

St. Joseph's Altar Society meeting February 6, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of January 22, 2018 was postponed until February 6 due to weather. Those present were Pat Kayl, Bonnie Rohan, Fran Hassler, Susan Smith, Lorrie Huston, Father Kramper, Carol Watchorn, Jo Hogan, Kari Richards, Connie Block, Anne Stark, Deanna Bennett, Vicki Irby, Linda Ausdemore and Kathie Knerl.

The meeting was opened at 7PM with the St. Joseph prayer. The minutes of the last meeting, which was Oct. 23, 2017, were read and amended. Vicki made a motion, seconded by Carol, to approve the minutes. MCU Bonnie Rohan gave the treasurer's report. Pat Kayl has agreed to replace Teresa Pavlushik as secretary and Deanna Nelson has taken the co-chair position of Circle 3, replacing Kerrie Stallbaum. Thanks to Teresa and Kerrie for serving and to Pat and Deanna for filling these offices.

Old Business

1. 2018 Calendar finalization.
 - Feb. 26 meeting will be moved to March 5 if the Ponca boys basketball team is playing in the district final.
 - St Joseph the Worker award has been moved to June 17. Circle 1 will serve.
 - Coffee and rolls to honor class of 2018 will be May 6. Circle 2 will serve.
 - Sept. coffee and rolls will be moved to Sept 9 to avoid Labor Day weekend.
 - Circle 3 will serve.
 - Motion to eliminate Nov. 10 Craft Fair bake sale was made by Susan, seconded by Linda. MC
 - Kathie will give these changes to Kristie Hayes and have 2018 calendars to distribute at the next meeting.
2. Fall Festival final report
 - Fran presented an income and expense report for the 2017 Fall Festival dinner and raffle. Total dinners served (including take outs) = 320. Total income was \$9460.24, with over \$5500 coming from the raffle and about \$3500 from free will meal offering. The average donation per meal was about \$12. Expenses totaled \$2256.91. Net income from the meal alone was \$1592.33 or a profit of \$4.98 per plate.
 - Linda reported that Cooks Country store will be changing hands in March and raised the concern that expenses for next year will be higher without all of the donations of food and paper goods from Cooks. One suggestion is to offer a child plate of chicken nuggets and chips to cut expenses and waste.
3. Seminarian scholarship.
 - As decided by vote at the Oct. 23 meeting, a \$1000.00 scholarship was awarded to seminarian, Jared Ludwig. A letter to Jared which accompanied the check was read and is included as record with these minutes.
4. Confirmation
 - Kathie reported on the meal that was provided for the confirmation retreat on January 15 in the church basement. The retreat included students from St Joseph, St Peter and St Patrick parishes. The altar society prepared and served the tavern meal. Wendi Schutte donated 30 lbs of ground beef. St Patrick's provided the buns and chips. Parents of students provided bars. Father Jim directed this spiritual retreat. He gave us a short report on the day and said how meaningful the event was.

Confirmation will be Sunday, March 11 at St. Peters. It was decided at a joint meeting that, due to the limited time and space, a reception of finger foods such as sandwiches and chips and cookies would be served at St. Peters hall immediately following the mass. This will allow the archbishop to mingle and visit, as he likes to do. The parishes will provide the meal. Our society is asked to provide a beverage and workers. Kathie will contact volunteers.

5. Circle contact lists

Kari Richards volunteered to redo the circle member contact lists. She now has all of the updated information from the circle chairs and will present us with the revised lists at the next meeting.

New Business

1. Fish fry:

Our lenten fish fry will be Friday, March 16. The menu will be the same as last year. Kevin Connot has agreed to provide a tent and organize the fryers. Linda will order pre-breaded fish from Cooks, as well as the coleslaw. The meal will be served from 5 - 7:30 with 2 work shifts; 4:30-6:30 and 6:30-8:30. Each circle is asked to provide 4 workers for each shift. Volunteers are also needed to prepare on Thursday and Friday. *

Fran will update the notes from last year and check and order supplies.

Kathie will handle advertising. Vicki will update the flyer she made last year.

2. Father Jim reported on progress at Casa de Paz and asked if we had a supply company we used for our kitchen. He wants to order dinner trays. He needs 100. Fran will check with the school kitchen supply company.

3. Bonnie presented an After Prom solicitation letter and said we historically have given \$50.00. Anne Stark made a motion, seconded by Carol Watchorn, to give \$50.
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4. Funerals

The altar society served food for 3 funerals in December and January. Kathie and Fran explained their executive decision to order all of the food for the Jimmy Walsh funeral, due to the proximity to Christmas.

Last year, a committee including Fran Hassler, Jo Hogan, Cedic Bogaard, Carol Watchorn and Deb Krause worked to create guidelines for funeral dinners and use of the church basement. In January of this year, Kathie and Fran began to review these. Some changes were deemed necessary due to changing demographics of altar society members and also to recognize providing funeral dinners as an opportunity to perform a work of mercy, Kathie presented a rough draft of the new guidelines, explaining the biggest change, which is that the altar society will no longer solicit salads for funeral dinners. Father will review these guidelines. Hopefully they will be ready to implement soon.

Other business

Vicki Irby presented a letter that she received in 2001 from the altar society. It highlighted the history, purpose and structure of the group. She suggested that maybe it is time to do a similar mailing. This was generally thought to be a good idea but was tabled until another meeting.

A thank you note was read from Deanna Bennett and the family of Ken Hansen for serving his vigil service and funeral dinner.

A thank you note from Father Andy for the card and Christmas gift was also read.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM, followed by refreshments.

