

Ladies Guild Meeting

Saturday January 25, 2020

Attendees: Diane Bohlken, Connie Sjostrom, Annette Waldron, Jill Rowell, Janice McArthur, Rita Finn, Michele Loehr

Meeting start: 10:05 AM in Parish Hall

Opening Prayer:

- Prayer intentions and opening prayer, prayed together, "Morning Prayer".

Ladies Guild History/Purpose/Membership

Diane provided:

History - The Ladies Guild in the Catholic Church was established to unify all women over the age of 18 into one organization that would benefit themselves socially and benefit the community by sharing their talents.

Purpose - The purpose of the Ladies Guild is to provide fellowship and build community to all the women in our parish through spiritual, social and charitable activities.

Membership - It is a great opportunity to meet other women and socialize, and it offers the flexibility to work together on many different activities that are of interest to you. We are inviting you to take an active part in our ministry - it consists of all ages, interests, professions and backgrounds.

- History; Diane Bohlken provided a historical overview of the Ladies Guild of St. Isidore's. She has been a part of the Ladies Guild since 1968! Discussion ensued about the name and the purpose has changed. Do we open up the guild to men? Decided to keep the Ladies Guild as is for now. We will revisit this next year. We would like to add a note to the parish registration that all women registered in the parish over the age of 18 are members of the ladies guild.
- Appointment of Chairperson:
 - Diane Bohlken will be Chairwoman. Diane will ask if she can get a key for the church from Cheryl.
 - Connie Sjostrom and Michele Loehr will be Co-Assistant Chairwomen
 - Meeting minutes will be rotate through the chairwomen. Michele to do minutes from January meeting.
 - Meeting notes will be emailed to Connie Sjostrom to put on website, and to Cheryl Machovec to place in a central repository in the church office.
 - Planning to add a tab or a page for the Ladies Guild on the website. We will place meeting notes, pics information etc. there.
 - Meetings decided to meet quarterly. Plan an activity quarterly:
 - Spring: May Day Plates
 - Summer: TBD
 - Winter: TBD
 - Fall: Country Store at Parish Festival
 - Time and Talent Sheet sign in – inventory of members time, talent and treasure to share and use with in ladies guild. Michele will share with RE mothers.
 - Funeral Sheet – sign up for workers, set up and donations. Need to be specific about what to bring when asking for donations for a funeral. For example salad to feed 10-15 people, 9/13 cake etc.
 - Current Savings account balance: \$5026.94.

Funeral Luncheons

- Guidelines - Connie to draw up a sheet that Fr. Andrew can give to the families when he meets with them regarding funeral luncheons. It would include luncheon options, caterers and names to contact in the Ladies Guild to let them know the families wishes for the meal. That would provide guidance to the guild on number of people, what will be served and who would need to help. That would start the process of calling for donations and preparations.

- Menu (Hot vs Cold) – The guild would be willing to do cold meat sandwiches but family would purchase meat, cheese and buns and bring to the church. Hot meals would need to have outside caterer. Parish would provide salads and desserts. Milk should be included in donations list.
- Cost – should be ordered by family and delivered. Connie to work on sheet that Fr. Andrew could give to families with some suggestions on caterers, numbers, what we need from them.
- Does Fr. Andrew have a sheet that he works off of? Can we amend and add something for the guild. Michele will check.
- When we have a funeral Cheryl pulls a list of current parishioners and has phone numbers and emails. Can use the funeral sign up list as well.
- Need to determine the capacity of the hall? Cheryl has? Fire how many can we hold.

Kitchen set up assistance:

- 2 callers for funeral food and workers: Jill and Annette will be volunteers to call for food donations for the next funeral
- 1 caller for Misc. activities and needs: Janice will be caller for Misc. activities
- Funeral Supplies stored in the closet in room 102 of the Parish Center.
- Last 8 funerals over the last 5 years, donations from families totaling \$575.
- When available RE students to help set up tables, need to try to get parishioners to volunteer as part of funerals to do, set team so know how things are set up. We will take pictures of set up at next funeral so everyone knows.
- Noted the need for a compostable bin for the kitchen to use when we use the compostable products.

Country Store @ Fall Festival

- Next Parish Festival Sunday August 23, 2020. Rita Finn and Diane Bohlken will remain the Charwomen for the Country Store this year.
- The Country Store brings in an average of \$850 per year which is donated to the Festival. No profits are received by the Ladies Guild.
- Diane reported that many of the large contributors to the goods in the country store have been lost or no longer able to participate. She would like to propose that each parish family provide 1-2 items or more to the Country Store this year. Items: live plants, garden goods, crafts, regifts of items you no longer want, baked goods, canned goods etc. Items not sold will be placed on the auction or can be picked back up by the donor if they indicate that is what they want.
- We will place an announcement in bulletin, Facebook and website during preparations for the festival.

May Day Plates:

May Day Plate are plates of goodies that are given to shut-ins, elderly of the parish and community and those that are residents of the Spring House. We will place a note in the bulletin, Facebook and website, and announcements a couple of weeks before that donations can be brought on Wednesday April 29th during RE or Thursday morning after daily Mass. We will put the plates together after Mass and deliver them. Plan to have coffee and rolls for those that attend. Usually 12-20 plates are made up. Diane will ask SANSI how many residents are currently at the Springhouse. Guild to think of parishioners and others in the community that would benefit. Michele to send out invitation to all families to donate items to the May Day plates, and to participate.

Next meeting:

- Saturday April 25th @ 10:00 am Parish hall – bring a pic of a project or idea for the country store.
- Prayer Leader for next meeting. Janice plan to use the stewardship prayers on the back of the calendars.
- For next meeting think of program suggestions for meetings or activities that the Guild could participate in.

Closing prayer: Stewardship Prayer

Adjourned @ 11:13 AM followed by coffee and baked goodies.

Submitted: Michele Loehr 2/1/2020