

Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society
Meeting Minutes – Christmas Celebration
December 4, 2023

Welcome and Sharing – Gail Frantz, co-president, gave a welcome to all in attendance. Members formed small groups at their tables to share Christmas good news with one another and then the news was shared to the larger group. All agreed there is much to be thankful for and we have many blessings. Members also shared how many years they belonged to Altar Rosary Society. Clipboards were passed around and members were asked to identify ways in which they would be willing to volunteer. Gail reviewed the various subcategories of events that the Rosary Altar Society supports:

- 1) Lunches (food stand) at Parish picnic
- 2) Bake sale (twice a year)
- 3) Bereavement (serve food at funerals)
- 4) Receptions/events (e.g. for new priests)

Snacks and Refreshments – The officers provided heavy hors d’oeuvres and hot Wassail punch for all to enjoy.

Christmas gift to community - Louise Stang, Historian, provided Christmas boxes for donations of personal hygiene items to be donated to Mercy Mission House.

Meeting Called to Order – Kris Schwarzman called the business meeting to order.

Opening Prayer – Maribel Huelskamp offered the opening prayer.

Secretary Report – Gwen Stevenson, Secretary
Minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting were presented and highlights reviewed. Copies were available for members. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Maribel Huelskamp and seconded by Becky Dial. All approved and motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Jane Ulrich, Treasurer
Beginning balance of \$6024.75; income of \$1204.00, and expenses of \$2409.16. Ending balance of \$5851.59. Jane reported the fall bake sale generated \$1204.00 for flowers for the church and 52 ladies participated. Approximately 20 leftover items were donated to the soup kitchen. She also reported the annual raffle was a huge success with \$4525.00 collected and 231 ladies participating. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Linda Long and seconded by Jean Borgert. All approved and motion passed.

Old Business –

- None

New Business –

- Kris Swarzman discussed the need for volunteers, especially for someone to chair the lunch stand at the Parish picnic in June. In response to an inquiry, she stated there are no known receptions coming up.
- Gail Frantz reviewed efforts for fellowship among Catholic women and invited everyone to attend the Wine, Woman, and Jesus event we are co-hosting on January 11, 2024 at Lehman high school. Julia Monnin, a local Catholic author, will be the guest speaker.

- Dianne Wooddell reported on the Poinsettia initiative and noted 48 poinsettias were given to individuals in assisted living facilities (Dorothy Love, Fairhaven, and The Landings). Lowe's donated the beautiful poinsettias and Diane sent thank you notes to personnel at Lowe's to show our appreciation for their generosity. Diane also thanked Linda Nuss, Vickie Gleason, Deb Hunter, Linda Bauer, and Denny Aselage for their help with this initiative.
- Joan Schroeder reviewed new efforts to increase communication/awareness of the Altar Rosary Society events. She informed members of the following methods of communication and how to access: 1) Holy Angels website, 2) Flocknotes, and 3) Facebook.
- Keeping with tradition, Gwen Stevenson provided a Sacred Heart of Jesus bookmark to any individual attending her first Altar Rosary Society meeting.

Entertainment – McKenna Russell, alumni of Lehman High School, sang Christmas music and members joined in to provide a festive Christmas mood.

Thank You – Gail Frantz acknowledged and thanked Laura Mae Voisard for her many years of generosity and time through her raffle donations of framed cross-stitch angels. Each cross-stitch has been beautiful and presented in a lovely frame. After many years, this will be the last year of her cross-stitch donation.

Raffle Drawing – Winners for the annual raffle were drawn with the following results:

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| 1. \$100.00 cash | Emily Ellis |
| 2. Framed Cross-stitch | MaryLou Holly |
| 3. \$60.00 gift card Basil's | Tilda Philpot |
| 4. Holiday Cheer Basket | Judy Monnier |
| 5. 3 Redneck Tenor tickets | Colleen Schmitt |
| 6. \$50.00 Texas Roadhouse gift card | Julie Edelen |
| 7. \$50.00 Lowe's gift card | Tara Adams |
| 8. \$50.00 cash | Terese Newcomer |
| 9. \$50.00 cash | Jan Fortkamp |
| 10. 4 Dinner to K of C fish fry | Patti Shaffer |

Door Prizes: Beautiful Christmas centerpieces were made by Dianne Wooddell and given as door prizes to the following winners: JoAnn Covelli, Sharon Hoying, Bobbie Tebbe, Barb Dembski, Joyce Goubeaux, Gail Austin, Linda Keller, Becky Dial, Sherri Huelskamp, and Joan Schroeder.

Christmas celebration – everyone was given a Christmas mug filled with chocolate and other goodies to take home.

Closing Prayer – Maribel Huelskamp provided the closing prayer.

Next Event: January 11, 2024 at Lehman High School – Wine, Women and Jesus with Julia Monnin.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Stevenson, Secretary