

St. Teresa's Altar Society
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by President Dianne Reznicek after recitation of the Rosary. Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed.

Vice President Mary Pat McBride announced that there will be no Bed Making in February. Next Bed Making date will be Monday, March 2nd. An email will be sent out closer to that date.

Old Business

The December minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Cindy Love reported total income for November 2019 - January 2020, was \$3,532.04; closing balance for January, 2019, was \$7760.36. An anonymous donor gifted \$1,000 towards the purchase of a new dishwasher for Kaczmarek Hall kitchen. Since the revision last spring of funeral luncheon, a profit of \$1,095 for serving meals has accrued.

Spirituality Chair, Mary Davis, shared information regarding the 2020, LDCCW "President's Project." Donations of money and toiletries will be given to Catholic Social Services to share with the homeless.

In keeping with the National Council of Catholic Women's (NCCW) goals for 2019-2020, Sherri Cunningham read part of the JP II encyclical *Laudato si'*. Sherry set up tables filled with books, newspaper print-outs, and articles regarding the importance of caring for the environment. She also shared handouts to assist with reducing waste at home. Altar Society members and a male guest, then listened to a presentation by Kate Picard, from "Big Red Worms." Katie and her husband began a vermicomposting company to reduce waste and promote recycling and composting. Katie shared how their company works in conjunction with citizens in Lincoln, and schools, to sort food waste, and how they use the food waste to feed worms which in turn produce a valuable fertilizer sold on-line as well as in Lincoln. At the end of the presentation, door prizes consisting of recyclable grocery bags were awarded. Next month, Lilly Blase from First Plymouth Church will share information on how their church reduced solid waste by 75%.

New Business

With the addition of the new dishwasher in Kaczmarek Hall kitchen, a discussion was held regarding possible considerations needed if we were to transition from Styrofoam dishware to Corel or Malmac dishware for use in Kaczmarek Hall kitchen. Rosie Polak agreed to research prices of the dishware, and share her findings at the March meeting. Sherry will research paper products sold by the Big Red Worm company, and share her findings at the March meeting.

A printout of food/workers needed for upcoming Knights of Columbus "Fish Fries" during Lent was reviewed. Circle Chairs are encouraged to review expectations and begin making necessary arrangements for workers/dessert needed. First Fish Fry is scheduled for February 28, 2020, (St. Clare and St. Bridget Circles) and

on the following Fridays in Lent: March 13, (St. Anne and St. Elizabeth Circles) and March 27, (St. Martha 50% food/workers; all other Circles provide 2 pies, 1 dessert, and 1 worker each.) Fish Fry meals will be served at the KC Hall, 6044 South Street. Tabby Goodwater will take bag to the hall; Rosie/Randy Polak will return bag to Rectory. Supplies needed for serving desserts will remain in a tote stored at the KC Hall from week to week.

Spirituality Chair, Mary Davis, will attend the LDCCW Winter Symposium. Mary will be proposing a Baptismal Braille Book for visually impaired parents in the Lincoln Diocese. A motion to cover Mary's registration fee at the Symposium and to donate \$38 for the printing of two parent books was made and passed. The books will be shared with the Chancery and parishes throughout the diocese.

Dianne presented a request on behalf of Father Hottovy who was unable to attend in person as he was presiding at a funeral rosary. In an effort to increase the Sacred Art Collection to be used on the Altars at St. Teresa's, Father is requesting an amount of \$1250 to be used to purchase 5 framed replicas of famous Sacred Art. Discussion followed. Motion tabled until March meeting.

Information shared before adjourning: Parish fundraiser, Eat, Drink and Give will take place on February 22, 2020. Free handouts were available from Aging Partners (healthy foods, Homestead Exemption process). No coffee/donuts in February, Boy Scout's Pancake Feed instead. All Circles asked to participate in March coffee/donuts.

Next meeting: March 4, 2020. 7:00pm Rosary, Kazmarek Hall; meeting at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Walsh

Secretary