

# SODALITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2020

Meeting was held virtually via Zoom

Present: Helen B, Gail Q, Nan V, Patty B, Denise S, Lee M, Debbie R, Colleen H, Liz S, Judith S, Maureen W.

## I. Opening: 7:37 p.m.

- A. President Helen B led the board in praying *Hail Holy Queen*.
- B. Judith S made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 board meeting. Lee M seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

## II. Old Business

A. 2021 Fashion Show – Nan V discussed possibilities of conducting the Fashion show on Zoom, utilizing break-out sessions, and obtaining food from Columbia Country Club. It was pointed out that not everyone who typically attends this event does Zoom.

Both Gail Q and Debbie R brought up recent examples of how Columbia worked with charity fundraising events which were live at Columbia: the Red Wagon for Christ Child Society, and a fundraiser for Gonzaga HS.

Helen suggested the possibility of moving the event to summer 2021. Nan will check school schedules re possible conflicts.

Gail offered to set up meeting with Laura C at Columbia and to learn more about all the recent events held at Columbia.

B. 2020 Giving Tree – Colleen suggested that Sodalists share the Amazon Wish List with their friends and families who may be willing to support this effort. She reported that, as of the meeting, one-fourth of the gifts had been purchased.

Denise and Colleen have been considering how the monetary donations collected through the Giving Tree should be distributed to the various charities that are receiving donations rather than gift items. Colleen proposed that the cash distribution mirror the relative proportion of last year's gifts as weighted donations. Further discussion considered how to handle a situation in which more or less money is raised as compared to the valuation of last year's gifts. It was then suggested that if much larger amounts of money are donated, then perhaps a ceiling amount would be applied for each charity.

Denise posed two questions for the board: 1) should Faith Direct donations be kept open past the Dec. 4 Wish List deadline, and 2) should donation checks be sent to the charities by Dec. 14? The consensus was affirmative for both questions, with the January 6, 2021 date of the Epiphany suggested as the last date to accept monetary donations.

The board expressed many thanks to Denise and Colleen for their creative work with arrangements for the Advent Giving Tree this year.

C. 2020 Shrine of the Sacred Heart School supplies drive – Liz S reported that the drive has been tremendously successful. She receives happy emails every time a shipment arrives at the school. Helen will remind Mae in the parish office that she can now remove the notice about the drive from the bulletin.

- D. 2020-21 Sodality Union Meetings – Helen reported that she was not sure if the Dec. 5 SU meeting will happen on Zoom. If it does, the John Neumann Unit will attend. Gail made a motion to give our usual \$200 donation for the Cardinal Hickey scholarship raffle. Colleen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Helen brought up the matter of submitting the names of all Sodalists to the Sodality Union to honor the living Sodalists at the December meeting. Liz made a motion for the names to be sent. Gail seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- E. *Chanticleer* – Helen has sent an email to Julie M to ask about future plans for publication of the *Chanticleer*. She will keep the board updated.
- F. Sodality Closet in Caulfield Hall – A Zoom meeting on this matter will be held with Fr. Giese and the Capital Campaign leaders on Monday, Nov. 23.

### III. New Business

- A. Dec. 2 Sodality Mass, General Meeting and Investiture – Helen reported that there are no new members to invest at this time. There will be no craft or social hour. Helen asked the board for their views on whether we should go forward with the in-person Mass, and the consensus was to do so. Gail offered to serve as lector.
- B. Sodality Christmas gifts to parish staff – Lee reviewed with the board last year's Sodality Christmas gifts to the parish staff and suggested gift amounts for new members of the staff that would be consistent with prior practice. Colleen made a motion to accept Lee's suggested amounts. Judith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. Sodality Union Spiritual Bouquet for the Pope and Father Sass, spiritual director for the SU – Helen reminded the unit chairs of the need to canvass their members for prayer pledges for the SU Spiritual Bouquet using the form she had previously distributed to the chairs. She asked that the prayer pledge numbers be forwarded to her by November 30 so that she could submit them to the SU by the Dec. 4 deadline.
- D. Is there a need for a December Executive Board Meeting? – The board’s consensus was that there is no need to hold a December meeting.
- E. Miscellaneous – A discussion was held of how much Sodality should plan to spend on Giving Tree donations if additional funds are needed beyond the donations received.

#### IV. Reports

- A. Prefect: No report.
- B. Treasurer: There is \$28, 120.41 in the Sodality treasury.
- C. Units:
  - 1. Christ Child: No report
  - 2. John Neumann: Judith reported that the unit held a Zoom meeting on Nov. 17. Their charity for the meeting was the Gabriel Project. Monetary donations were collected and mailed.
  - 3. Regina Coeli: Maureen W reported that in lieu of holding the annual Christmas Tea at Maplewood Park Place (MPP), the unit members were going to send a card and/or letter to each of the Catholic residents at MPP. Vivi A provided over 40 names of

residents. The intention is for this mail to arrive by Dec. 6, the feast of St. Nicholas, which is also the approximate date of the Tea each year.

4. St. Monica: No report.
5. St. Gianna: No report.
6. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Liz reported that the unit held a Zoom meeting. They have a potential new member. The unit is currently reading "Finding My Inner Balance," and plans to attend a virtual Archdiocesan series: <https://adw.org/event/strength-and-dignity-virtual-series-jan-2021-english/>.
7. Associates: No report.
8. Jr. Sodality: Debbie R reported on their Zoom meeting when they played Catholic trivia. The girls also successfully completed a Halloween candy drive and collected 456 pounds of candy for donation to Operation Gratitude! Because they were able to deliver the candy to a donation site, Sodality did not have to cover the cost of postage for mailing the candy. The girls have made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for delivery to Martha's Table. Their future plans include saying a decade of the rosary at Mary's Garden, and participating in a Zoom meeting with Bethesda Help at which representatives of the organization will explain its activities.

V. Closing Prayer: The board ended the meeting by praying the *Hail Mary*. 8:51 p.m.