

**St. Teresa Parish Altar Society Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday February 7, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

**Those in attendance:** Lisa Andersen, Judy Moser, Julie Noack, Sharon Svoboda, Melissa Brox, Mary Huggenberger, Rosie Polak, Jane Ommerman, Jean Brigham, Sheri Jablonski, Kay Haffey, Jill Micek, Mary Pat McBride, Cynthia Waldman, Margy Stoley

**Rosary:** led by Sharon at 7:00

**Call to Order:** at 7:27 by Lisa Andersen President. Went around the room to introduce ourselves for those new to the meeting.

**President:**

- Next bed making is in March 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by one in April.
- December meeting minutes were approved with edits for the number of pies sold.
- Lisa will be sending out an agenda for the LDCCW convention. Help is being requested for the LDCCW Biennial Convention being held at Cathedral on April 26-27. Click on this link to review help that is needed. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DA4AA283-cookies#/>
- Thank you cards were passed around for everyone to read.
- All office openings have been filled; installation will be at the May meeting.
  - President – Mary Pat McBride
  - President Elect – Melissa Brox
  - Secretary – Lisa Andersen

**Coffee and Rolls:**

- Coffee and Rolls will be held after the 8:00 mass on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, hosted by St. Bridget's Circle. No coffee and rolls after the 10 or 12 o'clock masses due to not enough volunteers to donate baked goods or work the shifts.
- Discussion held on the future of coffee and rolls sponsored by the Altar Society.
  - Do it 3 times a year with 2 circles (includes the Junior Altar Society) being responsible for each; Currently do it 5 times a year with 1 circle responsible for each.
  - Have them on set weekends each year: Divine Mercy Sunday (April), Back to School (August), and Gaudete Sunday.
  - Order donuts/rolls and juice instead of asking for volunteers to supply them.
  - Continue to have volunteers from the responsible circle to help serve

**Special Projects:**

- No report
- Coming up in April: Confirmation and First Communion

**Kitchen:**

- Several items have disappeared from the kitchen so they had to be replaced.
- The Scouts did a great job cleaning up after their Sunday pancake breakfast.

**Spiritual:**

- A sheet showing the available retreats was sent around the table. There is a 1 day retreat for mothers on Mother's Day, a dessert day, and several others to choose from.
- Lent starts February 14<sup>th</sup>; it's a time for Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

**Treasurers Report:**

- Sheri Jablonski reported we currently have \$12,554.17 in the bank.
- Expenses (December) were LDCCW contribution \$124.00, LDCCW Burse Fund \$ 64.48, LDCCW Bishops Project \$50.00, Christmas Gifts \$800.00, Kitchen Supplies \$442.63
- Income (December) was dues \$71.00, Funeral Lunches \$250.00
- Expenses (January) St. Teresa's Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Expenses \$1011.63
- Income (January) \$0.00

**Membership**

- 3 additional members sent in dues,
- Total dues paid \$35.00

**Newcomers:**

- No report.

**Vice President:**

- No report

**Environmental Chair:**

- No report

**Legislature:**

- No update

**Women's Event Committee**

- February 24<sup>th</sup>: Book – Great Divorce; Will be hosted by Erin Willis at her home. Coffee and treats will be provided.
- April/May: How to build a flower Bouquet – Rene Cunningham
- June: Tour of gardens – More to come
- October – Beloved, a business owned by Hannah Beckman (Schinkel); a talk about her small business and how to make your own rosaries

**Additional discussions:**

- St. Teresa Fish Fries: February 16<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>. Signup Genius sent out for 2 shifts, pies and desserts. Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help make this successful.
- Bazaar
  - Reminder for all circle leaders to write up a report on their booth which will include how it was set up, what workers need to know for the booth, and any other details that will help those running them in the future.
  - Altar Society earnings for booths \$8,347.07.
- Discussed the "Thank You" appreciation event for all those who volunteer to help with funerals and events such as coffee and rolls, working a booth and/or the fish fry. Possible events:
  - Morning Mass and brunch
  - Evening Mass and wine/hors d'oeuvres
  - Date not set
- Julie gave an update on the new Junior Altar Society.
  - This group is made up of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Currently 12 have joined the group.
  - They have decided to name their circle St. Maria Goretti.
  - They will be hosting coffee and rolls in April. And volunteered to clean the tables used in the church basement.
  - Some things they are planning for next year:
    - Organize a Holy Hour
    - Bake Sale
    - Make Spiritual Bouquet cards
    - Clean the Stations of the Cross
    - Update the bulletin board in the basement
    - If other the Altar Society needs help with any other projects they will be happy to help out.
- Mary Pat would like to change the format of the meeting. Make the first part of the meeting a short update on important matters then for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half have a speaker or an activity.
  - She would like to form a program, group, to help come up with ideas of activities to do after the meetings.
  - If interested please contact Mary Pat.
- Melissa Brox informed us Deacon Jonah will be having his first mass on May 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa's. She requested help from the Altar Society to decorate and serve at a cupcake reception in the Church basement. If you are interested please contact Jean Brigham.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m