

Rosary Society Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Attendees: Deb Wallpe, Marsha Schluttenhofer, Ann Bessenbacher, Becky Hobaugh, Cati Barrett, Sally Stacey, Nina May, Linda Rhoades, Jeanne Brummet, Jan Koehler.

Rosary in church 6:45

Meeting in Hall 7:00

Opening Prayer

Secretary's update

All in attendance reviewed the 6/13/23 minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Jan and seconded by Linda. All voted in favor and motion was carried.

Approved minutes will be posted on the website (Ann).

Sunshine card update (Sally)

Sent a few since the last meeting. To a parishioner hospitalized and another that had moved into St. Mary's.

- **Pastorate Hospitality Committee** is something that is currently in the works. Kris Budreau is involved with this. What is not known is if Kris will be writing out the cards or if she is overseeing someone from each church in this effort.
Action: Deb will broach this question with Kris Budreau during an upcoming finance committee meeting and report back.

Garage clean-up

- September 23 at 9 am
- Volunteers: Deb, Marsha, Jeanne, Sally, and Linda. Possibly Kyle Wallpe
- Randy Schluttenhofer to bring trailer and grab other Knights of Columbus member if needed.
- Deb to contact Teresa Miller's grandson for removal of any scrap metal.
- Metal chairs will be kept for now.
- Wooden tables are in bad shape and will be disposed of.
- Shingles will stay.
- Christmas decorations will stay for now and if there is no need for them, Kim Deno will be contacted first since she and Brad donated them.

Monthly friendship gathering after Monday mass

- Suggested during the 6/13 meeting and posted in minutes. Bridget sent Deb an email on this topic recently that Deb read out loud. Short version, a few parishioners of the pastorate had already started doing something similar at St. Johns in Earl Park and it was suggested that this be an organized pastorate activity geared towards seniors of our pastorate. Mentioned a "theme" could be added with decorations, etc. A committee would organize these "gatherings" opposed to having for example, the St. Charles Rosary Society members handling what happens at St. Charles. At the conclusion of Deb reading the letter, some of the following comments and concerns were expressed:
 - Why is this for only specific audience (seniors/elderly)? Don't we want ALL to be welcome and not exclude anyone? We have a young family who come each Monday. It would be rude to not include them.
 - At what age is classified as a "senior"?
 - A theme is not necessary. Nor are decorations.
 - St. Charles and St. Johns are the two parishes that had weekend masses removed with the recent changes. It makes sense both do what they want for a "gathering" following their scheduled weekday mass.

- Rosary society members emphasized anyone that comes to mass on Monday night at St. Charles, should be welcomed at planned gathering.

Based on this discussion, those in attendance voted to move forward with our original plan and schedule the first Friendship Gathering at St. Charles following the weekday mass on **Monday, October 23 – St. Charles Hall**
Ann will post on website.

Deb will add to bulletin and ask Jen Senesac to post on FB.

A topic of discussion for those that attend this first gathering will be preferences/frequencies for future gatherings.

The following volunteered to provide snacks/finger foods die 10/23.:

Jan – cheese and crackers

Jeanne – Meatballs

Linda – cocktail weenies

Deb – vegetable tray

Marsha – pumpkin cookies

Drinks, Cups, Plates, Forks – provided by Rosary Society

Fall fundraiser

All in attendance voted to not do one in the fall. We will discuss future fundraisers at the January meeting.

A question was asked what would do with money raised? A suggestion was to give a Christmas gift to Father and Deacon Joe.

Seven Sister Prayer group

Father Sean wants to start this at our pastorate. It was in place at his previous parish.

Seven women would agree to commit to one day of every week to pray for an hour for the priest. IF more women were interested, the frequency to pray would be less.

Prayer time is recommended to be in front of the tabernacle but can be done at home. More information will be sent later.

Formation of Pastorate Women's Group

Sherry Fisher and Deb Wallpe were approached by Father regarding starting a pastorate women's group. The main goal for this, is a first step to get the pastorate unified.

If such group is formed, what does that mean for the future of the St. Charles Rosary Society?

Will it fall apart, and will this be something our current group would blend into the newly formed group.

Will the newly formed women's group organize church and hall cleanings, funeral dinners, sending out cards, cleaning altar linens, decorating churches for holidays, planning the pastorate picnic, fundraisers, pastorate directory, etc.

Concerns about ONE group being formed:

//Fear of breaking up individual church activities

//Having fewer activities in our parish will just eventually lead to easy centralization.

A positive with ONE group:

//The organizing of the pastorate picnic will be better.

Deb plans to connect with Sherry and suggest planning an "information" meeting with all women of the pastorate to discuss what this new group might look like and what it would hope to accomplish.

Another suggestion was to send a survey to all women of the pastorate about the formation of this group prior to the planned information meeting and each parish select ONE spokesperson to report the results at the information meeting. This might eliminate several people talking at the meeting.

Scheduled meals prepared for Father Sean

Sherry Fisher had asked Father if he would like some prepared meals. He felt having a meal on Monday's and Thursday's would be helpful since he has scheduled weeknight masses. Those in attendance didn't want to commit to this and it was suggested to table this topic because perhaps if the new Women's Group is formed, this might fall under that group.

Around the room topics

//Rosary Society email list is very outdated. Marsha to send an email asking to respond if they want to remain on the list. Those that don't respond, will be removed from future communications from the Rosary Society.

//Stepheny Lemenager has stepped down as Rosary Society Vice President due to leaving our pastorate and becoming a member of Blessed Sacrament. We thank her for her work and wish her well.

//Copier from the rectory has been moved to the hall. Sherry Fisher has contacted every not-for-profit she can think of, and no one wants /needs it. It is no longer under a contract and is an older model. It's ready for a new home. If you know of anyone that could use it, please feel free to reach out to any Rosary Society officer.

//List of volunteers for cleaning St. Charles Church – scheduled through the end of the year. Deb will contact Robin Caldanaro to be sure she is still planning to clean this month.

Closing prayer

Next Rosary Society Meeting – Tuesday, October 10 (6:45 pm Rosary in church followed by 7:00 pm meeting in parish hall)