

Altar & Rosary Society

Minutes of November 11, 2019 Meeting

President Amanda Bentley welcomed 12 members, and Joann Dunham led the group in praying the Rosary.

The October **Treasurer's report** was presented. There was a discussion of the Bread Bake expenses and profits. Total expenses were \$398. Thanks to our donors: Thrivent, AE Dairy, and Addie Horn, who made it possible to offset many of these costs. This year's profits were \$3066. Liz Boots made a motion to accept the report and Dianne Hartline seconded. The report was approved.

The **Minutes** of the May and October meetings were presented. Michele Long made a motion to accept the minutes and Sonya Mills seconded. The minutes were approved.

Ministries

Coffee & Donuts—Amanda reported that Lili McCann has been able to get sufficient volunteers so far. However, she was concerned about the coffee urns. The small one does not work at all and one of the large ones makes very weak coffee. After some discussion, Linn Kalahurka made a motion to purchase one new 40 cup urn and one new 100 cup urn. Carol Sicoli seconded. The motion passed. Rosie Lykken suggested trying to use some kind of color-coding system so that it is easier to tell which parts go with a particular pot, as they are often not put back together. Amanda will speak to Donna Patti about these issues.

Gift Shop- Dianne Hartline reported that October sales were slow, but that the last two Sundays have been good. She has gotten some new volunteers to staff the shop, but they could still use a few more.

Mission Sewing- Kathie Hallock reported that the ladies are very busy due to two large donations of fabric. There will be a pot luck this month.

Purse Project – Joann Dunham reported that the purses and sling bags were delivered to Bishop Sullivan Center and Catholic Charities. They were very grateful!

Old Business

Amanda reported on the success of the Bread Bake. We are grateful to all the volunteers, especially those who stayed beyond their shift time to help. We did not have as many adults or teens this year, but we still finished early. She suggested that we try to make 400 loaves next year. It was agreed that having ladies staff the Volunteer Table was helpful in getting volunteers to their places. Brad Bentley did an amazing job as our baker! Sonya Mills was thanked for taking on the important task of preparing the yeast. The dough turned out well! Amanda and Joann met after the bake and made notes about things that need to be changed for next year.

Amanda discussed the plans for Beat the Winter Blues Bingo to be held on January 11th. When speaking to Bill Robinette of the Knights, he indicated that they would like to be a part of the event as they used to have a bingo night and they just bought new bingo equipment. They will be discussing it at their meeting this evening as well. There was some discussion about whether afternoon or evening would be the best time. Many felt that it might be difficult to get people to come on Saturday afternoon. More were in favor of holding the event after 4:40 Mass. Amanda discussed that the food should be simple—hotdogs/sausages, for example. We agreed that it was best to have it in the Wooldridge Center. Amanda asked for suggestions for prizes. Kathie Hallock mentioned that we might be able to get some Sheridan's gift cards, as they were used for VBS. Amanda suggested that some of the Children's Store leftovers might be appropriate. Other donations could be solicited.

New Business

Amanda reported on the Catholic Charities Gala that she and several members attended. CBiz had paid for a table, but could not attend, so Nancy Butters offered it to A & R because of our Purse Project. Those who attended enjoyed cocktails, dinner, speakers, an auction, a raffle, and dancing.

The Children's Store will be held on the morning of December 8th. They will only be using gift bags for wrapping this year. Ladies will do the bagging and teens will help the children with purchasing gifts. Items for men are still needed. Toys for Adopt-a-Child can be delivered that morning as well. The A & R meeting will follow at 1:00 pm in the Wooldridge Center.

Joann Dunham reminded the ladies that the Open House at Holy Trinity in Westin is that weekend, if they are interested in seeing this year's massive gingerbread church.

Amanda initiated some discussion about the Super Bowl Bake Sale. Joann reported that more plastic containers will need to be purchased.

Having no further business to discuss, Rosie Lykken made a motion to adjourn and Michele Long seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Dunham, Recording Secretary