

St. Teresa Parish Altar Society Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 3, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance: Fr. Kipper, Lisa Andersen, Judy Moser, Julie Noack, Sharon Svoboda, Mary Huggenburger, Jane Ommerman, Sheri Jablonski, Jill Micek, Mary Pat McBride, Jean Brigham, Rachel Meyer, Kim Dostal, Laura Minchow, Karen Bentz

Rosary: led by Sharon at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: at 7:27 p.m. by Lisa Andersen President

President:

- Lisa asked if there were any corrections to the March minutes. No one recalled receiving the minutes (they were one of eight attachments to the March 14th bulletin) so Lisa will re-send.
- April bedmaking at the Waverly Retreat House is 4/29/24 and there are still slots available. Another sign-up will be sent next week.
- Lisa attended the LDCCW meeting. They are looking for the next board members and preparing for their convention at the end of the month.

Special Projects:

- Jean requested help for the upcoming Bishop's confirmation luncheon on April 13th. Julie and Jill offered to assist.

Kitchen:

- On behalf of Rosie Lisa reported that there were not many updates and that they had income reports for two of the three fish fries.

Spiritual:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Good Counsel April 26th with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and an ice cream social from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- A retreat is coming up May 10, 2024
- St. Teresa's Divine Mercy Eucharistic Holy Hour is April 7th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Treasurers Report:

- Sheri Jablonski reported that we have a healthy fund of \$20,489.39.
- Expenses (March) were Fr. Schwenka's birthday \$50.00, St. Teresa's School Family Confirmation and 1st Communion \$300.00, Jonah Brox Ordination \$600
- Income (March) was Coffee and Rolls \$40.00, Fish Fry Weeks one and three \$598.00, Funeral \$125.00
- Super Saver Scrip Balance (March) \$13.26

Membership:

- On behalf of Margy Lisa reported that there were a few new members.

Newcomers:

- No report

Vice President:

- No report

Environmental Chair:

- No report

Legislature:

- No update

Women's Event Committee:

- Mary Pat discussed the upcoming flower night/floral design event happening on May 3rd in the school cafeteria. Renee and Mary Cunningham will lead the instruction. They are requesting a RSVP by April 26th. Any left-over flowers will be used for decorating the altar.
- Mary Pat is still working out the details of the neighborhood garden tour. It will probably take place in June and will end at Rosie's with ice cream.

Additional Discussions:

- Laura offered to Fr. Kipper that this would be a good time to purchase any needed items. Fr. Kipper said they need to replace the bobèche on the gold candle stand (disc that catches wax).
- Sharon suggested that we could also replace the Stations of the Cross prayer booklets because many are tattered and there are not enough on Good Friday.
- There was discussion about care of the altar servers' cassocks and surplices. Elizabeth Fitzgerald would like to teach a few people to assist with their care and upkeep. Julie said the Junior Altar Society group could assist with the help of an adult. Laura mentioned that she thought Ronnie Beauclair was interested and Fr. Kipper also mentioned Tessa Contreras.
- Mary Pat distributed copies of proposed changes to the by-laws of St. Teresa's Altar Society; current by-laws are not available for distribution. Two proposed changes discussed included changing the name of the group and timing of the fiscal audit. It is proposed to either replace our title of 'Altar Society' with 'Parish Council of Catholic Women' or adding this to the current title. Mary Pat said most other parishes use the title of 'Parish Council of Catholic Women' and is consistent with the LDCCW. Another point of discussion was changing the timing of the annual fiscal audit to April, but Sheri said it would not capture the entire fiscal year.

- Fr. Kipper said this is a busy time of the year with First Communion, confirmation, and graduation but is also joyous to celebrate these sacraments and Easter. He will be giving a State of the Parish address in a couple of weeks.
- Julie gave an update on the Junior Altar Society
 - They will host coffee and rolls Sunday April 7th
 - Jill offered an idea for the Junior Altar Society to host a carwash
- The May meeting will include a potluck meal of salads and desserts, with the Rosary beginning at 6:30 p.m. The installation of new officers will take place.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.