

Altar and Rosary Meeting, September 13, 2022

The women of St. Anthony's Altar met after morning Mass in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 13.

There were about 35 women present.

Minutes of the June 14 meeting were read. Patricia Geise motioned to accept the minutes; Marilyn Karpinski seconded them. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Rose Nelson reported the current balance in our account is \$32,980.45 YTD. Over \$20,000 was from the Rummage Sale. President Judi Senne and Marilyn Karpinski reported that all of the money raised by A & R Society may now be maintained in our account, per a recent meeting with Father Osman. The money raised by the Rummage Sale will no longer be split 50/50 with the church. Father will now come to Altar Rosary with special requests as the need arises.

Jan Svenson informed us of Kindness Cards sent. She asked all members to let her know of anyone ill or with other difficulties, who would appreciate a card.

New member Sally Kelly was introduced and welcomed.

Dave Ford made 2 trips to Kentucky to help those in need after the flooding there. He took items left over from the Rummage Sale, which were greatly needed. There was discussion about whether we should send a donation to the Priorist Fathers there who are coordinating relief efforts. There was also discussion about giving a gas card to Dave to help with his gas expenses for travelling there and finding out from Dave who his contact person there is. Marilyn K. suggested we acknowledge Dave for his efforts at the next meeting and Chris Scott suggested we ask Dave for a recap of the situation there.

The cleaning cabinet is now in church on the left side, next to the Choir room, in the last door. A brown cabinet has been fully stocked with cleaning supplies. There is a list on a hook next to the cabinet of what it contains. Rose Nelson reminded those dusting weekly to please also dust the newly placed picture of the Divine Mercy, above the candle stand.

A number of members of Altar Rosary have chosen to fill 50 Boxes of Joy to be donated through Cross Catholic to needy children in South America. Susan Schneider reminded all who still have boxes out to please bring them to the next meeting on October 11.

NEW BUSINESS

President Judi Senne shared a card of thanks from J.P. Soulliere for our past scholarship help for his studies in a Marist Seminary. He will now be taking a break from Seminary for personal reasons, but hopes to reapply in the future. He asked for prayers, and help in finding a job suited to his abilities, in our parish or elsewhere. Chris Scott discussed the status of the Youth Director position, currently unfilled. We do not know if there is money budgeted for this position. Marilyn Karpinski said she would be meeting with Father Osman that day, and will ask him, and mention the JP may be interested in such a position.

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5 members of A & R Society met with Fr. Osman on August 16. Minutes from that meeting were passed out. Marilyn Karpinski reported that Father was very happy with all the things our Society has done in the past to support the Church and various charities. He also appreciated our Evangelical spirit during the Rummage Sale, which was commented on by attendees; also our donations to various needy groups, such as TLC, the American Legion and the Assembly of God Church, as well as individuals. Also, 2 truckloads of books were donated to the Animal Shelter for their book sale. As mentioned, Father now wants all funds raised by A & RS to be maintained in our account. We had previously been reserving funds for refurbishing the old church building. Father will let us know of future needs for this. Other information included the future use of the chapel. It may be used for daily Mass again in the future, if attendance drops over the Winter to enable a smaller space to be used. Funds were donated for a Mary Statue and Garden on parish grounds. Father asked us to wait on this project until decisions are made about campus development. Father said all priests would soon be moving into the Rectory. Judi Senne reported this was a wonderful meeting!

Judi reported that the A & R Society purchased 2 Raffle tickets from the Knights of Columbus to thank them for all their help at the Rummage Sale.

Annette Calloway is a new member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She reported there is a great need for donations at present. We have donated \$300 at Christmas time for Christmas dinners. Rose Nelson made a motion to donate \$1,000. This was seconded by all.

Patricia Geise shared information about the 7 Sisters Apostolate. Janette Rauch is also heading up this program, but was not able to be with us. Each person volunteers to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour, on the same day weekly, for 1 priest, for 1 year. Since we currently have 2 priests, 14 people are needed, as well as subs. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

A nominating committee was formed for seeking new officers. Results will be shared at the October meeting.

A farewell card for Father Mark was passed around. He will soon be leaving to continue his studies in Rome. Deb Davis suggested a farewell gift. Roseanne Johnson moved that we give him a \$100 Visa Card, Chris Scott seconded. All voted in favor of this.

Rose Nelson requested donations towards the Divine Mercy picture she purchased, now above the votive candles in church. Marilyn Karpinski moved to reimburse Rose, Susan Schneider seconded the motion. The amount of \$200 was voted on, all were in favor.

Nancy Craig mentioned there are no Crucifixes in the classrooms. A committee of Nancy, Marilyn Karpinski and Roseanne Johnson was formed to discuss further, and talk with Father Osman also.

Judy Senne discussed that there will now be Eucharistic Adoration every week, on Tuesdays from 830 to 930 after Mass. This now happens when A&RS usually meets, at 830 after Mass on the 3rd Tuesday. After discussion, it was decided to meet on October 11 at 900, allowing participants to attend Adoration from 830 to 900. We also decided not to have snacks at the next meeting. We will discuss this issue further then.

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Jan Svenson motioned that we close the meeting at 10:00, seconded by Susan Schneider. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schneider, Secretary