

Sodality Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 2015

I. Opening

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

B. Ellen motioned for the approval of the minutes from February meeting. Motioned seconded by Celestine.

II. Old Business

A. Fashion Show – Unit chairs shared the feedback they received on the fashion show. Mixed reaction about the range of models was received; some had hoped for representation from more units with a greater diversity of ages. There was disappointment with a smaller number of Jr. Sodalist models, and positive feedback on the decrease of Jr. Sodalist models. Feedback will be shared at the after-action meeting of the committee next week. Lemon Twist will be closing its Chevy Chase store, and they may not be an option for the future.

B. Upcoming calendar items and the units responsible were discussed. The April Union meeting is on the second Saturday, and Christ Child is checking to see if they have a representative to send.

III. New Business

A. Chantacleer – All articles have been sent to Julie. Pictures from the Fashion Show have also been forwarded. It will likely be mailed in about two weeks.

B. Morning of Recollection – Poupee has done a wonderful job in planning. She enlisted the help of Gail, Celestine, Colleen, Suzie, and Ellen to help with set-up. Maria volunteered for clean up. Juices, Coffee, and paper products are already in the closet. Poupee will gather the fresh food on Saturday morning. Sr. Pat, the speaker, plans to attend mass with everyone. Anne provided Poupee the honorarium check for the speaker. Celestine volunteered to coordinate with the leaders of the men's group who meet in Caufield hall prior to mass on Saturdays.

C. Anniversary Brunch – Has been moved to April 26th. The plan is to hold it again in the rectory. The caterer has submitted a bid. By the April 15th meeting we will know how many people are planning to attend.

D. May Union meeting – Ellen got approval from the pastor for the May crowing in the church after the rosary and prior to mass. He was pleased that it was a way to include the Jr. Sodality. Maria is working on sending the Union's specific format for mass to Russell. Maria is also working with Kelley on the Jr. Sodality's attendance and participation. The services will begin with the rosary at 9 a.m. Stephan and Michael K., and Addisu H. will be the servers. Gail will coordinate with Eucharistic ministers, readers and rosary leaders. It was suggested that the De Chantal women should have a separate Check-in to get their medals and confirm their volunteer assignments as they arrive. We will not put our medals out for the whole gathering. As we confirm all the volunteer roles (greeters, food service, etc.) we will send a volunteer spot sign up. Gail will order the prayer cards and Anne is coordinating the pen favors. A discussion was had about what steps we need to take with the caterer to ensure efficient food service in anticipation of a very full Caufield Hall. Ellen will convene a planning meeting about logistics prior to the April Executive Board meeting.

E. Essay Contest – A brief conversation about a potential question was held. A general idea was agreed to but would be finalized after the Morning of Recollection. Please send Maria any thoughts. She will work on providing the question to Kelley.

F. Succession Planning – Liz has spoken with a potential secretary. We need to write up more detailed job descriptions that build on the duties in the by-laws. Maria and Ellen are still taking suggestions and vetting interest in one of the Co-President positions. Incumbents in all of the other positions have confirmed their service for a second year.

G. May General Meeting – We remained focused on getting a good turnout. An electronic flier will be made for distribution to the unit chairs. And we will ask Mary to add it to the Website as an announcement. Christian Bling has confirmed, and we are also looking to have a gift certificate for their products as a door prize chosen from the women in attendance at the meeting. We can also distribute the remaining Smash Boxes from the Fashion Show.

H. Plant Sale update – Walnut Spring order is placed, and Sun Nursery order is being confirmed. Delivery times and price points are set, and the Friday delivery has been pushed back to 8:30. Drivers will be needed on April 30th to pick up the plants that cannot be delivered. An on-line volunteer signup will be created for unit chairs to push out to their membership. It is the same weekend as Field Day Friday for the School and the Union meeting, so we will need

widespread participation to pull it off. Colleen will get an invoice to Anne so she has time to get Fr. Geise's signature on the large check to the nursery.

IV. Reports

A. Prefect - Recap of the Morning of Recollection duties.

B. Treasurer - \$25,444 in revenue from the fashion show. There was an increase in ticket sales, patrons, and in raffle sales. Profit of \$13,901.06 from the fashion show this year; this is a final number unless more receipts are received. Balance in account is around \$21,000.

C. Units:

1. Jr. Sodality – no report.

2. Christ Child – Ann is very frail (a card was passed around for her.) and now receiving hospice care at home. Marcie has taken over as treasurer, and they agreed to just operate with a cash box and not open a bank account. Renee G. passed away. Their last meeting was snowed out, but they meet again tomorrow. Their basket got positive reviews at the fashion show. Thank you to the unit members who helped create the flower arrangements for the fashion show. They were a wonderful treat for the eyes.

3. John Neumann – The unit had a great time at the fashion show. Their next meeting is in April.

4. Regina Coeli – Last month they served food for the University of Maryland students. Around 220 students attended the dinner after their Ash Wednesday services. Many members enjoyed attending the fashion show. Their next meeting is April 24, wherein they will have a home mass led by Fr. Cusick.

5. St. Monica – Their fashion show basket was well received.

6. St. Gianna – They received a very nice thank you note from Gabriel Project for their donation of funds earned by the unit's bake sale. They had 2 tables of members at the fashion show, and four of the members will be going to see the art exhibit featuring Mary this weekend.

7. Elizabeth Ann Seton – The unit more than filled a table at the fashion show. They have their next meeting in 5 days at which they plan to work on arrangements for the Anniversary Brunch and have their book discussion.

8. Associates – 54 paid associate dues, but 4 people paid over \$500 or more as an additional donation. Ellen requested Mass cards for those exceptionally generous gifts.

V. Closing

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Poupee.