

## St Joseph Altar Society Minutes – August 28, 2023 meeting

President Deb Krause called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and opened with a prayer. Members shared special intentions. The following members were in attendance: Jamie Hamar, Fran Hassler, Vicki Irby, Deb Krause, Connie Peterson, Jamie Thoene, Nancy Walsh.

Minutes from the April 25, 2023 meeting were distributed by email to all officers and circle chairs. Copies were made available to those in attendance at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Deb asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Fran H made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy W. 04/25/2023 minutes will be posted to [stjosephsponca.org](http://stjosephsponca.org) under the altar society tab. MCU

Treasurer Nancy Walsh gave a recap of deposits and expenses since our last meeting along with account balances. Our checking account balance is \$7,323.84 and our savings balance is \$2,131.45.

### Funerals

Dave Huston – June 10, hosted by Circle 1; school staff provided cookies/bars and helped serve following the wake service; Circle 1 hosted lunch following the funeral service

Monica Richards – June 26 lunch was served to 225+ at the community center by Circle 2

The next funeral will be hosted by Circle 1.

### Correspondence

'Thank you' messages were shared from Father Andy, Cole Jackson, the Huston family and the Richards family.

### Old Business

Father Jim's Jubilee and Farther Andy's farewell were recapped. Both celebrations were well-attended and went smoothly.

VBS meal – Jamie T provided a report on the success of the meal hosted by St Joseph's. Approximately 70 students (ages 4 yrs through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) were served a meal of 300 chicken nuggets (with ranch dip, ketchup, & bbq sauce), chips, grapes and rice crispy bars. Those assisting Jamie were Melissa O, Natalie L, & Molly O. This meal earned a thumbs-up from the kids and resulted in easy clean up.

### New Business

Left-over sandwich meant from the January 2023 Clarkson Funeral was frozen for later use. A suggestion was made to prepare hot sandwiches for CCD students and teachers when they gather for class. Additional details are pending.

Barb Connot has served our parish by cleaning the alter linens the past several years and is asking for another volunteer to take over. Deb will reach out to some suggested replacement volunteers.

Father Korte requested two albs be purchased for St Joseph's so albs do not have to be transported from Hartington for Mass in Ponca. Two have been purchased. The amount of this purchase should be available at our next meeting.

Fall Festival – Fran reviewed past procedures, successes and potential improvements. Fran is also looking for a volunteer to shadow her and learn the process of organizing/preparations for this annual fund-raiser. A raffle was discussed and the suggestion was made to purchase two fall décor items, one from Keller Pharmacy and one from Cedar Hills. We will follow-up with more raffle information at our next meeting.

Coffee and Rolls was suggested to welcome neighboring parishioners. We will host coffee and rolls following 8:00am Mass on September 10<sup>th</sup> to further fellowship in our family of parishes.

September 24<sup>th</sup> is Priesthood appreciation. A motion was made by Nancy W with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie T to purchase \$50 gift cards to Cedar Hills Restaurant for each of the following priests serving our parish: Father Korte, Father Vogel, and Father Kramper.

There being no further business, Connie P made a motion to close the meeting at 8:30 PM, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie T. MCU

Deb ended the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by  
Vicki Irby, Secretary  
St Joseph's Altar Society