

**Minutes**  
**Holy Name of Jesus Ladies Sodality Meeting**  
**Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall**  
**March 3, 2017**

Dianne Hinds called the meeting to order at 9:09 am and led the *Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel*. Joan Martin led the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America*. Judy Mikulec led the prayer to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Dianne welcomed visitor Barb Williams. Helen Slockbower, Salvie Eaton, and Sylvia DeGraan, members of the Rosary Makers, also attended as visitors. The Water for Life box and Prayer Basket were passed among the members. Nancy Reese won the door prize.

*Review of Prior Month Minutes:* Elaine Loomis emailed a draft of the February Minutes to members for review prior to the March meeting. Several members reviewed with no changes. February Minutes were approved and will be posted as written.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

*President:* Dianne's report, oral and written, was filed.

*Vice President:* Joan Martin, no report.

*Secretary:* Elaine summarized three thank you notes (two seminarians and one funeral reception meal). There were no March birthdays.

*Treasurer:* Jeanne Zoldak reported a balance of \$3,379.86 as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Report filed for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Service Commission/Seminarians:* Eileen Underwood mentioned she was still selling tickets for the Garden Basket drawing being held after the meeting, with donations going to Home of Grace (men's homeless shelter in Ft. Walton Beach) towards the purchase of a much-needed refrigerator. She also stated the HNJ Spring Rummage Sale was being held earlier this year than normal, the week after Easter (April 23 – April 29). Ads will appear in the church bulletin. Also, Jim Reese needs help lifting large item donations on Sunday afternoon @ 1:00pm for anyone able to assist; he will again provide the truck for moving donations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*Lenten Day of Renewal – Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> (in PLC):* Soup and sandwich signups were on the information tables. One large salad will also be provided for lunch. Only a few desserts were needed as many cookies remained from a prior activity. Assistance is needed for set-up the day before the event. It is open to the deanery, all are invited to attend. Fr. Pathe will speak on "Forgiveness 70 x 7."

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Parish Mission – March 27 – 29:* Fr. Pathe will lead the mission. Sodality will provide desserts on Wednesday, March 29. Last year there were too many desserts as many parishners also brought desserts, so less will be needed from Sodality this year. Signup sheets available.

*For Your Information:* Flyers were available at the information tables on Catholic Days at the Capitol, register by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women One-day Spiritual Conference at Sacred Heart Cathedral:* The event is Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and registration cost is \$30 (includes breakfast, lunch, and registration packet). The Past Presidents Charity will be collecting baby donations for Alpha Center clients. Please bring your donations to the April meeting; a list of needed items was available. Joan has tickets for the 50/50 drawing; they will also be available at our April meeting. A motion was made by Judi Corney for Sodality to place a full page ad (reduced cost this year of \$75) in the DCCW Conference Program for the event, motion carried. Eileen made a motion for Sodality to award three \$30 scholarships to three Sodality members who have never attended this event, motion carried.

*First Annual Fund Raising Gala – (July 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary PLC):* This event will benefit the Seminarians Emergency Relief Fund, and will include dinner and silent auction. Dianne will provide phone numbers of ladies organizing this event to anyone interested in assisting, please call her.

*Nominating Committee:* There were still no volunteers to serve on this committee to nominate a new slate of officers, so Dianne appointed Judy Boudreaux and two other ladies to be the Nominating Committee. Dianne asked members to please pray the Novena to St. Joseph on March 11– 19 as silent participants in the committee's efforts by praying for their success.

*March Donation:* Eileen made a motion for the \$250 monthly donation to be used towards a refrigerator at Home of Grace, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 am with the *Hail Mary* for Fr. Steve led by Dianne. Members then enjoyed Donna Elliott and Ann Foley, our own parish master gardeners, present a very interesting and informative gardening program with many questions answered.

*Elaine Loomis*

Secretary, Holy Name of Jesus Ladies' Sodality