

## SODALITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2020

Present: Helen B, Kate B, Lee M, Nan V, Tracy M, Liz S, Celestine K, Colleen H, Gail Q, Kathy K.

### I. Opening: 7:35 PM

- A. Prefect Kate B led the board in praying the *Memorare*.
- B. Colleen H made a motion to approve the January 15th minutes. Tracy M seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

### II. Old Business

- A. The Time and Talent Fair will be on February 22-23. Two Sodalists will be at our table after every Mass. There will be plenty of printed materials available, and the Sodality poster will be on the table. Reservation flyers for the Fashion Show will also be available. We will not accept payment for tickets at the Fair. People will be encouraged to mail their reservation requests or use Faith Direct. We will not use the credit card machine.
- B. The Fashion Show and Luncheon is scheduled for March 7th. Alice and Carole Trone both donated cosmetics from B&H Cosmetics. There will be a favor at each place setting. The Fashion Show committee will decide how to distribute the extra cosmetics. A thank you piece acknowledging the Trones' donations will be included in the program. Cathy J has volunteered to bag the favors. Kathy K will see if she needs assistance. The sale of program ads has gone well, and the end date for placing an ad was February 16th. Ticket sales have

been fair. There have been 108 tickets sold at this point. Cut off for purchase of tickets is February 28th; cut off for patrons to be listed in the program is February 24th. Helen B will send an email to the unit chairs for distribution to the members to push for sale of tickets and patrons. Maria C needs to give Maplewood a list of its Fashion Show attendees in order to arrange for the bus to the event.

- C. The Morning of Recollection is scheduled for March 28th. The speaker will be Mary Elizabeth Sperry, an Associate Director for permissions of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. She is the author of five books, and she speaks frequently about Scripture. Kate B will check on her honorarium and she will prepare the bulletin announcement for the event.
- D. Sodality outreach to school moms is ongoing. Tracy M and Debbie R met with Elizabeth S. Betsey R was not present. Elizabeth noted that the school moms receive lots of information about the Home and School Association, but little about Sodality. Plans were made to invite the mothers of the Junior Sodalists to the next Junior Sodality event at the DC Diaper Bank. Tracy M is hoping to plan something for car pool in March.
- E. Sodality Retreat planning is being spearheaded by Kate B. She is hoping to meet in March with her committee to decide on the specifics. This event will be a Sodality-focused retreat. There will be future planning for a retreat open to all parish women.
- F. The February "Sodality Spotlight" was written by Tracy M. It was a lovely write up that appeared in the bulletin on the weekend of February 15-16th.
- G. The February Sodality Union Meeting was attended by Tracy M on behalf of the St. Monica Unit. The meeting took place on February 1st at Holy Family Church in Mitchellville, MD. It opened with the Rosary followed by Mass and then Eucharistic Adoration. The church has a strong history as a Black Catholic church and was designated as an historic landmark in 1984. The meeting included facts and information about prominent black Catholics. Applications for the Sodality Union retreat (March 13-15) were sent to all Sodality

Prefects. The deadline to RSVP is March 7th. The Traveling Madonna has openings in April and May. The Treasurer, Hospitality Chair, Ways and Means Chair, and Membership Chair presented their reports. The Union's closing lunch will be in June.

- H. Helen B reported that the parish facilities manager and exterminator have checked for indications of animal presence in the Sodality closet in the Caulfield Hall kitchen and there does not appear to be any damage.

### III. New Business

- A. The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for April 5th. Debbie R is organizing the event. It is too early for volunteer sign-ups at present.
- B. Anniversary Brunch: We are waiting to learn from Fr. Giese when he is available in April to host the brunch.
- C. Upcoming "Sodality Spotlight" assignments for the bulletin: March was to be an update of the Associates' yearly donation, but this year's donation is earmarked for the Caulfield Hall kitchen renovation. Tracy M suggested that the March article focus on information about all that is happening in Sodality in the upcoming months. This proposal was approved. April's article will be information about the Plant Sale. Colleen will write this. The May article will be a Junior Sodality update by Tracy M. The Parish Times has also requested an article by Sodality. Helen will write it, and it will most likely focus on the Fashion Show and the Morning of Recollection.
- D. Additional Upcoming Sodality Assignments:  
--3/1/20 Sodality Sunday Mass: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Unit. We do not attend the Sodality Union Meeting in March because it conflicts with the Fashion Show.
- E. Upcoming religious programs of interest: Sodality Union Retreat (March 13-15, 2020-Washington Retreat House); 100th Anniversary of Women in the

Schoenstatt Movement (March 21, 2020-St. Raphael's Catholic Church); St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Morning of Recollection. Helen B will email information regarding these events to the unit chairs for distribution.

