

Ladies of Blessed Sacrament (LBS) – Meeting Minutes – 10/01/2019

Board meeting preceded general meeting. Board members present were Eileen Foster, Elaine White, Tana Zemanek, Judy Kawiecki, Linda Graf, Mary Mazanec, Carol Lefler, Helen Singer, Rose Mikols, Anne Boyd, Aimee Kopiwoda, and Connie Latuszek. Topics discussed were roll bake sign up, number of quilts to be made on blanket making day, and the Christmas potluck.

Linda Graf, funeral lunch chair, said the drawers and cabinets in the kitchen have been cleaned and labeled to make it easier for everyone working at funeral lunches and take home containers have been organized. Also Blessed Sacrament will start to charge \$250 for funeral lunches for families of decedents who have absolutely no connection to Blessed Sacrament. This was a decision made by Father Rob and the parish council. Board members were in agreement with this change.

After a break for refreshments, general meeting attended by 52 women followed board meeting. Our president, Eileen Foster, offered a special prayer for Fr. Robert Howe, our new pastor and today's guest speaker. Father Rob was introduced by Judy Kawiecki. His presentation centered on his call to the priesthood and his family background. He emphasized that he was never "churchy" or "ultra-Catholic" which are not prerequisites to being a priest. He walked us through his path to becoming a priest and his many assignments after becoming a priest. He will be doing the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 6th, so the ladies presented to him \$365 to donate to the Crop Walk.

After Father Rob's presentation, Eileen read a thank you note from the teachers of Blessed Sacrament School. We had given them each \$100 for school supplies.

Elaine White read the minutes from our meeting on September 3rd and Tana Zemanek gave the treasurer's report showing a current balance of \$14,736.92.

Attendees coming for their first meeting were Margie Hollingsworth, Annette Vigas, Mary Stutelberg, Marge Darger, Connie Messinger, Lynn Baker, Joanne

Nichols, Marie Harper, Mary Lynn Chomistek, Judy Beck, Sue Rademacher, and Mary Sue Berg.

Rita Wernette said she needs one more volunteer for Altar Care since Carol Lefler will be moving away.

Mary Mazanec passed around the signup sheet for our three Roll Bakes which will be held on October 8th, October 22nd, and November 8th. We will make 100 dozen rolls at each roll bake. There are three shifts for each bake starting as early as 9 a.m. and ending in mid afternoon when all the rolls are baked and bagged.

Anne Boyd announced that Blanket Making Day will be on November 13th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church social hall. On that day we will make 50 blankets to be given to the homeless. We'll have some blankets cut and ready to tie when ladies arrive so we can get most or all of the blankets finished on that date. Each completed blanket will be put in a king size pillow case. Look for good buys on king size pillowcases to be donated to this project. Come join us for the whole time period or for whatever time you can give us. All are welcome.

Agnes Brewer needs workers, crafts, and baked goods for the Alternative Gift Fair to be held on Sunday, November 10th. Connie Messinger needs help in providing cookies and desserts for MACC Mission to be held on October 27-30th. The mission will be at Blessed Sacrament on Monday, October 28th. For more information, to register, or to volunteer, visit www.MACCmission.org.

Connie and Tana also put out a call for more Eucharistic, homebound, and hospitality ministers. Contact Melissa Waskevich or Renee Larsen at the parish office if you are able to help in any of these ministries.

Please mark your calendar for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 5th at 1:30. Our guest speaker will be Midland attorney, Angela Cole, who will speak on "Affordable Legal Care".

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine White