Sodality Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 2015

I. Opening

A. Meeting was opened with a prayer lead by Poupee.

B. Anne motioned for the approval of the minutes from the November meeting. Motioned seconded by Ellen.

II. Old Business

A. Anne sent the Christmas gifts to parish staff. Many nice thank you notes have been received including ones from St. Estela, Fr. Cusick, Fr. John, Fr. Giese, and Russ Weisman.

B. At the December general meeting approximately 150 cards were written for Operation Gratitude. Thank you to Maria for coordinating this project.

C. Giving Tree wrap-up: This year was another success, the second year coordinating was easier for organizing. Thank you notes have been received from some of the charities. Denise still has receipts to turn in so final costs have not been totaled. 915 gifts were coordinated. This is down slightly from last year as a smaller number of charities were interested or had smaller requests. Fewer gifts needed to be bought this year, a marked improvement. Suggestion was made to open the program next fall with a thank you that mentions the need to return gifts timely and include a mention that gifts not return on time require us to buy replacements the in short order before delivery. It was agreed that the sign with the charities was a nice addition this year.

D. Donut Social on Feb. 15 is Sodality’s spotlight. We will need the assistance of all the units to publicize. Lis will send around a sign-up that can be forwarded to unit membership. Since that weekend we will also be selling fashion show tickets, sign-up can be combined with that sign up list. At the social we will have a table with brochures and a sign. Two people are needed at the socials except for after the noon where more are needed to help with clean-up.

E. Winter Chantacleer: Celestine will coordinate getting the write-up on St. Giana. It will also include some of the upcoming events.

F. Other upcoming items – Morning of Recollection, Sodality Union meeting, and May General meeting.

III. New Business

A. Fashion Show:

1. Committee has been meeting. While working to renew sponsors we are also in need of new sponsors. Please encourage membership to reach out to people who may be sponsors. Forms can be found on the sodality website. Thank you to Mary for posting all the forms on the website.

2. Unite ads are due at the same time as the regular ads – Feb. 18th, but need to be confirmed to Maureen by the 10th.

3. Unit baskets need to be confirmed with Maureen as well and delivered to Denise Sintetos by February 22nd.

B. Plant sale Update: the first meeting is January 29th at Colleen’s house. May 1-3 is the sale.

C. Sodality Union meeting on May 2 – This is a whole sodality event. Discussion was had about creating a committee to organize and hoping that some of the women who planned the last one in 2009 would help again. We expect 150 people and will need many volunteers as greeters, hostesses etc. Poupee has been asking about the requirements, and will inquire if there is anything special that needs to be included because it is the May meeting. Fr. Geise has offered to perform mass. It will begin at 9 a.m. with a rosary and 9:30 is mass. Ellen will confirm the time. Interested sub-committee volunteers should contact Ellen and private ask will be made to the organizers in 2009.

D. Upcoming Responsibilities – February 7th union meeting will be attended by St. Gianna; February 1st Sodality Mass will be covered by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton unit.

E. File Cabinet – A discussion was had about obtaining a file cabinet for historical files that are currently spread about in the homes of various members. A ideal location would be near but not in the sodality closet. Liz motioned for obtaining a 4 drawer cabinet, Celestine seconded, and the motion carried. Maria offered to shred any documents that need to be disposed of and unnecessary in the cabinet.

F. Directory – Next step is to get the data from the units. When you have the sheet with contact info filled out please send it to Patty Bubar in her role as membership chair. A discussion was had about including in the directory people who have not paid their dues this year. It was agreed that for this year dues payment cannot be synonymous with inclusion, but that could be a goal for future years. Please aim to have this info to Patty by March.

IV. Reports

A. Prefect – Sodality Union asked why we don’t sell raffle tickets. We confirmed that it is our tradition to send a donation instead. Karen Salah sent a very nice thank you for sodality’s mass card for her husband. We held a discussion about the growing returns from the last Chantacleer mailer and the need to purge the list before the next mailer.

B. Treasurer – Anne asked for clarification about union dues which have not been paid. The account has $9,000 after deposit to Columbia was sent.

C. Unit Reports:

1. Christ Child - Mary Bartels passed away and Poupee will get a mass card. Ann, their treasure, is ailing during her chemo treatment and others will be helping her with her duties. The next meeting is at Marcie’s. Collette is also ill and not able to come to as many meetings. Their basket this year will be about Strathmore, tickets to a show, tea at their tea room, and gift card to their gift shop.

2. John Neumann Unit – Nov. 11 was their last meeting and their next is 2/10. A quick discussion was had about what businesses they had contacted vs. the committee had contacted for Fashion Show donation.

3. Regina Coeli – Held a tea for women at Maplewood in early November and invited the women who were in the original Regina Coeli unit. Vivi, a founding member of the original unit, wrote a song for the occasion. They collected for Fischer House before Thanksgiving. The next meeting in February will be at Gina’s home and include a home mass. This is their first meeting since their Christmas party. On 2/18 they will be proving dinner for the students at the University of Maryland.

4. St. Monica – They are looking for a date for a February meeting and are planning their basket contribution. They provided the refreshments at the December general meeting.

5 St. Gianna – Maureen B.’s father passed away; and prayers were asked for Melanie’s husband who has been diagnosed with cancer. Their bake sale was approved for Super Bowl weekend after the masses downstairs. They are raising money for Gabriel Project. They recently donated to Crossways who were very appreciative of the contribution. The unit held their annual Christmas gathering. They next group activity is going to see the Mary exhibit downtown at the Museum of Women in the Arts. Their fashion show donation will be a Kate Spade bag.

6. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton unit – Unit met on Jan 11. They discussed 2 chapters of book that they are reading this year. They also discussed upcoming events, particularly fashion show and our contributions. They will meet as gain on Feb 8.

7. Associates – No new news to report.

8. Jr. Sodality – no report.

V. Closing Prayer – Lead by Poupee.