F. Miscellaneous —

The Sodality received a thank you note from Marilyn F., the daughter of deceased Sodalist Fran Laut, expressing her appreciation for the Mass card Sodality sent to her.

Tracy M reported that the Junior Sodality is thinking of donating to the Gabriel Network. This organization is going to build a home for pregnant women and new moms. Helen B mentioned that the Gabriel Network is a different organization than the Gabriel Project, which Sodality already supports.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Fashion Show and Luncheon and whether selling tickets after more Masses will help to promote Sodality.

It was noted that the Plant Sale, May Crowning and the public announcement of the parish Capital Campaign are all going to occur on the same weekend, May 1-3, 2020.

IV. Reports

- A. Prefect: Nothing to report other than matters already discussed.
- B. Treasurer: The current bank balance is \$33,892.56. This does not include checks received for Fashion Show reservations.
- C. Units
  - 1. Christ Child—Gail Q: A meeting was held at Gail Q's home. Seven women attended. They decided that their raffle basket donation for the Fashion Show will be Tea for Two at Strathmore and many "tea-related" items.

There are three women from the unit involved with the Fashion Show. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2020. They will have a luncheon.

2. John Neumann—Judith S sent a report. The members met on February 11, 2020 in the Scanlan Room. They discussed the report from the last Sodality Executive Board meeting and shared these comments: the Sodality Investiture at the December General Meeting Mass was lovely and should continue to be held at that meeting; the unit would prefer not to decrease the number of gift requests addressed by the Giving Tree, but rather we should find a better solution for shopping for the cards that are not chosen by parishioners. The unit members continued their discussion about fostering Marian devotion. There seems to be progress on that score in our parish, and there are many opportunities for Marian devotion in the Archdiocese. The charity for the February John Neumann Unit meeting was Misericordia, a residential care facility for the developmentally delayed. The next meeting is in April, when they will support de Chantal's St. Martin's Cloak Guild.
3. Regina Coeli—Kathy K: The unit has contributed an iPad as well as three \$100 gift certificates for restaurants for their Fashion Show raffle baskets. A home Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the home of Maria C. The unit is preparing and delivering dinner Wednesday, February 19, 2020 to the Newman Center at UMD to be served after the evening Mass.
4. St. Monica—Tracy M: The unit met at Debbie R's home. They had good attendance. The unit will donate a \$350 gift card to Black's Restaurant Group. They are preparing dinner for the Newman Center at UMD on February 26, 2020.

5. St. Gianna—Colleen H: The unit had planned to donate roses to the children at the National Center for Children and Families so that the children could give them to their moms for Valentine’s Day. However, the organization did not respond about the numbers needed in a timely manner. The unit members are hoping to do this for Mother’s Day.
6. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton—Liz S: The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2020. They will do a craft and have a discussion on the book most recently read. Eve S will be handing out medals for the Sodality Mass. Sally D has agreed to assist with communications for the unit. Champa S. will host the next meeting.
7. Associates—Ellen L: Not present.
8. Junior Sodality—Tracy M: Recently the Junior Sodalists made Valentines for NICU babies’ mothers and they decorated lunch bags and made lunches to be distributed by Bethesda Cares. For the Fashion Show, they will donate a Kendra Scott necklace as their raffle prize. They are planning on having a bake sale during the Blood Drive, and they are going on a field trip to the DC Diaper Bank. No 8th graders are interested in modeling for the Fashion Show this year. At their March 3rd meeting, they will play Rosary Bingo. The Junior Sodalists will participate in a Mary Garden “Clean Up” day on April 3, 2020. Debbie R will organize the eighth graders’ essay contest with Kate B. Kim F will be asked to submit the question. Liz S made a motion that Kate B choose the winner with Kim F. It was seconded by Colleen H and the motion was approved.

V. Closing Prayer

The board ended the meeting by praying the *Hail Mary*. 9:06 PM