

ST. AGATHA ALTAR SOCIETY MINUTES---March 9th, 2025

ATTENDEES: 3

Opening prayer by President Barbara W. Followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MEDITATION: Mary, May=Barbara; Jun=

MINUTES: Minutes are available on our website: <https://www.stagathaportland.com/altar-society>

CORRESPONDANCE/REMEMBRANCE:

None last month.

Members are encouraged to let us know of members who have passed away or who could use a letter of remembrance, a kind word, or a note of encouragement.

ADVERTISING: None last month.

ALTAR CARE: The President and the Church Cleaning Coordinator discussed how to ensure regular culling of dried-up flowers. The Cleaning Coordinator will work with church cleaning teams to prioritize culling the flowers before the Saturday 5pm mass each week, with a goal of combining any remaining good flowers into a new bouquet.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The February report was not available at the time of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

VACANT POSITION: Secretary – We need someone to take the minutes during the meeting.

WELL WATER – Last month we discussed the Well Water ministry jar that is available for small change donations during each Altar Society meeting. Since we no longer have many attendees, the annual contribution has become minimal. After some discussion, it was decided to no longer take up this collection rather than try to open this fundraiser to the parish since it would be brand new to the parish at large and would require extensive educational advertising. The St. Agatha Altar Society still has a thriving ministry which is already open to parish involvement, our Mother's Day collection for mothers and babies in needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraiser Ideas – last month, we brainstormed spring fundraiser ideas. This month, we discussed them further.

- Rummage Sale – of donations on hand
 - This is still an option, but we need someone who knows how to sell on eBay to teach us how.
 - The President advertised our need in the school newsletter and through the monthly A.S. newsletter.
- Catholic Book Sale – of supplies on hand
 - This would compete with the school book sale.
 - The Catholic books on hand are used, which would not garner enough participation for the effort.
- No Bake Bake Sale
 - The A.S. used to have an annual no bake bake sale. It is an option we might use if funds dip too low.

- Bingo – requires too much work and would be in competition with parish activities.
- Catholic Movie Night – requires too much work and would be in competition with parish activities.
- Read-a-thon – would not garner enough interest to warrant the work involved.

Mother's Day fundraiser for Road 2 Hope to support new mothers and their children in need.

- Sarah let us know of a new Catholic charity, St. Maria's Home, that also supports new moms/babies and is based upon and guided by Road 2 Hope.
- The vote was unanimous to support [About Us – St. Maria's Home](#) this year. President Barbara will ask Sarah if she could create a flyer. The collection will be financial only since St. Maria's Home does not have a site yet; they are currently collecting funds to build.

Easter Flower Collection

- Members will be needed to hold the collection basket after each mass during the weekend of April 5th and 6th.

No April meeting due to the date falling on Palm Sunday.

NEXT MEETING: *May 18th, 2025, THIRD SUNDAY* to avoid Mother's Day.

Sunday 9:40 A.M. in the Parish Office