

# Altar Rosary Society Minutes – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Present:

*President* - Kerry Reis, *Treasurer* - Carol Betzel, *Secretary* - Traci Campion *Pastor* - Fr. Louis

- *St. Paul's Group*: Traci Campion, Cindi Beurskens
- *St. Mary's Group*: Angie Dosedall, Kristin Johnson
- *St. Rose's Group*: Cathy Pechacek, Kelly Pechacek, Renee Allen, Kerry Reis
- *St. Theresa/St. Joseph's Group*: Carol Betzel, Judy Lillie, Cheryl Schommer
- *St. John's Group*: Lori McNamara, Jessica McNamara, Julie Huppert
- *St. Patrick's Group*: Kristy Matzek

1. Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Kerry Reis
2. Prayer led by Fr. Louis
3. Treasurer's Report – Carol Betzel
  - a. •Beginning Balance, as of 1/1/2017 was \$4,006.42. Ending Balance as of 11/13/17 was \$8,303.55. *The Annual Large Raffle Fundraiser* had a profit of \$2,600. *The Harvest Moon Festival Dinner & Dance Fundraiser* is yet to be included. It is estimated that the bills for the event will total a little over \$2,925. The event took in \$4025. After bills the remaining profit is about \$928.00. There was also a wonderful surprise \$3,000 donation check given by Mark and Lori Faymerville. The fundraiser money from the Harvest Moon event will be donated to the *Building Project of the Rectory*. Treasurer's Report was voted approved.
4. Secretary Report- The minutes from the last meeting were handed out and reviewed. No corrections were needed. The Meeting Minutes were voted approved.
5. Old Business-
  - a. **Group Fundraisers:** St. Patrick's group is finishing collecting \$10 from their members to complete their fundraiser for the year. St. John's group completed the pie sale last Sunday. All other groups have completed their fundraisers for the year.
  - b. **ARS "Harvest Moon Celebration" Fundraiser** – Renee Allen discussed the event that took place on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It was a success and received a very positive reception. The number of people who attended was 101. If the ARS would like for the event to happen again next year then a new person will need to step up to organize it. The band was booked in January so it needs to be decided quickly. The band had indicated they would come back and do it again. They gave a great discount too.
  - c. **New President and Vice President:** Angie Dosedall will be the new president and Mary Stees will be the new vice president for the upcoming 2018 year. Each group also has a new co-chair in place.
  - d. **Food at Fellowships:** In the last few years it was decided that regular fellowships would only consist of bars, cookies, milk, juice and coffee. This was due to a lack of volunteers to bring food and do cleanup. The same few ladies were burdened with preparing and providing lunch food for the fellowships and doing all the preparation and cleanup

without adequate help. Because this was unsustainable, the fellowships were reduced to the minimum of food. It was even considered that the fellowships may have to end all together because of the problem. It is known that parishioners prefer a fuller lunch to be provided, but it cannot be provided without many more volunteers to provide food and more help with the larger cleanup that is need when a lunch is provided. If a group wants to take on the responsibility of providing a more substantial lunch and can find the volunteers in their group to provide it then they are allowed to do that, but it will not be expected of all groups to do the same at this point. Until we can consistently get many more ladies to step up and help with fellowships the policy of having simple food at fellowships will have to remain as it is.

6. New Business:

- a. **Donation to Improvement Fund:** It was voted yes that the ARS will donate \$1,000 toward the rectory improvement. A check will be written out after all the bills/expenses from the Harvest Moon Festival are finalized.
- b. **Raffle for Next Year:** It was voted yes that there will be another raffle next year even though this year's raffle was not as profitable as in the past. It is an annual main fundraiser for the parish. This year the profit was approximately \$2,600. Last year it was about \$3,500. It is held in September. Linda Matzek is willing to again help with printing the tickets for next year's raffle.
- c. **Fruit Sale Proposal:** Angie Dossdall and her group, St. Mary's, heads up a fruit sale each year in February. The orders are taken in February and the fruit is delivered in March. She offered to share this profitable fundraiser with other groups. Several groups showed interest in this. Details will be worked out at the next meeting. One group will still have the pie sale and another will have the bake sale as usual.
- d. **Christmas Potluck:** The potluck for this year will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is a parish wide fellowship. Food is provided by members of the parish. All ARS groups provide volunteers to set up, serve, and cleanup. Set up is on Sat. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am. At least two volunteers are needed for set up. On Sunday for serving 2 people per group are needed from St. Paul's, St. Rose's, and St. Theresa's/St. Joseph's groups. Clean up will be provided by St. Mary's, St. Johns, and St. Patrick's groups. In the far back room on the left will be the **Blessed Art** organization who will come to set up and sell their goods during the potluck.
- e. **Annual School Cleaning:** The school cleaning did not take place this year as there was work being done at and round the school throughout the summer. It is usually done in August. Efforts will be made to do a light general cleanup until the next major cleaning can be done next year.
- f. **New School Vacuums:** It was noted that the filters in the new school vacuums need to be cleaned out and washed approximately every couple months. Danny McNamara will be contacted to put this regular checking of the filters on his to-do list.
- g. **Passing on of the ARS Binders:** The new co-chairs received their binders from the outgoing co-chairs. The binders are to contain all ARS information that the co-chairs need to know

to carry out their responsibilities. Please maintain the binders so they can be passed on as terms transition.

- h. **New Recommendations for Next Year:** Angie Dosedall proposed that a new welcome letter be sent out to the young ladies graduating from high school, introducing them to the ARS and what it does. It is an invitation to participate in the ARS activities. It was also recommended to go through the ARS group member lists and remove ladies who no longer participate in the parish so the groups can be more evenly distributed. Some groups have many inactive members so it is more difficult to get volunteers from their list of ladies. When new parishioners join it will be easier to tell which groups to place them in based on need.
  - i. **Gift for Kerry:** A thank you gift of flowers and a card was given to Kerry Reis for her dedicated service to the ARS in her term as president.
  - j. **Next ARS Meeting:** The next meeting date has not yet been scheduled. Look for a notice in the bulletin after Christmas.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.