

**AVE MARIA PARISH- WOMEN'S SOCIETY**  
**SPIRITUAL/CHARITABLE/SOCIAL**

**Minutes of meeting of December 12, 2023**

The meeting started at 11:50 with a prayer entitled "A Family Prayer".

**Present:** Rose Lilly, President, Darlene Anderson, Secretary, Cindy McDaniel, Treasurer, Marge Filipiak, Board Member, Doris Hudson, Board Member

Rose asked that we remember Society members that needed our prayers.

Rose thanked Marge Filipiak and her crew for the lunch preparation.

Secretary's report from the November meeting was read and accepted.

Cindy McDaniel read the Treasure's report. A motion was made by Barb Schultz to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Christine Bock. Motion was carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Flo Hudson discussed the November 11<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Boutique.

\$2442.00 was made from the wonderful efforts of many Society members.

Karen Watson chaired the St. Denis event and had a very successful result. \$2663.50 was raised. The group congratulated both Flo and Karen on the great jobs they did.

**The Financial Breakdown of the Boutiques**

- The St. Denis Cookie Walk raised \$843. More cookies needed. A deeper variety was also needed.
- Darlene McKaig and Cindy McDaniel chair The Straw Raffle at Denis. They announced that more donated prizes were needed next year. The supply was sold down by noon.

- Rose Blair and Marcy Houghton successfully handled the St. Mary's Straw Raffle.
- Kathy Vanhoudt thanked everyone that helped with the cheeseball preparations for both locations.

St. Mary's sold 142 cheeseballs

St. Denis sold 78 cheeseballs

\$1000 has already been deposited from the cheeseball sales, with more to come.

- Pat Grzesiak made the beautiful baskets for the Boutiques. Pat made 12 wonderful baskets. Next year, it was suggested, they be handled by a "Silent Auction" method.
- The Advent Tea, chaired by Kathy Marshall, was also a beautiful and successful event. Discussed was the meaningful "Parable Presentation" by the Magic Carpet Theater Group. Kathy thanked everyone that helped. Funds were approved for the Magic Carper Theater Group to return for next year's Advent Tea.
- The Giving Tree and Food Give Away were discussed. All is going well with both. Chairpersons, Marcia Hart and Jane Orr shared that everything was ready for the Food Give Away.

Sefora Gillies shared the St. Denis Giving Tree information. Sefora will not be returning as chairperson next Christmas. A chairperson is needed. Darlene Anderson commented that The Bulletin might be utilized to find a chairperson for this important event.

"Mr. G" handles the St. Mary's Giving Tree and all is going well.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Rose Lilly, Mary Anne Castle, and Cindy McDaniel will deliver the funds contributed by our Women's Society and its members to the Megan Salter family. It was a very moving occurrence. A check of more than \$1800 was delivered. \$1000 came from Society funds.
- The Knights of Columbus Auxiliary fashion show, usually held in November, will be held on May 18, 2024.



- A Cookie Social was held at the Methodist church on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00. The Lexington Community In Unity church group was the sponsor. The event was a success with close to 60 people in attendance. A similar event will be held periodically. The mission of the Unity Group is to help our community.
- The next Women's Society meeting will be in April, 2024.
- The St. Nick's Sale is scheduled for December 20, 2023. This the Society's last event for the year. Co-chairs, Elizabeth Morales and Adele Rossi are still looking for more volunteers. Kelly Markel described the ease of wrapping to encourage participation.
- Lenten Suppers & Stations were discussed. St. Denis hosting on March 5 and 19<sup>th</sup>. St. Mary's hosting on Feb. 27 and March 12<sup>th</sup>. Help will be solicited by phone.

March 19<sup>th</sup> will be a "Day of Reflection". A priest from Chicago will be bringing a first degree St. Jude relic as part of his Lenten talks about preparing for Easter. He will be speaking the weekend prior, also.

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> a Lenten presentation of the Magic Carpet Theater Group is being planned.
- Kathy Vanhoudt discussed plans for the reestablishment the Chime Choir. Players and supplies needed. \$200 foam supplies are needed. Barb Schultz moved the Women's Society cover this expense. Kathy Watson seconded this motion. The motion passed.

Darlene McKaig moved to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Gray. Rose adjourned the meeting at 11:50.

Rose adjourned the meeting with a prayer taken from an ornament made by a Society member, honoring parents that passed. It was beautiful.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Anderson

The meeting closed, with a prayer, at 12:10pm.

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