

# Altar & Rosary Society

## Minutes of December 9, 2019 Meeting

President Amanda Bentley welcomed 11 members at the 1:00 meeting, and Joann Dunham led the group in praying the Rosary.

The November **Treasurer's report** was presented. Deb Nikkelson made a motion to accept the report and Rosie Lykken seconded. The report was approved. The **Minutes** of the November meeting was presented. Sonya Mills made a motion to accept the minutes and Dianne Hartline seconded. The minutes were approved.

### Ministries

Gift Shop- Dianne Hartline reported that November sales tripled those of October and December sales were starting off well.

Hillcrest-Jan Saylor recently emailed the members about our new apartment tenant John and his son and stepson. She also asked for donations toward Christmas gifts for the family. Jan has already received quite a few offers to purchase requested items. There was some discussion about whether A & R should adopt John and his children for Christmas, but it was decided that as several gifts had already been donated, and John also receives help through Hillcrest, A & R would adopt a needy family through the Food Pantry who has no other source of help. Rosie Lykken will speak to the pantry supervisor on Monday when she volunteers to see if there were any last minute applicants. We would follow Pantry guidelines allowing \$90 per child with the option to buy gifts for the parents.

### Old Business

Amanda spoke to Donna about the coffee urns. She plans to return the newest one that is not working to get a replacement. Donna said that the large one seems to work correctly if all of the right parts are used. It was agreed that that was a good reason to color code or label the parts!

The Children's Store proceeds were \$496.75! Nearly all items were \$.25 so that means that about 2000 items were sold. Thanks to all who donated and who helped. The student helpers did a great job once again. Reminders for next year—the donated items should be gently used or new and appropriate gifts for family members. Also, many 9" x 12" gift bags are needed!

Amanda reported on the planning of the January 11<sup>th</sup> Bingo night in coordination with the Knights. She had a meeting that evening with Bill Robinette of the Knights to solidify plans, food and drink items, needed bingo supplies, etc. Amanda has been visiting other parishes' bingo nights to see how they run the events. Emails will be coming for volunteers to help that evening. The event will take place from 5:30-9:00 in the Wooldridge Center.

Details for the Super Bowl Bake Sale were discussed. Baked goods should be dropped off by 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ladies will be needed to package and price the food from 2:30- 4:30 pm. Other ladies will be needed to sell baked goods after all of the weekend masses. Amanda will order 500 more of the small plastic clamshells.

### New Business

Fr. Joe has again requested that A & R contribute \$500 toward the cost of the "good picture, bad picture" books to be given to the families preparing for First Communion. The membership agreed to fund his request.

Because the membership fee was raised this year from \$10 to \$20, the bylaws of our constitution need to be changed. They currently state that the fee will be \$10. This new wording was proposed which would allow for changes as needed without having to revise the bylaws. A vote was taken and the new wording was passed. It no longer states a specific amount for dues but rather that the fee will be decided by the membership.

Christmas gifts to the parish clergy were approved--\$200 for the priests and \$75 for deacons.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Dunham, Recording Secretary