

ST. ANNE'S SODALITY MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Before the meeting, sodality members enjoyed a Pot Luck Soup Supper with guest Sister Mary Ann.

President Doris Frank called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with a prayer to St. Anne for Anna Marie Strope and Sandy Bock. There were eight members present.

The minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting were read by Secretary Diane Rackers. A motion was made by Doris Neier and seconded by Sarah Siegler to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer Janie Wallace presented the financial report. Income since the September meeting totaled \$3,626 and expenses \$5,026.34. There was a question about the amount of money given to the school from the quilt auction. A motion was made by Diane Rackers and seconded by Joyce Neuner to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

Correspondence:

A thank you note along with \$150 was received from Lorraine Rehagen thanking sodality members for a wonderful funeral luncheon served at Freeburg.

A thank you note along with \$300 was received from the Larry Thomas family in appreciation for the funeral luncheon.

A thank you letter was received from Erin Fick for the college package she received from the sodality.

Old Business:

Doris Neier reported that she still has 200 yards of towel fabric at her house that still needs to be cut into towels. The tea towels donated to the fall festival auction brought a total of \$525: Squirrels tea towels brought \$150, Christmas Holiday tea towels \$180, Drinks tea towels \$130 and Desserts tea towels \$65. Diane reported that there are still 12 sets of 7, one set of 4 and 55 individual tea towels available for sale. Diane reported that \$174 in tea towels was sold at the fall festival.

Diane Rackers shared a request from Debbie Mebruer, Chairperson for the Country Store at the picnic and fall festival. She asked whether all individual tea towels could be priced at the single price of \$10 each. Currently, individual tea towel prices range from \$7.50 to \$10.00 based on the size and difficulty of the embroidery, so they have to be sorted by price to count them at the beginning and the end of each event to determine the number that were sold. After some discussion, it was decided that since this only involves two events that the prices will remain varied.

Diane asked Doris Neier a member of the Building Committee about plans for storage in the new quilting room. Diane wondered whether the sodality needs to purchase a shelf or cabinet to store tea towels and history books. Doris said that there is some closet space planned for the quilting room. At this time, she expects the current quilting shelves will be placed in the basement of the building to allow more room for quilting. She was not aware of a decision on how things will be organized in the basement.

Diane reported that she counted the 175th history books currently stored in the church basement. There are 9 boxes of 6. She asked whether the price of the history books should be reduced. Doris Frank asked about bad history books with flaws. She thought there were a number of boxes of these. Diane said she didn't notice any boxes that said "bad," but will check that out further. Someone suggested that there are history books stored in the rectory.

Diane reported that she delivered a half hatch full of items to Birthright on November 2. Birthright was glad to receive items for the mothers. There were a number of diapers, multiple clothing items, socks, shampoo/body wash, etc. Diane explained that she did not specifically request coats for the collection since they were not on the wish list that Birthright provided.

Doris Frank reported that she sent five college care packages that went to Erin Fick, Ryan and Corey Bexten, Meaghan Frank and Amber Eisterhold.

New Business:

December's Jesse Tree collection is for Good Shepherd and Rape and Abuse Crisis Service (RACS). Diane received by text a three-page list of items from Karen Goodenough for the Good Shepherd. She will make some Christmas card tags for Good Shepherd. Sarah Siegler will do tags for RACS. Doris Frank volunteered to deliver items to Good Shepherd. The Jesse Tree will be put up after the Thanksgiving weekend.

The fall bake sale will be coordinated by Work Group 1 during the November 11-12 deer season weekend.

The fall Free Bingo will be coordinated by Work Group 4 on November 12. Diane has talked with Charlene Eisterhold about this. She has asked work group members to drop off desserts and bingo items in the back of church. Since this could be a problem with the bake sale that weekend, Diane will text Charlene and ask that bingo items be removed from the back of church and bingo desserts be marked as such to prevent confusion.

The FY24 Sodality Calendar was reviewed.

Doris Frank and Carol Siegler have agreed to switch positions and Diane Rackers and Janie Wallace agreed to remain Secretary and Treasurer. A motion was made by Joyce Neuner and seconded by Doris Neier to elect the suggested slate of officers by acclamation. The motion carried.

Diane asked about sodality members picking up prayer cards for confirmation students since there are so many remaining. It was determined that there were multiple cards for each student and that they included Freeburg students, so the issue was dropped.

Diane has reviewed the fall festival work list and developed a list of individuals on the list that are not currently in sodality work groups. She read through the list and asked for help to determine which work group they would be added to. Diane will also check to be sure they are on the parish roster before adding to the work groups. An updated work group list will be provided at the January meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer to St. Anne for Bob Grellner.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rackers
Secretary