

SODALITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2022

Meeting was held in the Scanlan Room

Present: Anne Y, Lee M, Gail Q, Liz S, Betsy R, Maureen G, Joan W, Nan V and Maureen W

I. Opening: 7:10 p.m.

A. President Anne Y opened with a prayer that will be used for the Women's Mission on Oct. 4.

B. Maureen G made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022, board meeting. Betsy R seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

II. Old Business

A. Review of executive board contact information.

B. Review of Sodality calendar 2022-23. No changes were proposed to the draft calendar dated September 23, 2022.

C. Review of Unit Responsibilities. A change was made so that Regina Coeli Unit will be in charge for Sunday, October 2, 10 am Mass. St. Monica Unit will be responsible for the Sodality 10 am Mass on November 6.

D. Discussion was held about replacing one co-chair for the Giving Tree project. Colleen H has agreed to continue as one chair. Anne Y proposed that she meet with Colleen to see if discrete tasks might be identified so that individuals might be less reluctant to volunteer. Maureen W reminded board that in prior years, there were sign up sheets for separate tasks at the Lasagna Dinner. It was agreed to resume sign up sheets at that event. Letters to charities need to be sent up in October.

III. New Business

A. Change of start time for Board meetings will continue to be at 7 pm.

B. Goals for Sodality. Anne Y identified three: 1) Resume Sodality events in person, 2) Market Sodality events, and 3) Formation of new unit for younger women. Everyone agreed with these goals in era of fewer covid restrictions.

C. Marketing update.

1. Anne Y displayed a trifold poster made to highlight activities that Sodalists conducted even in the midst of covid restrictions. Anne Y worked with Patty B who attended and spoke at the HSA meeting at the beginning of the de Chantal school year in late August. A trifold Poster was on display.
2. A flyer was created for the fall Sodality events for both the HSA and Faith Formation parent meetings in mid September.
3. Sodality was present or presented at the HAS and FF meetings.
4. Plans for a Sodality interest meeting scheduled for October 26 for women in the parish with children ranging from infancy through elementary school.
5. Update descriptions of units on the website at a later date.
6. Review Sodality pamphlet and update if necessary at a later date.
7. Take advantage of the electronic board in the Narthex, being mindful of privacy issues if photos are used.
8. Continue to advertise events in the parish bulletin even after the event, with mindful photos if possible.
9. Begin to advertise on social media, contacting Michelle Flynn for this purpose.
10. Sodality Masses held on the first Sunday of the month should also have a separate table set up with the trifold poster and upcoming events flyer, and pamphlets.
11. Place Sodality information and materials in the "crying room" in an effort to reach more young women. There was some discussion about not placing information there.

D. Fashion Show update. Nan V summarized activities to date for the March 18, 2023, event at Columbia Country Club. Nan V and Gail Q spoke with Laura and a decision was made to do a 2-course menu of entrée and dessert. Gail Q noted that the price of \$50 per person, including the open bar and valet parking, will not increase for 2023. Capacity for the event will return to pre pandemic level. J Jill will be the store providing clothes. Nan V showed a form template that incorporates prior years' design by Mary Fay.

Discussion about soliciting models. Anne Y brought idea of QR code for information and payment. Liz S explained how QR code would have link to Sodality website for payment. Lee M indicated payment can still be done through Faith Direct or by check.

E. Parish Mission. The Women's evening will be Tuesday, October 4 at 7 pm. Anne Y was asked by Fr. Giese to run this event. Anne reported on the work of a group she had assembled for this purpose. She explained that there will be a facilitator at each of approximately seven tables. People will be assigned randomly to tables. A brief talk will be given on the biblical story of Ruth, and a speaker will speak to her journey with her faith. Some deliberation and questions will be center on a photo of empty strollers provided by Polish people for refugees from Ukraine. Anne also said that tables will be available in the hall describing the sandwich ministry, SOME food collection, and the environmental committee.

F. Website for Sodality will be updated for unit descriptions at a later date. G. Lasagna Dinner rescheduled to Wednesday, Oct 12. Anne Y proposed using nonperishable Italian food items as centerpieces. Liz S made motion to spend money for this purpose. Maureen W seconded motion. Maureen G and Maureen W will purchase these items and arrange them as centerpieces. Lasagna and salad will be purchased from Mama Lucia. Some bite size desserts will also be purchased. Liz S and Betsy supported idea of providing hot water and one portion decaf packages along with tea. Gail Q offered to lector. Anne Y suggested to do a slideshow and discussion ensued about care for privacy of individuals.

H. Communion Breakfast. Sunday November 6. Sr. Mary Bader from St. Ann's will be the speaker. General discussion re food to be provided. Consensus seemed that a \$10 charge would be collected, but food purchased can be easily covered by general treasury. Further planning will be topic of October's meeting.

I. Parish Council Report. Anne Y reported that the new field construction for the school is scheduled to be ready by Christmas. Three thousand pipes of the organ were damaged by the vandalism fire. Insurance and other Montgomery County funds are available for their cleaning and restoration. The Stations of the Cross were not damaged, but the floors will be stripped and redone. The other topic was the Volunteer Dinner scheduled for Saturday, Oct 16.

IV. Reports

A. Prefect: No report.

B. Treasurer: Lee M reported that there is a balance of \$24,426.25 in the treasury after the \$2,700 tithe.

C. Units

1. Christ Child: Gail Q reported on deaths of two members, and asked for prayers for Judy P. She also indicated that there are only three active members of her unit locally, and that they may need to merge with another unit or become associates.
2. John Neumann: Joan W reported that their unit will meet next week.
3. Regina Coeli: Maureen W reported that the unit held a meeting with 8 members able to attend. The unit will continue all its activities and plans to resume having a Christmas party for the unit.
4. St. Monica: Betsy R reported that the unit has 2 new members.
5. St. Gianna: No report
6. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Liz S reported that their school supply drive for Sacred Heart was very successful.
7. Associates: Maureen G reported that a letter will be going out next week to the 60 Sodalists part of the Associate group.
8. Junior Sodality: No report

V. Closing Prayer: The board ended the meeting by praying the Hail Mary at 8:50pm.