SODALITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2019

Present: Helen B, Lee M, Maureen W, Judith S, Tracy M, Colleen H, Liz S, Nan V, and Celestine K.

I. Opening: 7:35 PM

1. President Helen B led the board in praying the *Hail Mary*.
2. Liz S moved that the minutes of the September 2019 executive board meeting be approved with the correction offered by Judith S to change the John Neumann unit report summary “in the hospital” to “homebound.” Lee M seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without objection.

II. Old Business

1. The Sodality Mass and General Meeting was changed from October 2 to October 3 due to a wake in the church. The event was highly successful, with approximately 45 people in attendance. Some new women participated and may consider joining Sodality. Follow up will be handled by Patty B.
2. Communion Breakfast Oct. 27 details were updated. Kate B is in charge of the event. A SignUpGenius will circulate for volunteers to accept various responsibilities. Unit chairs were asked to encourage their members to attend. Maureen W has offered to prepare the floral arrangements for the tables. Helen asked board members who attend to take photos for an article Sodality will submit to *Our Parish Times*.
3. Sodality Retreat planning is underway. Kim F is assisting Kate, and they will reach out to other Sodalists who had volunteered to help. Input will be appreciated. The event would probably be in 2020.
4. Outreach to school moms. Tracy M and Debbie R will be coordinating more contact.
5. Sodality Directory update is almost completed. Patty will circulate when task is done.
6. Dates for Spring Events: Morning of Recollection may be Saturday, March 28, Blood Drive may be Palm Sunday, April 5, and the Anniversary Brunch is TBD based upon Fr. Giese’s schedule.
7. Report on the October Sodality Union (SU) Mass and Meeting at the Basilica of the National Shrine. Liz attended- in white. Liz reported that there is no official business at the first meeting of the “year”, but that we should provide a list of deceased Sodalists in advance of the November SU meeting. Helen has already emailed that list to the appropriate person at SU. Liz reported that no information on dues was provided yet.

Lee raised the matter of our annual donation to SU. Liz made a motion that we donate $200 for the scholarship raffle, and Celestine K seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. We will submit our dues and donation at the December SU meeting.

A separate motion was made by Helen that the list of current Sodalists, to be provided to SU at SU’s request, would include names only. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

III. New Business

1. New Parishioner Coffee. A coffee gathering has been set for October 20, 2019 after the 10:00 am Mass. Helen and Patty will be there.

1. Giving Tree Update. Colleen H reported that every charity has been contacted. Kathy P is cutting tags. Colleen and Denise S make labels. Judith and Nan V discussed confusion that occurred last year at Bethesda Health & Rehabilitation Center involving distribution of gifts from the Giving Tree and those brought to the facility’s patients by the Ladies of Charity. Colleen brought up a request received from a representative of Sasha Bruce Youthwork (one of our donee organizations) who might like to come meet/talk with our group/parish. Celestine suggested we might like to make such an offer to all recipient organizations.

A motion was made by Maureen that Fr. Giese be asked to approve having a few minutes’ time set aside after Mass on December 8th to allow representatives from donee organizations to speak and explain their missions. Celestine seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Helen will raise the matter with Father.

1. December 4 General Meeting, Mass and Investiture. St. Monica has one member to be invested. Discussion centered on whether Junior Sodalists should be invested at the meeting, but it was decided that the girls will not participate in the ceremony at this time.

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1. Fashion Show Update. Celestine and Nan are co-chairs. Nan reviewed all the tasks and persons assigned to help. Gail Q from Christ Child Unit offered to supervise the preparation of table flowers but needs three people to help her that morning at the Columbia Country Club. The program cover design for the 2020 show was created by deceased Sodalist Mary Fay and her granddaughter before Mary passed away earlier this year. A tribute to Mary, who had created so many program covers in the past, will be included in this year’s program.
2. Planning for Parish staff Christmas gifts. Dollar amounts for the various gift cards were agreed upon.
3. November Sodality assignments:

Sunday Sodality Mass 11/3: Christ Child Unit

Sodality Union Meeting 11/2: Regina Coeli Unit

Bulletin Announcement: John Neumann Unit

1. Spiritual Bouquet for the Pope is due to SU by December 7. Forms for prayer pledges will be due to Helen by the November 20, 2019 board meeting. Helen will resend the Spiritual Bouquet form to unit chairs.

IV. Reports

A. Prefect—Not present

1. Treasurer – The current balance in the treasury is$36,628.99. Only two units have sent in dues so far this year.
2. Units:
3. Christ Child—No report.
4. John Neumann—No report.
5. Regina Coeli—No report.
6. St. Monica—Unit will be volunteering at the DC Diaper Bank on November 11. The group is setting up a SignUpGenius to plan refreshments for the December General Meeting.
7. St. Gianna – The unit is planning its meetings, perhaps including a lunchtime meeting at which members could say a rosary. One possible idea they are considering would involve making rosaries to distribute to new parishioners. TBD.
8. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton—The unit will hold a farewell party for member Amanda R. who is moving away from the area. They will be having an upcoming unit meeting at Eve’s.
9. Associates—Fr. Giese has asked that their gift this year be made directed towards the campaign for the renovation of Caulfield Hall.
10. Junior Sodality—The first meeting was held with 19 girls from 7th and 8th grade. No 6th graders came, but some may come to later meetings. The next meeting is November 8 with Fr. Giese speaking on the military, and the girls will prepare cards to send to service personnel.

V. Closing Prayer

 The board ended the meeting by praying the *Memorare.* 8:59 PM