

# Altar & Rosary Society

## Minutes of February 9, 2020 Meeting

President Amanda Bentley welcomed 17 members at the 1:00 meeting, and Joann Dunham led the group in praying the Rosary. The December **Treasurer's report** was presented, as there was no meeting in January due to bad weather. Carol Sicoli made a motion to accept the report, and Rosie Lykken seconded. The report was approved. The **Minutes** of the December meeting were presented. Berenice McHale noticed that the information about the change in bylaws did not state that a vote was taken, and the change was approved. It will be added. Sonya Mills made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes, and Anita Coleman seconded. The minutes were approved.

### Ministries

Gift Shop--Dianne Hartline reported that sales during November and December were very good. January has been slow, but she now has gifts for Confirmation and Holy Communion available for purchase. She and Berenice are looking for someone else who might be able to work during the 8:00 Sunday Mass once a month. Let one of them know if you can help.

Hillcrest--Jan Saylor reported that Michael graduated in January and has been accepted into a rehousing program. He receives \$50,000 for the next year to help pay rent for an apartment or house, as well as to pay off old debt. He is looking for a three-bedroom place so that he has room for his son Phoenix and his stepson, whenever he is able to stay. Hillcrest has been wonderful in helping Michael to get the resources he needs, such as grief counseling for Phoenix. If anyone knows of a nice apartment or house for under \$1000 per month, please let Jan know.

Rosaries—Anita Coleman reported that she has 700 more rosaries to be delivered to the warehouse in Independence where they will be shipped to missions around the world. Berenice suggested that Anita might provide some rosaries for the priests and deacons to take when visiting the nursing homes or hospitals, in case patients would like one.

Mission Sewing—Dianne Hartline reported that there have been many ladies helping recently, and that they are busy making bibs and blankets.

Funeral Lunches—Rosie Lykken said that the lunches have been going very well. At the most recent one, the family was kind enough to give us two very nice donations.

Purse Stuffing—Bernie Botbyl thanked Carolyn Thomas for all the work she has done in the past to put together individual bags of donated toiletries like shampoo, conditioner, soap, and body lotion when donations are received through our basket in church. Carolyn would do this while she worked in the parish office. We now have enough of these packets for many purse stuffings, but, for our March stuffing, we are in need of feminine hygiene products, deodorants and razors for men and women, tissue packs, toothbrushes, floss, small hand sanitizers, and small men's shaving creams. We plan to stuff another 50 purses and 20 string bags following the March meeting.

### Old Business

The Confirmation reception went very well on Saturday. Ninety-five students were confirmed, so there was a large turnout of friends and family. Two and a half sheet cakes were used, and all of the leftover breakfast foods were eaten as well!

The final tally for the Bake Sale was a profit of \$839, which is in the range of previous years. The Chiefs baked goods were big sellers! There were suggestions that we go to a bakeless bake sale, as there were less goods received this year. Another suggestion was made that, if we continue with bakes sales, we ask that no Coffee and Donuts be served during our Bake Sale weekend, as it competes with our sales. No other action was taken on the issue.

Bingo night will take place next Saturday, February 15, after being postponed in January due to snow. A & R volunteers will plate the food and deliver to the tables, if needed. The Knights will take care of bartending and other drinks as well as sales of bingo cards. Expenses and profits will be divided equally between A & R and the Knights. Thanks to Michelle

Long who was able to get us another \$250 Thrivent gift card to be used toward expenses. Baked goods are needed for desserts.

### **New Business**

Amanda requested that a nominating committee be formed to solicit candidates for this April's board election. Kathy Hallock (Corresponding Secretary), Joann Dunham (Recording Secretary), and Amanda Bentley (President) have all agreed to run again for their positions, but other nominations are welcome. Sonya Mills who is our treasurer has now served two years, and, according to our Constitution, must step down from that position. Jan Saylor agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee, but she would like others to assist her. Please let Jan or Amanda know if you are willing to help on the committee or to serve on the board.

The School Bell Breakfast will once again be held this spring to support the diocesan schools in poorer neighborhoods. It will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Westin Crown Center. A & R has purchased a table in support for many years. Eight ladies are then able to attend. Berenice McHale made a motion to sponsor a table again this year and Carolyn Thomas seconded. The motion passed.

Berenice McHale made the suggestion that we discontinue Sunday afternoon meetings during the winter. She felt that the turnout was not great due to many factors, such as Chiefs games, kids' sports games, and other Sunday priorities. After discussion, Jan Saylor seconded the motion, and it was passed. Meetings will remain on Monday evenings from September through May from now on.

After working closely with the Knights on the Bingo night, Amanda has learned that they invest some of their money in order to build up their funds for larger donations. Sean Joyce has volunteered to speak to us about this so that we might consider doing this as well. There was discussion that the Knights have a good deal more funds in their treasury, so that it might not earn us much extra. They are also a separate entity, while A & R and our funds are part of the parish. Amanda will speak to Jonathan Rhodes to see if our status would change if we invested some of our money. It was decided that it can't hurt to have Sean make suggestions. After speaking to Jonathan, Amanda will decide whether or not to invite Sean to our next meeting.

Samuel Klingenberg, a KU student and graduate of St. Therese and Pius X, has requested funds to help defray costs for his upcoming mission trip where he will evangelize and labor at a school in Peru. He named Fr. Joe and two others as references. Amanda asked him several questions over email but has not received full responses. It was agreed that, if he wants money from us, he will need to arrange a presentation in person on via Skype, or some other format, so that we can get more specifics from him.

Several suggestions for using our funds were suggested:

After conferring with Anita Coleman, who is co-leader of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Joann Dunham suggested that A & R purchase a picture of St. Vincent de Paul to hang as there isn't one currently. It was suggested that, because St. Vincent de Paul Pantry pays the rent for the apartment we maintain at Hillcrest, this would be a nice way to pay them back. The membership agreed. Dianne Hartline will look at her Gift Shop resources for a nice picture of him.

Bernie Botbyl shared that Journey to New Life has someone new corresponding with us. They are in need of toiletries and other items for the men and women who are starting over after being released from prison. After discussion, it was decided that Bernie will donate leftover items from our next purse stuffing.

Sonya Mills made the suggestion that we again donate \$100 to the parish library for the purchase of books. Amanda will contact the woman in charge to discuss their needs.

After the Confirmation reception, the ladies noticed that the chairs in the Wooldridge Center could really use a cleaning. Amanda will ask Jonathan about what this would cost.

With no further business to discuss, Jan Saylor motioned to end the meeting and Berenice seconded. Meeting adjourned.