

Sodality Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 2014

I. Opening

- A. Meeting was opened with a Hail Mary led by Maria.
- B. Maria motioned for the approval of the October meeting. Motioned seconded by Mary.

II. Old Business

A. Communion Breakfast – It was a great success. The speaker was excellent. Poupee located the speaker through Our Lady of Bethesda and she plans on keeping in touch with the speaker as a future referral for other events. Many attendees are looking forward to the publication of the speakers' book coming out in the spring, Metamorphosis of a Soul.

B. Sodality Union November meeting –

1. De Chantal was represented by the John Neumann Unit at the Union meeting held at St. Augustine. Around 150 women were in attendance. The business meeting held after the rosary and mass featured the introduction of the new moderator of the Union, Fr. Michael Briese of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

2. The next Union meeting on December 6 will be attended by representatives from the Regina Coeli unit. At that meeting, donations will be collected for Catholic Charities. The executive board held a brief discussion of how De Chantal's sodality should contribute to the drive. The decision was made that sodality members should be encouraged to bring non perishable goods to the general meeting which the women attending the Union meeting can deliver.

3. The Union Schedule now shows De Chantal Parish Sodality as hostess of the May Union meeting.

4. The offering for the Spiritual Bouquet is due, and Poupee will email our Parish Sodality commitment of 220 rosaries.

5. The listing of the deceased sodalists is also collected at the November Union meeting. No longer are they asking the parishes to bring their books of the dead, but rather submit the names so they can be read during the service. Poupee is updating the list so we can provide it in a timely fashion in 2015.

C. Chantacleer – the fall issue is headed to the printer and should be out shortly. Unit chairs should make sure the addresses of any new members have been sent to Julie M. to ensure the new member receives a copy.

III. New Business

A. Giving Tree Label Meeting has been moved to Monday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m.

B. December General Meeting

1. The activity will be Operation Gratitude which facilitates the mailing of holiday letters to active duty and veterans. Wording suggestions will be available on all of the tables for people needing inspiration. Maria has lots of Christmas paper that the notes can be

written on. A discussion was had on what version of a prayer card could be included in the letters. A vote was taken among the 3 most suitable options.

2. Christian Bling will have a booth selling jewelry that make nice Christmas gifts.

3. The St. Monica Unit is providing refreshments.

4. Maria has many holiday plates and napkins and will coordinate wine, water bottles, and soda. She will also have disposable holiday table cloths for easy clean up of the food table.

5. Gina has agreed to serve as bartender.

6. A flier will be created that can be sent by the unit chairs to their membership.

7. Mass prior to the meeting will be coordinated by the John Neumann Unit. Joan will confirm with Russell and Andrew. Poupee will bring the statue of the Blessed Mother, and Maria will confirm Mary Margaret as the cantor.

C. Sodality is featured at the February donut social. It will also be an opportunity to purchase tickets to the fashion show. At the January meeting volunteers will be requested.

D. The Parish Blood Drive sponsored by Sodality is confirmed for April 26.

E. Fashion Show Update – the committee has met twice...

1. Lemon Twist is confirmed for fashions.

2. Sponsorship and donation letters are being prepared and will go out after Christmas.

3. Each unit was asked to confirm that they have at least two members on the committee. Additional women interested in serving on the committee will have the opportunity to sign up at the December General Meeting. Women can also contact Maureen George or Judy Smith prior to the meeting.

F. Plant Sale – Colleen announced that the first planning meeting will be in January.

G. The Christmas gift list to the priests and staff was discussed. The following gift card amounts were agreed upon: Pastor \$250, Fr. Cusick \$150, Fr. McKay \$150, Sr. Estella \$50, Molly \$100, Russell \$100, Andrew \$50, Deacon Cruise \$50, Deacon Mays \$100, Ronnie and Arturo \$100 each, Mary Margaret \$50.

H. Baptismal Bibs – A request was made for women to assist in the sewing of the baptismal bibs. An example of the simple sewing machine work needed was shown. Volunteers are asked to finish sew between 5 and 10 around three times a year. The example and announcement will be made again at the December General Meeting.

