

Altar Rosary Society Minutes – February 13th, 2017

Present:

President - Kerry Reis, **Treasurer** - Carol Betzel, **Secretary** - Traci Campion

From **St. Paul's Group**: Traci Campion

From **St. Mary's Group**: Angie Dosedall

From **St. Rose's Group**: Cathy Pechacek, Kelly Pechacek, Renee Allen

From **St. Theresa/St. Joseph's Group**: Carol Betzel, Judy Lillie

From **St. John's Group**: Lori McNamara

From **St. Patrick's Group**: Janet Burmood, Kristy Matzek

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Kerry Reis
2. Prayer led by Renee Allen
3. Treasurer's Report – Carol Betzel
 - a. •Beginning Balance, as of 12-1-16 was \$4,461.18. Ending Balance as of 1-31-17 was \$4,507.54. It was discussed how this was a good balance amount for the beginning of the year. *The Options for Women* ad (on the back of the church bulletin) that the ARS has paid for the last two years was discussed. The ad cost this year would be \$371.00. The ARS society is not sure whether to continue to pay for the ad this year or not. JoAnne Parks will be contacted and asked her opinion on the matter. There is currently only one outstanding bill to be paid to Ptack's for the Christmas Flowers for \$419.88. Treasurer's Report was voted approved.
4. Secretary Report- The minutes from the 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.** The Meeting Minutes were voted approved.
5. Old Business-
 - a. **Group Fundraisers**: All groups are required to do one fundraiser for the year or collect \$10 from each group member. We try to limit one fundraiser per month. St. Mary's group is doing their Fruit Sale right now. St. Paul's group has the Sept. 24th Bake Sale this year. St. John's group has the November 12th Pie Sale this year. (The Bake Sale and the Pie Sale are rotated through the groups each year.) **The remaining three groups need to let the board know what their fundraisers will be and when they will be held.**
 - b. **ARS "Harvest Moon Celebration" Fundraiser** – Renee Allen discussed the event to take place this October 28th, 2017. It will be an adults only dinner and dance held at the outdoor area of the Ridge Top Pavilion to celebrate marriage, hard work, and the harvest. . It will begin at 7:00pm with a social time, at 8:00 a blessing and buffet dinner, at 9:00 a band called "Home Grown Tomatoes" will be the entertainment, at 11:30 it will end. Cost will be \$75 per couple and \$37.50 for a single. Tickets will be sold as a fundraiser for the parish and no refunds will be given because of that. Renee emphasized how fun and entertaining the band will be. We will start selling tickets to the parish this Sunday after Renee announces the event to the parish. No actual tickets will be given out. People will prepay with cash or check to reserve their spot on the list. We will continue sales at church until the end of March then open it to those outside the parish until April or May. There are only 250 seats available. People can make a donation even if they would not be able to attend, if they would like. If the Finance Council approves, the proceeds could be used for Church improvements such as repairing the pews and new carpet.
 - c. **New Coffee Maker**: Kerry Reis purchased a new coffee maker and some new larger serving spoons for the parish kitchen.

- d. **Vice President Vacancy:** We are still in need of a vice president. Kerry Reis has indicated she will not be able to continue as president for next year and this new VP would need to be willing to take over as president next year. Groups – **please talk to your group members so we can get this spot filled as quickly as possible.** Also, Carol Betzel has willingly served as Treasurer for ten years now and would appreciate someone who would be willing to step into the Treasurer position in the future. She said the new person could apprentice with her this year if they would like.
6. New Business:
 - a. **Raffle Tickets for September Potluck:** The annual big raffle will be held at the September Potluck Fellowship. Linda Matzek volunteered to take care of the tickets again this year. Carol Betzel will acquire the raffle permit.
 - b. **Masses for older ARS Members:** The ARS will be having individual masses said for all living ARS members who are over the age of 80 or out of special need.
 - c. **Fr. Louis' Birthday Gift:** Father's birthday is Feb. 22nd and a \$100 gift was approved. Ideas for the gift were discussed.
 - d. **New President (VP this year) Needed:** As stated above, Kerry Reis is stepping down next year and the ARS cannot function without officers. All ARS ladies need to be willing to step forward to help as Co-Chairs and Officers or the group will not be able to function and that would greatly impact St. Mary's. Knowing exactly what the officer's duties are would be helpful. We could re-make and update binders for each officer position and spell out all duties so someone coming into the position would know exactly what was needed to do the job correctly. **It greatly helps if co-chairs reach out to the ladies in their group and invite them to consider the job verses waiting for someone to come forward.** The position is only supposed to be a two year commitment.
 - e. **Meals from the Heart:** It was voted and approved that ARS would give a \$250 donation toward the meals that the parish will be packing on March 11th. This would cover the cost for 1,000 meals.
 - f. **Next ARS Meeting:** The next meeting date has not yet been scheduled. Look for a notice in the bulletin.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.