

## Altar Rosary Society Minutes – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Present:** Fr. Kevin Louis, **President** - Kerry Reis, **Treasurer** - Carol Betzel, **Secretary** - Traci Campion – From **St. Paul's Group:** Shari Turvaville – From **St. Mary's Group:** Angie Dosedall and Gayle Frandrup – From **St. Rose's Group:** Cathy Pechacek – From **St. Theresa/St. Joseph's Group:** Carol Betzel and Laure Andrlé – From **St. John's Group:** none present – From **St. Patrick's Group:** none present

1. Meeting called to order at 6:45pm by Kerry Reis
2. Prayer led by Fr. Kevin Louis
3. Treasurer's Report – Carol Betzel
  - a. •Beginning Balance, as of 2/1/2016 was \$3,538.90. Ending Balance as of 9/19/2016 was \$4,287.88. St. Mary's Group fundraiser raised \$632 from their March Fruit Sale. St. John's Group raised \$408 from their September Bake Sale. The Parish Raffle had a profit of \$3,438 and was voted to be given to the Parish Improvement Fund. There are currently no outstanding bills. Treasurer's Report was voted approved.
4. Secretary Report- The minutes from our last meeting were handed out and reviewed. No corrections were needed. Co-chairs were reminded that they will be emailed the Minutes for the current meeting within the next two weeks. It was recommended that a copy of the Minutes be sent to Mr. Dave McNamara to post on the church website. The February Meeting Minutes were voted approved.
5. Old Business-
  - a. **Group Fundraisers:** List of Fundraisers scheduled: (Please note...if doing a raffle the Co-Chairs need to give Carol Betzel the Raffle information - date of Raffle, income, and any expenses. This information needs to be listed on the Raffle license re-application which is applied for each June.)
    - i. **St. May's Group** – *Fruit Sale for February (March – made \$632)*
    - ii. **St. Paul's Group** – *Will Collect \$10 from each member or Christmas Bake Sale/Advent Raffle*
    - iii. **St. John's Group** - *Bake Sale for September (September – made \$408)*
    - iv. **St. Rose's Group** – *Fall Planter Raffle (September – made \$115) Also collect \$10 from each member*
    - v. **St. Patrick's Group** – *Pie Sale for November (Price suggestions were rounded up to the nearest dollar)*
    - vi. **St. Theresa's/St. Joseph's** – *Will Collect \$10 from each member*
  - b. **Vacuum Cleaner:** A new vacuum has been purchased for the school. It is the same kind as the other vacuum in the church.
  - c. **Funeral Help List:** A new or updated list of individuals who would be willing to be on a calling list to help specially with funerals is still needed. The groups host a funeral when a member of their group passes away. The list will be of EXTRA people who could be called upon to help. Co-Chairs are asked to contact their group members to see if any would be willing to be on that list. So far only St. Paul's group has compiled their list.
6. New Business:
  - a. **The September Pot Luck** was a success and received many praises. This time there was enough food and plenty of helpers. It was noted how helpful it was that Fr. Louis rallied the troops for help in cleanup at the end. People also heeded the advice to bring larger servings of dishes to the event. The last Pot Luck had a severe food shortage and many did not get to eat, so it was suggested to be sure to ask people to bring larger pans and crockpots or bring more than one dish. Another very positive idea was the Youth Group decided to have games for the children. But next time, if this is done again, it should be made clear ahead of time that this was a fundraiser for the youth...it was not free. The raffle did well and earned about \$3,438. It was discussed that the raffle should be started a few months earlier, such as in early May, and that frequent reminders to sell tickets should be given through the summer. The date for the event this year conflicted with St. Joseph's Parish event so it was noted that the September Pot Luck and Raffle Event should probably be held the last Sunday in September instead. Because this event was a success we will go ahead and have another Pot Luck Event for Christmas. The event must be advertised so that people know to

bring larger food portions or bring more than one dish. We also discussed whether to order food from Ptack's for Pot Luck fellowships vs. having people bring food but decided against it since it created more work and cost. It was voted to remain a traditional Pot Luck.

- b. **Confirmation:** Confirmation will be held at St. Mary's this year with students from the tri-parishes coming here. It will be on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:00 pm. It was not finally decided as to whether some sort of reception will be held afterwards in the school. The last time Confirmation was hosted by St. Mary's there were only about 5 people who came over for sweets and punch.
  - c. **School Cleaning:** The August school cleaning had a very low turnout so sometime after October 15 the youth will be cleaning the school and church basements and school garage with adult supervision. On August 26 Jane Wennblom had the school carpet cleaned.
  - d. **Church Cleaning:** It was decided that each group must plan their church cleaning event for the first half of their month, from this point on. This must be consistent otherwise the church goes quite a while without being cleaned. The exceptions to this would be for the groups who need to clean for Easter and Christmas. Also, note that each group is responsible for keeping the church clean for the WHOLE month...not just a onetime cleaning alone. If you notice something that needs tending to, please take care of it throughout the month. St. Patrick's group has the September church cleaning and their cleaning event is set for the 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
  - e. **To Rent or not to Rent?:** A lengthy conversation was had as to whether or not the parish should allow church property items such as tables, chairs, roasters, coffee pots and such things to be rented/borrowed and removed from the property. After much debate about past experiences, liability, damages, oversight, etc. it was voted to NOT allow church property items to be rented or borrowed out for any reason. These items are for the use of the parish only. An announcement about this will be placed in the bulletin.
  - f. **Policies for use of the School Hall/Church Property:** It was also extensively discussed how the parish should handle use of the Hall and church property, either by rental or parishioner use. The policies in place now were determined to be outdated and in need of a second look. A set of standards and procedures need to be set in writing in light of new liability standards and wear and tear on an aging building. This is beyond the scope of the ARS. The parish council and finance council need to take a look at this and decide about requirements, permissions, applications, costs, donation amounts, parishioner vs. non parishioner use, and procedures for rental or use of church buildings. The ARS can then come up with requirements and procedures that have to do with the use of the building itself such as cleaning up and use of supplies...etc. Cathy Pechacek volunteered to call the neighboring parishes to inquire about how they handle such things and to gather information and advice from them. She will also call area rental companies and venues to ask about their pricing. This information can be given to the other councils for consideration.
  - g. **Altar Rosary Society Officers & Co-Chairs:** Mary Cottrell has decided she will not be able to continue on as vice president of ARS so we are in need of a new vice president. Kerry Reis would prefer a new person to be able to take over as president next year, but will consider staying on if no one can be found. Traci Campion has agreed to continue as secretary. Carol Betzel has agreed to continue as treasurer, but Carol would love to have a helper if anyone is interested! Co-Chairs are to contact the next in line to be a new co-chair for their respective groups next year. Please make sure you have a person set up before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Ideally, have the new co-chair join the two current co-chairs at the last meeting in December.
  - h. **Deanery Meeting:** The next meeting is very far away in Mondovi. Usually an ARS representative goes to the meeting but since this one is so far no one came forward to go.
  - i. **Next ARS Meeting:** The next meeting date has not yet been scheduled but will most likely be the last week in November before the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Pot Luck Fellowship at 6:30 pm. Look for a notification in the bulletin.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm after closing with prayer by Fr. Louis.