I. Thank you to everyone for committing 220 rosaries for the intentions of the Holy Father. Please complete the offering by Christmas.

J. Reminder of December Unit Responsibilities – Union meeting Dec. 6 & Sodality 10 a.m. Mass Dec. 7 – Regina Coeli, General Meeting snacks – St. Monica, General Meeting Mass – John Neumann.

IV. Reports

A. Prefect – Poupee has worked with Ellen, Maria, Gail and Joan to reconstruct who needs to be added into our book of the deceased sodalists. This is in addition to the names which are listed in the Chantacleer of both deceased sodalists and their immediate families. To confirm the list is up to date membership of the Christ Child Unit, John Neumann Unit, and Associates will be contacted by their leadership about any know sodalists overlooked during the list collection.

Poupee will be attending the December 20th prefect Christmas party hosted by the Union.

Maria provided Poupee with some additional information that recently came from the Union.

B. Treasure – Election of a New Treasurer

1. Anne Fejka, of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Unit, has been slated as the new treasure. Maria made a motion for the vote on Anne, and it was seconded by Ellen. The vote was called and Anne was unanimously elected by all unit representatives and executive board members in attendance (11 of 12 voting units had representation at the meeting.)

2. Anne's contact information is: 10101 Grovesnor Pl. #219, Rockville, MD 20852. Email: annefejka@gmail.com Phone: 240-678-4955.

C. Units

1. Christ Child – Ann O'Connor is ill and undergoing chemo; please keep her in your prayers. Mary Paster was the hostess of their October meeting. The November meeting is on the 20th and will be at Maplewood hosted by Barbara B., Joan R., and Judy P. They expect approximately 15 women. The Regina Coeli Unit will be hosting a tea for the Christ Child Unit on December 6th.

2. John Neumann Unit – They have 14 members. At their last meeting they said the rosary fulfilling half of their bouquet offering. Mary H. reported on the last executive board meeting, and Mike S. and Joan reported on the Union meeting. They collected items for Fisher House. They also selected for their February meeting charity St. Martins Ministries on the Eastern Shore. It is run by Benedictine nuns to help young women and one child up to the age of 10 in need of shelter. They also discussed their basket for the fashion show and decided to keep their wine basket theme.

3. Regina Coeli Unit - They have not met since the last executive meeting. The members are currently supporting Karen on the passing of her husband and the Giving Tree label meeting has been moved to Monday so they can attend his viewing. They will meet prior to the label meeting to say the rosary. December 13 & 14 are the Giving Tree collection and sorting weekend. Volunteers are welcome. Also if people are interested in helping as last minute shoppers they can contact Denise. A list of the charities receiving gifts will be both in the bulletin and on signs near the trees. The Unit will have their Christmas party on Dec. 12th at the home of Betty B. They are considering 2 new projects: Fisher House and Food Baskets for Sacred Heart Parish.

4. St. Monica Unit – Susie had an enthusiastic response to the spiritual bouquet request. Their next meeting is in January.

5. St. Gianna Unit – Michelle F. had her baby and many members supported her with food for her family. They met in October and said the rosary. They are undertaking a new charity, Crossways Shelter for women with children. They are in need of gently used kitchen supplies to help the women set up their new transitional homes. They will be collecting the items at their November 20th meeting. They are trying to hold a bake sale in January. The unit's announcement sparked a discussion about the unit inquiring if the shelter would appreciate the old sodality dishes that are no longer practical for the parish to store.

6. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Unit – They met on Nov. 9th with 15 members. They read their first portion of Breaking Through and had a discussion. They also made rosaries under the direction of one of the members.

7. Associates – The members are sending in their dues and donations.

8. Jr. Sodalists – Kelley was not able to attend but their plan to sing carols at Maplewood was shared. Additionally they are happy to participate in the spiritual bouquet.

V. Closing Prayer – The meeting was closed with the Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.