

St. Joseph Rosary Altar Society
January 7, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 am with the following Executive Board members present: President JoAnn D'Anton, Treasurer Theresa Nielsen, Recording Secretary Bernadette Manno, Corresponding Secretary Cindy Moffa, Past President Christina Brown, and Parliamentarian Arlene Newman. Excused were Father Scott Shaffer, Moderator and Christine Shenouda, Vice President.

Face of Mary: Theresa Nielsen gave a presentation on the symbolization of the Miraculous Medal. Carol Vignievic added her experience in France.

Recitation of the Rosary Luminous Mysteries.

Mary's Wardrobe: JoAnn D'Anton showed a brief clip.

- **Getting to Know You Table:** Assigned members were not present. The following were assigned to present at the next meeting: Jaci Balto, Barbara Schellato, Helen DiPaola, Rebecca Rivera, Judy Brogno & Camille Braud.
- **Remember ladies short and sweet.** Your name, why you joined the Rosarians and share a sacramental that is important to you.

Minutes: Bernadette Manno reported that the November meeting minutes were not emailed therefore approval will be deferred to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Theresa Nielsen presented November and December 2023 reports copies of which are available on each table. Ending balance as of December 31, 2023, is \$22,226.55. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as published. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Cindy Moffa reported we received thank you's from Father Scott for our donation and Rosemary from the Food Pantry for the cake mix kits at Thanksgiving.

Ministries:

Prayer Chain: Peg Sanders: Call Peg with any requests at 732-349-8118.

Blessed Mother Statue: JoAnn reviewed the new procedure in selecting the person who has the statue for the month. There are paper bags with the month indicated and those who wish to have the statue to place their name and phone number on a piece of paper and place it in the bag. At each meeting we will select the person. Stephanie Hall was selected for January.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising and Funraising: Donna West reported that the NYC bus trip was a hit. Our President was the hostess with the “mostess” by providing snacks on the bus which was helpful as it took longer to get into the city than planned. Donna also reported that she is working on the next Sight & Sound trip that will be in August.

Mary's Crafters: Jeanne Franz/Arlene Newman: Arlene reported that the sale was a great success. We raised \$3,500. Crafters will start meeting in March.

Hospitality: Thank you to all who helped set up.

Sunshine Committee: JoAnn Mac Moyle was unable to attend, however, she sent in her report of sending one sympathy card since our last meeting.

Dial-A-Ride: Call Zina Approvato for a ride.

Rosary Makers: Christine Chadwick reported that she has supplies if anyone needs them.

Reminders:

- Communication: Flocknotes/emails/bulletin/parish website/telephone. Please let JoAnn know if you need to receive information via regular mail.
- Reminder to sign attendance book and prayer petition book located on the side table.
- Reminder Annual \$10 dues are due to Theresa Nielsen.
- All questions and concerns for various events/trips should be directed to the chairperson for that event.
- Rosarian T-Shirt sale: Cost \$12.00. XXL: \$14.00, XXXL: \$15.00.
- Boscov Report: Cindy Moffa reminded everyone to please submit their monies.

Old Business:

- Wreaths Across America: JoAnn reported that this was a huge success.
- Marian Devotion to Our Lady of Kibeho: JoAnn reported that this was a huge success and will be an annual event.

- Advent Dinner: The new location was a success. Everyone was pleased. For this year we will try to book a weekday night rather than a Sunday.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: Evening was very entertaining, and our desserts were a hit. One of the largest attended celebrations to date.

New Business:

- Purifiers: JoAnn reported that Peg Mc Garry (our Sacristan) is looking for volunteers to clean the purifiers. You would be on a rotation of once every six to eight weeks depending on the number of volunteers. You can reach Peg at 732-904-5901.
- Elaine Roos Scholarship: Catherine Werner provided an overview of the scholarship and how the recipients are chosen. We have been awarding two \$500 scholarships per year however we would like to offer two \$1,000 scholarships. Motion was made and seconded to change the award to two \$1,000 scholarships per year. Motion approved.
- Rosarian Newsletter: Stacy Test thanked everyone who contributed to the current newsletter and requested articles for the February edition. Particularly she is looking for information about the upcoming Comfortable Cup of Tea.
- Open Discussion: A question was raised about the library that was available at the meetings. JoAnn responded that due to space limitations in the high school it had to be moved to the church basement which is currently under construction. Once the construction is completed and we start having our meetings there, it will be brought out.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Suggestion Box: None

Members in attendance: 69

Next Meeting: February 4, 2024; Reminder March meeting moved to March 10th

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Manno

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