

MADONNA GUILD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 13, 2022

Meeting opened with a prayer at 11:30 am

Attendees: Christina Vasquez, Dorota Rapacz, Mary Knaust, Mary Kay Nelson, Barbara Sue Smith-Shaffer, Shawn Dragoo, Katherine Larson, Kathy Baldwin, Dorothy Dobry, Dottie Van Hazel, Arleen Caruth, Pat Berry, Sherry Mannikko, Terry Linn, Mary Matthew, and Julie Luna

Minutes of June 8, 2022, meeting were read and approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: Present Balance \$ 1,024.57. Expenditures: B. McConnell for "Mary" book study \$ 33.21 McConnell "Chosen II" book study \$ 392.18, St. Mary's Turkey reimbursement \$ 107.59 and \$ 32.49
Income: Transfer from Edward Jones \$ 1,000, Brandenburg funeral donation \$ 100, K. Larson book study reimbursement \$ 32.50. Edward Jones Balance \$ 10,537.89.

Introduction of New Member: Shawn Dragoo by Katherine Larson

Calendar: No changes were reported by Margie.

Thanksgiving: Arleen reported that she has established a contact with a supplier of turkeys. Dorothy suggested Madonna Guild provide ham or turkey breast instead of full turkey for Funeral Brunches. It will depend on the number of guests, a full turkey feeds 30.

Arleen reported that the Little Sisters of the Poor were given towels, yarn, lap shawls and that they collected \$ 8,500 over the July 4th weekend.

Living Hope did not let the church office know about their fund raiser, St. Mary's sent them \$500.

Arleen reported that the SJFC freezer will hold 25 pies. Also, the boxes for food donations towards Thanksgiving meals have been put out.

Social Activities: Bernie was not present. There was discussion regarding a Parish Potluck. It was agreed that planning is needed and will take place early in 2023. Meet and Greet held on June 11th was a great success, 16 Madonna's attended.

Spiritual Book Study: Mary Knaust reported that the "Chosen" Season 1 book study is well attended. "Chosen" season 2 begins July 27, availability is limited, books are currently on sale.

Terry reported that in October the book study will be "Mary in the Bible" by Edward. Sri. The program will consist of 15 You Tube presentations by Sri and a discussion packet, cost to be determined later.

Christmas Stockings: Madonna's are reminded that decorating of stockings is tomorrow, Thursday July 15th in SJFC at 9 am.

Prayer Shawls: Terry, no update.

Katherine expressed her great appreciation for the shawl she received at the time of her knee surgery. It provided her much needed warmth and great comfort. We are grateful for the wonderful service the Prayer Shawl Ministry provides.

Fundraiser: Terry reported that she is having difficulty getting any call backs/updates from the Car Show organizer at Pinetop/Lakeside Country Club. Dorota was able to provide Terry with the organizer's cell phone number.

Rosaries: Dorothy reported that there are sufficient supplies and plenty of rosaries are being made.

Funeral Luncheons: Mary Kay reported that the bereaved families were very grateful for the generous lunches provided and the thoughtfulness shown by the Madonna's. Christina read thank you notes from the Brandenburg and Castillo families.

Summer Lectures: Mary Kay reported that there are sufficient kitchen helpers for the July program however helpers are needed for August.

Bereavement: Mary Matthew reported that she has not received any call for counseling. She requests that if anyone needs assistance that they contact her directly @ 602-463-7645. Mary provided a handout showing the stages of grief.

Outreach: Mary Kay reported a potential new Madonna from California, named Linda. Mary Kay is following up with phone contact.

Outbound: Julie reported that correspondence goes initially to Lorraine then filter down to Julie, however she has not received anything recently.

Madonna Room: Katherine and Margie have located a dedicated 'Madonna Room' (formally a library/education room) It is in the back of the church. Sherry volunteered to make curtains. Per Margie eventually we will have internet access. Volunteers will be needed to clean and prep the room.

Open Discussion:

Cathy provided information regarding upcoming faith-based programs in the valley:

- Marian Conference Arizona Peace Center – August 26, 27, 28 – Fee \$60 – located at the Double Tree Inn Scottsdale, AZ
- EWTN Family Celebration – October 1 - No charge – located at Phoenix Convention Center

Terry provided information/coupons & raffle tickets for the 41st Christmas Cabin's Craft Sale on July 28, 29 & 30, and located at 1360 N. Neils Hansen Lane (across from Lakeside Post Office).

Closing Prayer was said, and meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm

Next meeting scheduled for August 10, 2022, in the church overflow hall at 11:30 am.

Prepared by Secretary Christina Vasquez