

Sodality Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 2014

I. Opening

- A. The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. with the Prayer to Our Lady of the Good Council led by Poupee.
- B. A motion to approve the previous month's minutes was offered by Poupee and seconded by Ellen.

II. Old Business

- A. General Meeting – There were many new faces and volunteers who signed up for key positions with the sodality activities throughout the year. Patty is following up with the interested new women and connecting them to units. The attendance was excellent among returning members as well.
- B. Sodality Union Meeting – Sonja L. and Mary B from the St. Elizabeth Seton unit represented DeChantal at the Commitment Mass for the Sodality Union which was held in the Basilica's Crypt Church. There was no business meeting afterwards. The John Neumann unit will attend the November union meeting at St. Augustine in NE.

III. New Business

- A. Communion Breakfast – Nov. 2th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass Price \$25
 - 1. Poupee needs the names from each unit and Jr. Sodality soon for who needs to be inducted. Each unit chair will send the names of who will introduced, or an email saying no one will be inducted to ensure a response from every unit.
 - 2. Posters and fliers for the event are in the back of the church.
 - 3. Ellen will obtain the check to pay caterer and the speaker from Suzi, as well as the cash box to accept payments.
 - 4. Maureen George and Ellen will work the registration table.
 - 5. A room layout needs to be emailed to Deacon Mayes. (4 long tables, up to 10 rounds, table in the hallway for check in, podium with microphone.)
 - 6. The caterer will arrive before 10 a.m. Volunteers to set up should arrive by 9:15 a.m. Liz will wait for the caterer and stay in Caufield hall during mass.
 - 7. Maria and Gail offered to assist Poupee in preparing the new member packets, including reaching out to Kim B about making certificates.
 - 8. Mary offered to pick up some plants to go along with the gourds as centerpieces.
 - 9. As it is the Sodality Mass, the John Neumann will help with handing out the medals.

B. Chanticleer articles are due as soon as possible to Juile M. Gail will make a couple of edits to Poupee's piece. Mary H. will confirm that the John Neumann unit's piece has been sent.

C. Blood Drive – Maureen Wilkerson has offered organize one for the spring.

D. Giving Tree – The Label meeting is November 20th at 7:30 p.m. The organizers are preparing information for the bulletin about the various charities being supported.

E. The next General Meeting will be December 3rd. A brief discussion was held about writing cards to members of the military in lieu of doing a craft. Maria will follow up with Mary R. who made the original suggestion. Christian Bling will be invited again to sell their pieces which they can have delivered before Christmas.

F. Web-site update from Mary – She has updated the calendar and the various subpages on background. She is working on a few remaining edits including unit summaries and leadership. It would be nice if the updated website could be mentioned in the Chanticleer. Ellen will connect with Molly in the parish office about having the new web address listed on the bulletin.

G. Fashion Show update. The Committee will meet for the first time on October 22nd at 7:15 in the Seton Center. March 7th is the confirmed date of the event and the Lemon Twist will provide the clothes. They deliver the clothes from the Arlington shop, and will emcee. There will be fewer junior sodalist models but the girls will be incorporated into helping in other ways. A logo has already been created. Ever unit is asked to have at least two members on the planning committee.

H. Plant Sale Update – Colleen Hadigan has found a co-chair.

I. Unit Descriptions – Chairs are asked to update the description for their unit and send it to Patty B.

J. Hosting a Sodality Union Meeting – Fr. Geise selected May as the best meeting for DeChantal to host. Ellen and Poupee will follow up with the Sodality Union.

IV. Reports

A. Prefect – Poupee's focus is on the Communion Breakfast.

B. Treasurer – Suzie has reconciled bank account through August. She needs to get the September statement from George Cruz. We have \$15,290 cash balance right now. She has only written a few checks for this year, but knows there are some outstanding expenses from the lasagna dinner. She has received dues from John Neumann Unit. A reminder to units is that we have committed to getting unit dues in by December.

C. Units -

1. Christ Child Unit – Their meeting at the Seton Center went well. It is good location for them. They have a new member hosting the October meeting. Gail will follow up with their unit treasurer Ann about dues. They agreed to move to donating monies directly to Centro Tepeyac rather than goods. They have 18 members, 15 of whom are active. They continue to welcome and take prayer requests, and Gail got an excellent response after the general meeting.

2. John Neumann Unit – held their meeting on Sept. 9. They meet again on November 11.

3. Regina Coeli – Unit had their first meeting on Sept. 22. Attendance was very good with close to 20 members. Their next meeting will be on Nov 20th - which is the Giving Tree Label meeting. The calendar for the year was reviewed and sent out to all members including to members not in attendance. The template to collect information for members was passed around. The template has been sent to all members asking them to review and update. They have also designated one person to follow up with each member who may not have been active lately, to ensure they still feel part of the unit. Maureen W. will serve as the Treasurer for our unit. Many members paid the dues the night of the meeting. They will use the template to follow up with members - anticipating that dues will be paid by mid December. They discussed ongoing projects that the Unit will be continuing which include: Giving Tree, Collection of food every Sunday in the back of church - for Assumption Parish, Providing dinner to Catholic students at Univ. of MD Catholic Student Center. They also discussed new projects for the year including: Serving food to the homeless. Catholic Charities provides dinner on Wed. evenings on G St. in DC, Organizing a Christmas Tea at Maplewood with Christ Child members and other Sodalists living at Maplewood, Broaden support for Sacred Heart Parish by seeing if they need more assistance year round like school supplies, teaching English, etc. The unit will be welcoming Tricia Klosky as a new member - at their next meeting.

4. St. Monica – Met on October 7 at Kim D's house where they had 12 people attend. They are focusing on rebuilding and activities that will aid that aim like focusing on parish activities. It may include moving away from supporting Shady Grove pregnancy center.

5. St. Gianna – No report.

6. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – They have 4 to 5 new members. They will begin their book club at their next meeting as well as making rosaries for a group based in India.

7. Associates – Donation letter are going out to the women to support hymnals along with their membership dues. When the monies are turned over to the parish, Ellen will ask about a general line of support of the associates on the dedication cards.

8. Jr. Associates – No report.

V. Closing – Meeting was closed with a prayer, the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.