

ST. ANNE'S SODALITY MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2024

President Doris Frank called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with a prayer to St. Anne for Anna Marie Strobe. There were nine members present.

Installation of Officers: President Doris Frank turned the meeting over to newly elected President Carol Siegler. She thanked Janie Wallace and Diane Rackers for remaining Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Doris Frank transitioned to Vice-President.

The minutes from the November 7, 2023 meeting were read by Secretary Diane Rackers. A motion was made by Karen Goodenough and seconded by Janie Wallace to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer Janie Wallace presented the financial report. Income since the November meeting totaled \$2,576.45 and expenses \$1,491.11. This includes a profit of \$609.00 from the November bake sale, \$43.95 from religious article sales, \$38.50 from tea towel sales and \$60 in sodality dues. A motion was made by Joyce Neuner and seconded by Sarah Siegler to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

Correspondence:

A thank you note was received from Debbie Reinkemeyer thanking the sodality for the generous gift of \$2,050 to the school. This was the profit from the sodality quilt sold at the picnic quilt auction and matched by Catholic Financial Life for \$800.

Thank you notes were received from both Sister Linda and Sister Mary Ann thanking the sodality for the Christmas gifts of \$150 each.

A thank you note was received from Birthright for the October collection donations.

A request for a monetary donation was received from the Rape and Abuse Crisis Services (RACS). The sodality coordinates a collection for RACS in December, so it was decided no monetary donation would be made.

Old Business:

Carol Siegler reported that she currently has 12 sets of 7 tea towels at her home that are ready and 20 sets of 7 that still need to be hemmed. Anna Marie Strobe currently has 4 sets of 7 stamped tea towels. Doris Neier has received a request from someone who is interested in buying a number of plain tea towels to embroider for her children. Joyce Neuner reported that she has 3 sets of 7 and around 15 individual tea towels in her booth. She sold two individual towels for \$8 each recently. Doris Neier reported that she still has 200 yards of towel fabric at her house that still needs to be cut into towels. It was suggested that she might be able to move that to the new quilting room. After some discussion, it was decided that we could wait until September to cut up the remaining 200-yard roll of towel fabric.

Diane Rackers reported that she has checked out the 175th history books and there are currently 57 good and 1 bad history book stored in the church basement. Any additional bad history books were either destroyed or sold as good ones. It was agreed to reduce the price of the 175th history book from \$50 to \$40. There were no history books stored in the rectory.

Diane reported that the Free Bingo held November 13 only had 8 attendees. They made a profit of \$19 selling refreshments. It was felt that this low attendance wasn't worth the effort. It was suggested that some social event for senior citizens might be a better alternative. A motion was made by Diane Rackers and seconded by Joyce Neuner to discontinue the November Free Bingo and consider an alternate social event for senior citizens. The motion carried.

Doris Neier reminded Janie Wallace about Christmas gifts for the Sisters and Father Debo. Janie provided each of them with a gift of \$150. This will be added to future November meeting agendas.

Diane noticed when typing up the November meeting minutes that the parish still owed the sodality \$1,000 for the Catholic Financial Life match quilt. Diane contacted parish treasurer Patty Phelps about this and Doris Neier confirmed it by email. Janie has received the check for \$1,000.

Doris Frank reported that college care packages have been sent out and she will send second care packages in April or May.

Jesse Tree Donations: Doris Frank reported that she delivered three full carloads of items to the Good Shepherd Center. Sarah Siegler reported that she delivered a full carload of items to RACS. Diane asked whether we needed to add a deadline for donations in the bulletin announcement since the Jesse Tree is usually taken down when they decorate the church for Christmas. It was felt that there was no problem with donations being placed in the back of church after the tree is taken down. It was suggested that the Jesse Tree should be full of gift tags for at least two weekends.

New Business:

The 2024 Sodality Calendar was reviewed and updates suggested. Some meeting times were changed.

The 2024 sodality work group lists were reviewed. A total of 12 new sodality members have been added. Members present provided missing cell phone numbers.

It was decided to donate two sets of 7 tea towels to the Sacred Heart Home and School Facebook Auction. Doris Neier will coordinate the donation.

Diane mentioned that in the past the sodality purchased wreaths for the church doors and wondered if that is something that should be started again. It was noted that there is a problem with trying to secure the wreaths so they don't get blown off the doors. This would also involve a commitment from someone to coordinate the wreath purchases. The matter was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

Janie Wallace reported that we are good for votive candles at this time. She will order an additional 12 cases when we get down to two cases.

The sodality collection for March is for St. Raymond's Society. Sarah Siegler volunteered to coordinate this collection.

Doris Frank will email Janice Boessen with a copy to Carol Seigler regarding 2024 Western Catholic Union matches.

The mass for deceased sodality members has been booked for July 27. Mass assignments will be made at the May sodality meeting.

Doris Neier reported that the Sacred Heart Quilting Club is currently working on the quilt for Neighborhood #4, which means they have six more neighborhood quilts to complete. With limited time to do quilting, they cannot assure that they will be able to get the sodality match quilt done, but will certainly try. Doris Frank volunteered to quilt the sodality match quilt again this year.

Janie reported that the sodality has received a request for a donation from Fatima Project Graduation. A motion was made by Joyce Neuner and seconded by Sarah Siegler to make a donation of \$50 to Fatima Project Graduation. The motion carried.

Janie said we received a brochure from the Vitae Foundation. The last donation to the Vitae Foundation was made in January 2022. It was mentioned that in the past the sodality automatically donated \$100 to the Vitae Foundation twice a year. Janie will send a donation for \$100 and check out whether a second donation should be made later in the year.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer to St. Anne for Herb Kramer and Fred Bethman.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rackers
Secretary