guild.*