

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2025

President Lorna Gallogly called the meeting to order at 9:30. 22 members were present. We began with our Consecration to Mary prayer and a Hail Mary for all intentions of members. A new attendee was present, Deb Heiner, whom we welcomed and invited to join us in active membership.

Standing Reports:

Minutes: Lorna asked for corrections for the November 12 meeting in 2024. One correction was made. Reporting Secretary Susan Schneider will correct the minutes.

Correspondence: Mary Ann Wiegand received no mail in the past month. Lorna reported she received a Thank you note from both Katie and Karina for the \$50 they each received as a Christmas gift from ARS. It was mentioned that a card has been or will be sent to Bonnie Groosbeck, who had surgery recently.

Treasurer: Annette Calloway reported December income totaled \$130 in dues received; \$1,532.47 from K of C's for their share of Christmas Party expenses (each group paid half); and \$70.47 Interest. December expenses included \$2,145 for the Church history wall in Connector Hall; \$3,085.24 for the Christmas Party; \$239.85 for OCIA books we had agreed to pay for. Total spent was \$5,470.09. Ending total Revenue in Checking and Savings is \$42,565.92.

Membership: Patricia Geise shared her sheet of dues paid by active members. She also again asked that if we know of anyone else interested in becoming an active member, please give her their name and phone number. Lorna reminded us to be as welcoming as possible to all new women parishioners.

OLD BUSINESS

February: Lorna reported that the Confirmation class will be doing church cleaning in February. Lorna and Annette will make coffee and bring a snack for February First Friday.

Travelling Mary: Rose Nelson will give this to Susan Schneider for January. We are all invited to sign-up to host Mary in our home for a month: sign up please, on sheet provided. Nancy Craig reminded us that Marylyn Karpinski donated the Mary statue to ARS.

Church Cleaning: An updated handout was given to each member, listing the duties for those cleaning each month. Lorna reviewed all duties last week with Katie Waltke, so the current revision is correct. Please note duties at bottom of sheet, entitled "Additionally". We are reminded that we do not routinely vacuum, only small amounts of crumbs/dirt if found in pews. Sweep these out to aisle, then use portable small vacuum cleaner. The cleaning service, Victoria, does all other vacuuming and cleaning of floors every Monday. In the 2025 list of ARS members doing church cleaning in 2025, 1-2 more volunteers are needed for March, May, July and August. Ferron Harris reminded us not to do cleaning on Tuesdays, due to Eucharistic Adoration all day. Rose Nelson asked if there is a need for an ARS Chairman for the church cleaning. Members decided this not was currently needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Recurring yearly ARS events: ARS has a number of events that they sponsor or help with yearly:

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Liz Ickes heads up this function, at the request of the Parish, assisted by Ferron Harris. Ferron will contact Liz to talk further about this.

Funeral Dinners: Rose Nelson and Mary Ann Wiegand headed up this group. Mary Ann will now be stepping down from this job. Dorothy Diehl and Carol Dornte call members who have agreed to make desserts. Further discussion was held later in the meeting about the dinners. There was one so far in 2025. Lorna is notified by the funeral home as to how

many people are expected for the meal. She then contacts Rose. Lorna and Rose buy the food, which is ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, mac and cheese, salad and dessert. Beverages are lemonade, water and coffee. At 9 AM on the funeral day, tables are set, with the church's artificial flowers on each table. Real plates are used, which families appreciate. Food heaters are put out on the main dish table.

The suggestion was made to text members about the need for desserts. Rose reported this was tried, and sometimes no response, so unknown whether recipient was bringing a dessert. Better success is had when calling members. Peanut butter and applesauce are no longer served. The idea was brought up of having 2 funeral groups, rotating dinners between the two. No decision made re: this. This group would like more help. A sign-up list was passed around. A total of 6 people is needed for each dinner.

OCIA reception dinner: This is held after the Easter Vigil Mass. Rose Nelson has done this for many years, and also Marilyn Doerr for the past 3 years. They would like another person to help. Jayma Watkins volunteered.

Fish Fry dinners by K of C: ARS were asked last year if we would be willing to bring desserts, and members agreed to do so. 4 dinners will be held at St. Anthony's, beginning on March 7. Sign-up sheet was passed.

Christmas Party, K of Cs and ARS: Lorna asked members what they thought about the food from Lake It Easy, which cost \$2,065, with us paying \$344 more this year. Maybe we should try a different caterer next year, to see if prices are competitive and food is good. Lorna will convey this to K of C's. Patricia mentioned it would be good to have a breakdown of all costs. The entertainment was \$250, same for desserts. Wine was \$67. It was suggested that next year we check with Bon Appetite at Trine, or Caruso's or Sutton's. Also, that maybe attendees could be asked to pay ahead, to increase likelihood of coming, since we planned for 90, but fewer showed up. If we had name tags, we would know who didn't come after signing up. All these ideas will be considered for 2025.

Membership drive dinner by K of C's and ARS: a spaghetti dinner will be held on February 8. We have been asked to bring desserts. Sign-up sheet passed around.

2025 Membership Directories: were passed out. There were no corrections, except Jayma Watkins reported her e-mail address is wrong.

Small round tables in foyer: Annette Calloway suggested we consider buying more tall round small tables for First Fridays and various other parish events where people mingle, and have food, in the Gathering Space. The few tables we have are not nearly enough. The current tables are very heavy to move. It was decided to order 4 tables, lighter to move but still sturdy, at a cost of \$60 each. These could be kept in the Guadalupe Room. We will put ARS name on bottom of these tables. It was suggested also that we buy covers, which look very nice, but are hard to put on. We decided not to get those at present. A motion was made to buy 3, by Rose Nelson, seconded by Lorna Gallogly.

Eucharistic Adoration: Father Jorge has asked for more people to sign up for this. Sign-up currently is for 6 months. It was suggested that we need 4 or 5 new people to sign up to rotate the 4-5 PM time, which currently has no worshipers. Those who agreed to be substitutes are: Jayma Watkins, Patricia Geise, Nancy Craig, Ruth Libey, Shelley Pulver, and Chris Scott. Patricia will send out a Flocknote regarding this.

Butler Building: A contractor has been chosen; we have additional funding through another church grant; and we are awaiting approval of the chosen contractor's bid by the Bishop. We anticipate it will be done this Spring, as soon as the temperatures are above 25 on a daily basis.

The meeting ended with our closing prayer at 1040.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schneider, Recording Secretary