

Altar and Rosary Board Meeting
September 10, 2018

Attendees: Bette Davis, Barb Mathew, Catherine Pratt, Linda Harmon, Annette Humphrey, Father Rasner, Donya Tirpak, and Shannon Gardiner

Rosary: Annette led all attendees in the rosary.

Minutes: There was a motion by Donya to accept the August minutes. Barb seconded the motion. The Minutes from August 2018 were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented to everyone by Linda Harmon. Scholarship monies were taken out of the Prudential account and scholarship recipients have received their checks. The Prudential passwords have been changed and Linda now has access to the account.

Linda also received the second quarter monies from Kroger in the amount of \$509.98. Linda shared that we had budgeted \$3000 from Kroger but we will fall short of that if monies received continues on current track. This is why we have looked at other ways to stimulate our budget (ex. tamale sales). The Altar and Rosary Sodality continues to be grateful for everyone who has signed up to allow us to receive the Kroger Community Rewards. There is no question that it continues to be worth it to shop at Kroger.

Donya noted that Amazon Smile has a similar reward program and she is going to investigate us participating in this program. Every little bit makes a big difference for our sodality. With the amount of people using Amazon, this could be another way for us to increase monies for our budget.

Correspondence not requiring action: Gracious thank you notes were received from Elizabeth Griffin, Beatriz Serratos, Caitlin Tirpak, and Mary and Bill Griffin. There is no question the scholarship money is making a difference to lighten the financial burden these young people face.

Correspondence requiring action: None:

Spiritual Leader Report: Fr. Rasner attended and welcomed the group to share any concerns that he should be aware of. There were none at this time. Bible Study begins this Wednesday and will continue through the fall.

Prayer Intention:

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Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Annette also shared a novena for the Abuse Crisis: Accountability, Transparency, and Healing.

NCCW: Helen was not in attendance but she stated previously that the notice for NCCW will arrive soon and that the date will be later in October.

Historian: Marilyn has updated the scrapbooks and has placed them in the office. They are updated and beautifully put together. We continue to pray and hope that someone or a circle may continue this project for the sodality.

Funeral Dinners: There have been no dinners in the last month. We continue to be thankful for the efforts of Lynn and Robin in this ministry.

Old Business

- Catherine presented a heartfelt thank you note from Birthright of Delphi. \$766 was raised during the drive for baby supplies on the weekend of August 12th in the vestibule of the church. Numerous items such as diapers, wipes, clothing, burp cloths, and more were also contributed. Altar and Rosary will also make an additional donation of \$250 in December. Catherine shared a personal testament of the difference that Birthright is making by sharing a chance encounter she had with a young mother who was so grateful for the help she had received from Birthright.
- Directory: Shannon shared that things are going well. The next picture dates are October 1st and 2nd. Parishioners may call Shannon at 574.601.8177 to schedule an appointment.
- Fall Church Cleaning date is October 13th. We hope that each circle will have at least 2 people help and that all parishioners may join us to make the cleaning load easier.

New Business

- Living Rosary will be Sunday, October 21st.
- Shadow Stations will be March 24, 2019
- Parish Council Notes: Kathy Diener is doing website and needs pictures to update what the parish is doing. Ary doing CCD & choir. Directory is happening. We need to have as many people as possible participate. Contact Shannon to make an appointment. Fr. Rasner will be teaching 10th grade and Monica Venters will teach 11 & 12. The students in 9th and 10th grades will be invited to attend youth programs in our church community. It was voted on to update the church bathrooms in 2019. A committee formed of Karen Wysong, Byron Logan, Susan Jordon, and Jon O'Neil will meet with contractors to get plans and estimate. After that has been completed, all plans will need to go through the diocesan architect. The Parish Picnic was a success. 150 -175 attended. Jon and family were thanked for donating the facility and providing ice-cream. The picnic will stay on same weekend next year. Jon will put us down for that date. Gary Jones, Kroger manager, donated the food out of his own pocket. Thank him if you see him. Susan wants our youth to have the opportunity to attend Destination Jesus and will help. We need

volunteers for National Catholic Youth Conference. Everyone felt it was important to involve the youth of our parish in these endeavors.

- Prudential Account: Linda shared that the financial committee will meet in the next few weeks to determine if there is a need to review the Prudential account. We have experienced very little growth this year. After meeting, the committee will present a slate of options to the circles for review if necessary.

Circle Reports

- Friends of Our Lady: The group met at Lakeview Commons and prayed. No projects are in the works at this time.
- Guadalupanos: The group was very busy with planning for the Feast of Guadalupe. There will be a bilingual mass on the feast day, December 12 at 5:30 and all will be welcome to attend the festivities including food and music at the hall after mass.
- St. Elizabeth: They met and celebrated a baby shower for newest member, Kendra Meents.
- St. Monica: They met at Brandywine and discussed ways to add spirituality to the monthly meetings. They also are exploring ways to build community at the church.
- St. Therese: The group met at the home of a member and discussed the living rosary.
- Mary's Prayer Warriors: They continued to pray the rosary and pray together. They will begin planning the Thanksgiving dinner soon. Date to be announced in the near future.

Altar Cleaning: Jan/July: Mary's Prayer Warriors; Feb/Aug: St. Monica's; March/Sept: St. Elizabeth; April/Oct: St. therese; May/Nov: Guadalupanos; June/Dec: Friends of Our Lady. Reminder to all groups; if you notice that supplies are low, please alert the office so they may make sure that enough materials are available.

Donya moved that the meeting be closed and Linda seconded that motion.

Next meeting: October 1, 2018 at 6:15pm

Closing Prayer: Annette led us in the First Day of the Abuse Novena prayer.

