

## **St Joseph's Altar Society**

### **March 26 minutes**

The February meeting was rescheduled to March 5 to avoid conflict with the Ponca boys basketball district final game. The March 5 meeting was then canceled due to weather.

Those present at the March 26 regular meeting were Kathie Knerl, Mary Kay Mahler, Fran Hassler, Deb Krause, Connie Block, Susan Smith, Ginny Keller, Carol Watchorn, Joan Taylor, Judy Curry and Marge Stanford.

The meeting was opened at 7PM with the St Joseph prayer.

The minutes of the February 6 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Fran, second by Deb. MCU

The treasurer's report was given by Kathie Knerl in the absence of the treasurer. A bill was submitted from Fitzgibbon Company for \$219.00 for backpack clips, palls and purificators.

#### Old Business

1. 2018 calendar is available and will be posted on the website. It was noted that a change will need to be addressed concerning the September coffee and rolls. Since this will happen after the new mass schedule is adopted, we will not have mass on Sunday, September 9.
2. Circle lists are updated. These will also be posted on the website. Some members were added and some removed, but otherwise everyone is on the same circle as the past.
3. Funeral guidelines.

Kathie discussed a concern that Father regarding families that cannot afford to provide a funeral meal. Father will be the one to determine whether the parish will provide the meal in case of need. It was agreed by those present that if there is a financial need and if the Altar Society is able, we will cover the meal expenses. This will be a private, executive decision made by the Altar Society president, treasurer and funeral chairperson.

Concerning parishioner or non-member, Father will also be the one to determine that status. He will inform the funeral chairperson and the family will be given the corresponding guidelines.

There was further discussion about providing salads for the meals. The revised guidelines eliminate salads as a menu item provided by the circles. This makes the job of the circle chairs easier in that they make fewer calls. Salads are the most difficult to solicit, serve, and store. It will mean needing fewer workers and reduces the complication of storing and distributing or disposing of these perishable left-overs.

4. Trays for Casa de Paz

In response to Father Kramper's inquiry at the last meeting, Fran reported on dining trays that she found in a supply catalogue from the school kitchen. Marge Stanford took the information and will check in Sioux City to see if the price might be cheaper.

5. Fish fry

In spite of icy precipitation, we served an estimated 175 people with an additional 70 to-go trays. The school produced it's musical that night and that seems to bring people to our meal. The free-will donations totaled \$2773.00 and our half of split-the-pot was \$116.00. Jenny Conrad was the winner. A more detailed report will be provided at the next meeting.

6. Kitchen ventilation/AC

Concerns about the uncomfortable temperature in the kitchen that were brought up at our October meeting were presented to the parish council by Ginny Keller and Lorrie Huston. The

parish council president, Bob Logue, is addressing this. The parish has hired an electrician to address the circuit breaker situation and is looking into the possibility of a window air conditioner in the kitchen.

#### New Business

1. Gifts for first communion, confirmation, and senior class students

Kathie purchased cross backpack clips for 18 St Joseph's confirmation students from Fitzgibbons Religious goods store in Sioux City. The bill is \$135. Each year we give rosaries to the first communion students. Father gets handmade rosaries and bracelets from a source in Omaha. A suggestion for senior class students this year is a saint visor clip. Kathie will shop for these. A motion was made by Susan Smith to make these gift expenditures a standing expense. Mary Kay second. MCU

2. Member letter

We discussed that we will have several items to distribute to the members including circle lists, funeral guidelines and the calendar. Should we mail these or hand them out at mass. No decision was reached.

3. Kathie received a request from Father to replace some sacristy items. Barb Connot is laundering the altar linens now and brought the need to his attention. Kathie purchased 2 palls with inserts and 6 purificators from the Fitzgibbon Company.

4. Appreciation gifts

It was decided that we need to recognize Marge Stanford (the Trading Post Market) and Mark and Gina Cook (Cooks Country Store) as parishioners who contributed much to our altar society with goods and services through their businesses, which have both changed hands recently. Fran Hassler made a motion that we give each the following: ten masses (\$100.00) for their intentions, a St Joseph cross and a rosary from Guadalupe that Father brought from his recent trip to the shrine in Mexico. The motion was seconded by Mary Kay Mahler, MCU

The meeting was closed with the scripture reading from daily mass and adjourned at 8:30 PM.