

Sodality Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 2015

I. Opening

A. Meeting was opened with the *Commending Oneself to Mary* prayer led by Poupee. Refreshments were offered by Ellen and Maria.

B. Anne motioned for the approval of the minutes from the April meeting. Motion was seconded by Ellen.

II. Old Business

A. Plant Sale – Thank you to Colleen H. and Karen S. and Kathy K for their hard work, hours of preparation, and long hours staffing the plant sale. A little over \$5,300 in profit was made. Reusable supplies have been packed away and suggestions for next year can be sent to Colleen. Thank you to all the great saleswomen, especially Eve S.

B. Blood drive brought in 32 units, a slight increase over the last drive. Parish-wide email being sent was a big boost.

C. Anniversary Brunch – Lesson learned for next year is to put a “save the date” in the bulletin earlier. There was a good turnout from 11 couples for Mass and 10 for the meal. A discussion was had about concerns the event is skewing old and whether that is deterring any couples. It was agreed that more should be done in advance to make sure the priests know the purpose and ideal size of the event when they are marketing it in the parish.

D. May 6th General Meeting – We were unable to procure any entertainment, but the meeting was still a success. It was nice that there was time to chat and catch up with the other women. Christian Bling had a sale but we haven’t yet been informed of how much Sodality will make. They did have a limited inventory with them.

A discussion was had about possibly alternating vendors – i.e., using Christian Bling in the spring, but using for the December meeting a pre-Fashion Show vendor.

E. Sodality Union meeting – We got a thank you note from Olga on behalf of the union for hosting. There was spill over from the event into visitors to the plant sale. The official attendance count from the lunch was 76. The event turned out much nicer than we anticipated. The caterer worked well with the fluctuating numbers.

III. New Business

A. Calendar – a draft of the calendar was reviewed. It will be edited and sent out in September.

Ann R. is looking for an alternate retreat to take the place of the Dominican Retreat weekend. We should contact her about adding what she finds to our calendar.

The unit duties were reviewed as well. Changes were made based on unit requests.

B. Vote on next year’s board – Maria offered the slate of officers. Colleen motioned for the vote, and Celestine K. seconded. The slate carried.

C. Job descriptions for the positions have been updated and should be sent to the incoming women taking on the respective roles.

D. Chantacleer/website- Patty spoke with Julie M. about assisting in creating the directory next year. Julie can help create a newsletter that can be emailed to those

who opt out of the mailing. A discussion was had about what to include or exclude from the directory (mailing addresses, emails, and/or phone numbers).

Mary B. is doing a good job keeping the website up to date. There was a question about how hard it is to add pictures from events to the website.

It would be nice to also have contact info for the Giving Tree and Fashion Show chairs on the website.

- E. Tithe to the parish – We have a little over \$30,000 in the Sodality bank account. It was agreed that a 10% donation should be given after the books close. Liz offered the motion, Helen B. seconded.
- F. There was a discussion about forming a committee to care for the Mary Garden.
- G. There was a motion made by Maureen T. to donate \$1,000 to St. Martin's Cloak. Celestine seconded, and the money will be given pending the approval of Fr. Giese.
- H. Deceased Sodalists Book – Poupee has provided the names to Ellen. Ellen has coordinated for the book to be updated this summer by Cathy D. A spreadsheet with the names from the last year needs to also be sent to the Sodality Union well in advance of the November meeting.
- I. Membership – Thank you to all the units in welcoming new members.

IV. Reports

- A. Prefect – Shared the thank you card from the Sodality Union.
- B. Treasurer – Please send outstanding expenses and receipts needing reimbursement ASAP.
- C. Units
 - 1. Jr. Sodality – no report
 - 2. Christ Child – Met the day after Ann's funeral. Sue T. is very ill. Will meet next week for end-of-year wrap-up. They are welcoming new members and will have a discussion about their activities.
 - 3. John Neumann – Lee M. is coming back to the United States and will rejoin the unit. The members are enjoying their continued bond as a unit.
 - 4. Regina Coeli – Had their home Mass, which was nice, at the Clanskys'. Also made a generous donation to the Msgr. Christopher Fund. They are working on identifying their co-chairs for next year.
 - 5. St. Monica – no report
 - 6. St. Gianna – Thank you to Colleen who is stepping down after 4 years in the co-chair position. Celestine has feelers out to the unit for another co-chair. A new baby was born to unit member Melody. Prayers were requested for Melanie L. and also for Kim F. on the death of her father.
 - 7. Elizabeth A. Seton – will have a new co-chair with Mary for next year. The unit is planning on their activities and book selection.
 - 8. Associates – Ellen has been emailing the associates about volunteer opportunities with all the recent events. There was an exciting turnout from associate members in helping out.

V. Closing

The Sub Tuum Praesidium prayer was said to close the meeting.