

St. Teresa Parish Altar Society Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

Those in attendance: Mary Pat McBride, Theresa Kottwitz, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Sharon Svoboda, Jayne Ommerman, Rose Walsh, Margy Stoley, Kay Haffey, Pat Cruz, Laura, Father Hottovy, Sara Hein, Julie Noack, Judy Moser, Rosie Polak, Nancy Russell, Mary Treick, Cindy Love, Shelly Sullivan

Rosary: Mary Treick led the Rosary starting at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mary Pat McBride, President, welcomed everyone. We then introduced ourselves, stating our position, how long we have been in the parish, and something about ourselves. She then announced Rosie Polak will be the temporary St. Bridget's circle leader and Mary Treick has accepted the position of Spiritual Chair. Sherri Cunningham has accepted the position of environmental chair. Historian position is still open. Mary Pat let the circle leader's know surveys, list of no calls, list of 85 and over were on the tables to take home.

Prior to continuing the meeting delicious desserts were served along with water and tea.

Mary Pat gave an opening prayer at 7:40.

A volunteer sheet to lead the rosary prior to meetings was made available to those attending the meeting. The main focus of the meeting would be to come up with a plan for the Bazaar.

Approval of Minutes: Kay Haffey made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes and Rose Walsh seconded the motion. The motion passed. The minutes will be sent out to the members of the Altar Society after they are approved by Mary Pat. A few copies will be made available at the meetings.

Bed Making: Theresa passed around a signup sheet for anyone interested in helping to make beds at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center on Monday, September 28th. There are two times to sign up: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Theresa will be in touch with those who have volunteered.

Treasurers Report:

- Cindy has completed the switch of our Altar Society account to West Gate Bank where there would be no fees.
- \$1,854 in dues have been paid to date
- Bank account currently stands at \$15,934. Historically we use around \$9,000 per year so we will need to watch spending.

Membership:

- The mailing was completed and 99 survey sheets have been turned into the rectory to date.
- Judy explained the change from flowers to edible bouquets for the Pink Sisters and the Christ the King Sisters for the shower of roses on October 1st. The Sisters were very happy to receive them last year. She also ordered them for the priests last year. She will be ordering the edible bouquets for this year as well.

Special Projects:

- There was a discussion on holding a simple gathering to welcome Fr. Kipper. Some ideas were to hold this at the bazaar or after Sunday masses. Decision was to hold a meet and greet after Sunday masses. There would not be any food or beverage served. **Mary Pat will contact Fr. Kipper.**

Kitchen:

- No report for the kitchen/funerals.
- Rosie informed the group the Pink Sisters need to replace the roof of their convent. The cost is \$72,000. \$60,000 has already been donated. Short discussion held on giving \$100 to help with the cost. Rosie made a motion to donate \$100, Kay 2nd the motion and all were in favor of this donation.

Circle Leaders:

- Mary Pat will be setting up a separate meeting with the circle leaders in the near future to discuss possible changes.

Leadership:

- Nancy informed everyone of the loss of the Nebraska Right to Life director Julie Schmit-Albin who was a warrior for the cause.

Parish Bazaar:

- Father Hottovy is looking at mid-October for the Bazaar. Tents and booths would be set up outside. He will look into having the streets blocked off to give us plenty of space between booths. Father will also find out if there is a limit to how many attend outdoor gatherings. Bazaar time will be reduced, unknown at this time how long it will last.
- **The auction, if there is one could be virtual.**
- Booths will be set up for the cake walk (St. Martha and St Anne's circles), baked goods (St. Bridget) and crafts (St. Elizabeth and St Claire circles).
- Cake walk will use numbers on the ground for the kids to stand on instead of holding sticks. Baked goods will need to be individually wrapped. Hand sanitizer will be available at each booth and masks will be required.

There will be no October meeting so we can focus on getting things ready for the bazaar. The next meeting will be November 4th.

Mary Pat asked if we would like to have wine, beer and snacks at our meetings. The answer was YES to all. St Anne will bring snacks to the meeting in November.

Things to think about for discussion at the next meeting:

- Name change for the group
- Events for women
 - Women of the well – speaker, wine
 - Fat Friday Party
 - Advent prayer service
 - Team up with the evangelization group
 - Start a prayer line for women of the Altar Society

Meeting ended by going around the room with each giving something they are thankful for and a prayer request. Father Hottovy stated the Marian mass would be at St. Teresa's and it would not be advertised due to restrictions on how many can gather in the church. Asked for continued prayers for Mario and his family. He is still in critical condition.

Closing:

- Fr. Hottovy closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing at 8:20 p.m.