

Sodality Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
February 2015

I. Opening

- A. Meeting was opened with a prayer for Lent.
- B. Colleen motioned for the approval of the minutes with corrections from the January meeting. Motioned seconded by Joan.

II. Old Business

- A. Report from the Sodality Union meeting– They have created an essay contest for Jr. Sodalists. The meeting was dominated with reports about events. They raffled a basket at their meeting to raise money for the Mass for Shut-ins. It was announced that there are 58 parishes in the diocese with sodalities. The mass was memorable for its excellent music.
- B. The Sodality Mass on 2/1 went well.
- C. Parish office now has access to the sodality closet key.
- D. The sodality table at the Parish Socials was productive. It was nice to have brochures as well as the poster. The sign up on Volunteer Spot was very effective.
- E. The upcoming items on the sodality calendar were reviewed.
- F. Report from the Dominican Retreat – For many years the sodality has had a nice representation at the Dominican Retreat. It was sad that this was their last retreat since the retreat house is closing. The retreat was well attended. They had an excellent Franciscan retreat master. The sisters kindly provided the women attendees an information packet about other retreat centers in the area.

III. New Business

- A. Chantacleer – The next issue is late March/ April. It will have pictures and a wrap-up of the fashion show. There will only be 2 issues this year. St. Gianna has sent their article. The prefect and presidents letters are still pending.
- B. Fashion Show – Maureen provided an update. She is pleased that more ad purchases have come in. She is very appreciative of the support from all of sodality. Over 90 tickets had been sold prior to this last weekend. There is also an increase in the number of patrons this year.

Flowers have been ordered. Raffle basket items continue to come in, but we are still in need of door prizes. March 4<sup>th</sup> is when the final head count is due to the club.

C. Morning of Recollection – Poupee has secured a speaker. The bulletin announcement is now appearing. The last step she has is to step up the light refreshments from Panera.

D. Anniversary Brunch – The years that will be honored are 25, 40, 50 and 60+. The plan is to hold the brunch in the rectory again. The bulletin announcement will appear soon for eligible couples to rsvp.

E. Plant Sale – Fliers have been made. The planning meetings have been postponed due to weather.

F. May Sodality Union meeting – Ellen is looking at breaking it down into small groups to handle the various parts. Joan will lead the May crowing planning. Liz will connect with the caterer. We will need many volunteers to be readers, rosary leaders, music ministers, greeters, etc. Gail will coordinate the readers and Eucharistic Ministers and rosary leaders. Ellen and Maria will work with Russell on the Music. A further discussion was had about decorations and flowers needed. There was consensus that a pen which could carry the theme of the plant sale was ideal. Ann had seen something using an inexpensive pen to make a flower. It was agreed that the board will email further ideas and examples to each other. It was also agreed that prayer cards should be provided. Kelley Lennon will be contacted about encouraging as many of the girls to attend for the Mass.

G. May General Meeting - Ideas to increase participation were discussed. The Jr. Sodalist Essay winner will read her essay. We will invite Christian Bling to come since it is before First Communion and Confirmation. We will also see if the Irish dancers can come again and explore raffling an item for the women who attend. St. Gianna and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton units will collaborate on providing refreshments for the meeting.

H. Succession planning for the board – There are two positions that are transitioning; the secretary Liz and co-president Maria are looking for their replacements. If you have suggestions please share that information with Ellen and Maria.

I. Upcoming responsibilities for each of the units were reviewed.

#### IV. Reports

A. Prefect – Cathy D’A. has graciously agreed to write the names of the deceased sodalists in the book to get it up to date. Poupee is focused on the preparations for the Morning of Recollection on March 21.

B. Treasure – The treasurer report was distributed. A few units still have outstanding dues. There is \$9,600 in the account.

### C. Units

1. Christ Child Unit – Ann is doing better, and Marcie is helping her with her duties. They are looking at setting up a new bank account for their unit as they transition Ann’s duties. Jean D. has agreed again to play the piano for the cocktail hour of the fashion show. Everyone is excited that she can join us. Renee M. has gone into hospice. Barbara B.’s twin sister passed away. They will be meeting in 4 days where they will collect for Centro Tepeyac.

2. John Neumann Unit – They had a meeting on February 2 where they focused on their basket for the fashion show. They had great success in collection items and gift certificates so they will have two baskets for the raffle. They also picked the charities they will focus on for the remainder of the year.

3. Regina Coeli Unit – Regina Coeli held a meeting at Gina Clansky’s on Feb. 10, 2015. Following the Opening Prayer, Patty Bubar reviewed the Google document used by the Guild to provide and maintain updated addresses, emails and phone numbers. Current version will be submitted to Board for updating the Sodality Directory. Maureen Wilkerson provided update on status of dues collection for the unit. There are still a number of members with dues outstanding. The goal will be to have them all collected by the end of February 2015. Unit will provide iPad and 2 Restaurant Certificates (\$100 each) which is the same they donated last year. They updated their Fashion Show Ad using the invitation theme. Their upcoming calendar items are: February 18 – Univ. of MD Catholic Student Center – serving 200+ students pasta dinner for Ash Wednesday; following their Ash Wednesday mass. Unit members invited to participate in mass. They also discussed choices for a new project to support Fisher House or families in Assumption Parish.

4. St. Monica – They had a meeting and are getting restaurant gift cards as their fashion show items. They were unable to get enough people to sell raffle tickets, and are asking other people who can to contact Maureen G. directly.

5. St. Gianna – They held a bake sale that made money for Gabriel Project, and they were please with a great turnout of helper from the unit members. They were also able to sell the goodies that remained from the father-daughter dance the night before. They have their fashion show basket. Melanie has a Caring Bridge page set for her husband and family. It was filled almost immediately with volunteers offering to bring food as her husband battles cancer.

6. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – They met on February 8<sup>th</sup>, and had 3 new members. They are continuing with reading *Breaking Through*, and finalized their spa basket.

7. Associates – no news.

8. Jr. Sodality – no news.

V. Meeting closed with a Hail Mary.