

## Madonna Guild Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2022

Meeting opened with a prayer at 11:30 am

**Attendees:** Dorota Rapacz, Cindy Husk, Fran Serio, Bernie McConnell, Mary Kay Nelson, Rose French, Katherine Larson, Linda Dodson, Sue Slauchaupt, Arleen Caruth, Lorraine Roberts, and Christina Vasquez

Katherine began with words of gratitude for all those who supported and helped the Madonna's create a beautiful and peaceful place for the Madonna's gatherings.

Mary Kay delivered an inspiring reading and prayer for the dedication of the Madonna Room.

Laurie Yost from Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) presented a program and requested Volunteers for childcare and Adult Leaders. MOPS will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 9-11 am in St Joseph Family Center.

**Minutes** of October 12, 2022, meeting was read, and corrections made to various name spellings and a change of Teresa Avila to Saint Teresa of Avila.

**Treasurer Report:** Margie read the Treasurer's Report  
Present Balance \$4,931.86

Expenditures:

- F. Serio \$241.34 (Bookshelves)
- D. Dobry \$260.92 (Rosary Supplies)
- A. Caruth \$683.84 (Turkeys)
- Unbound \$530.00 (Annual Scholarship)

Income:

- Book Study total \$218.00
- Turkey Donations total \$190.00
- Edward Jones: \$10,405.34

## OLD BUSINESS

**Cup of Cheer:** Hosted by the White Mountain Woman's Club will be held in the St Joseph Family Center on Friday December 2, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm. The event features handcrafted holiday décor and gift items as well as various kinds of baked goods. Money collected will benefit student scholarships.

**Thanksgiving:** Arleen reported that the first drop of Turkeys was to White Mountain Villas. 30 turkeys and canned/packaged food was delivered to feed the seniors and homeless. Arleen thanked the Madonna's for their support.

Katherine proposed the Madonna's initiate a new Food Ministry for the overseeing of a food pantry. Proposal passed.

**Halloween Party:** Arleen reported that the party was an outstanding success. 40 children were expected however 100 celebrated the occasion. Children feasted on hot dogs and cake in between playing games. Fun was had by all, the Madonna volunteers (and there were many) did a fantastic job. Arleen expressed gratitude for all their efforts. Be prepared for next year's repeat of the successful event.

**Christmas Stockings:** Lorraine reported we have sufficient items to stuff our 300 beautiful stockings. She suggested we complete the stuffing in the Overflow Room so that the many boxes of items need not be transported to another location. The proposal was approved by all. Stockings will be delivered to Meals on Wheels, Catholic Charities, Walking Down Ranch, White River Senior Center.

**Shawls:** Terry was not in attendance. Bernie reported that there are plenty of shawls completed, all of them blessed by Father Dan. Connie Harrington has not yet delivered the promised shawls to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Lastly Terry is looking into providing shawls to Accord Hospice.

**Book Studies:** Terry was not in attendance. Fran reported that attendance has tapered off however the program is being well received. There are 3 sessions left: next class is Wed. 11/16, no class on Wed. 11/23 and final class is Wed. 11/30.

**Rosaries:** Dorothy was not in attendance. Katherine reported that 500+ rosaries have been set to Mary Ann Lynch who is delivering the rosaries to the Dominican Republic. It was suggested that the Madonna's send a Christmas card to Ms. Lynch thanking her for her outstanding efforts in spreading Mary's message via the rosaries.

**Outreach:** Mary Kay reported that there have been 7 or 8 individuals who have joined the Madonna's in the last couple of months. She then introduced new members Cindy Husk and Sue Slaughaupt.

**Funeral Luncheons:** Mary Kay reported there are no luncheons scheduled at this time.

**Library:** Fran reported she has completed a document on the working of the library. Books are coming in and the first book was checked out the day of this report. However there has not been any set times as to when the library will be open for business. Arleen is working through the parish identifying many books which will come to the library.

**VIRTUS Training:** Arleen passed out sign-up sheets for training. This is required by any volunteer coming into contact with children or challenged individuals on the parish grounds. After the initial training, ongoing training consists of required monthly computer classes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Christmas Party:** Katherine reported that Mary Mathew did offer her home for the party however considering we are stuffing the stockings in the overflow room why not have the party in the SJFC. All agreed.

**2023 Madonna Officer Elections:** Katherine reported that traditionally officers for the new year (2023) are voted in at the Christmas Party and we will continue this tradition.

**Budget:** Katherine handed out a spread sheet showing 2022's proposed budget and what was actually spent. Also shown were donations and reimbursements. We are trying to make a concerted effort to know where the money is going so that we can meet all of the Guild's financial responsibilities throughout the year. The conclusions are we are spending over our proposed budget and that the spending is actually higher than is reflected, since many members are using personal funds to meet various monetary obligations. Madonna's are not able to reimburse the Edward Jones account at this time.

**Co-chair Elections:** Katherine explained the purpose behind having co-chairs for various ministries. The group was asked who was interested in the individual positions and below is a list of the co-chairs spots which were filled as of the date of this report.

Correspondence Chair: Christina Vasquez (no co-chair)

Fundraiser Co-chairs: Event Set Up:  
Baked Goods Solicitations: Sherry Mannikko  
Event Clean Up:

Funeral Luncheon Co-chairs:		Christina Vasquez Cindy Husk
	Food Donations:	
Prayer Shawls Co-chair:		
Activities Co-chairs:	Event Set Up:	Rose French
	Food Solicitations:	Christina Vasquez
	Event Clean Up:	Linda Dodson
Spiritual Studies Co-chairs:	Set Up/Clean Up:	
	Food Solicitations:	
	Facilitator Volunteers:	Not voted but names to Bernie
Library Co-chair (2):		Shery Mannikko Cindy Husk

**Prayer Line:** Lorraine requested that if someone makes a request to please give complete information with first and last name of the person being prayed for as well as a phone number and name of who is sending the text /email.

**Madonna Room Reservation:** It was suggested that a reservation list be kept for the Madonna Room so that there will not be over-lapping events. Katherine volunteered to keep that list. Any Madonna Ministry or Member wishing to use the room is to contact Katherine directly.

Christina, secretary to the Madonna's, requested that members please make an effort not to speak over another individual. Information is often lost in that type of conversation, and it will not make it into the minutes. Katherine will be provided with a bell which she will ring if such an occasion arises.

Dorota praised and thanked Katherine for her dedication and enormous efforts to complete our beautiful Madonna room, everyone applauded our President and thanked her whole heartedly.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 1:00 pm

Next meeting: December 14, 2022 in the Madonna Room @10:00 am

Prepared by Secretary Christina Vasquez