**Ladies of Blessed Sacrament (LBS) – Meeting Minutes – February 4th 2020**

**BOARD MEETING** preceded general meeting with these ladies present: Eileen Foster, Tana Zemanek, Elaine White, Linda Graf, Carol Lefler, Anne Boyd, Rose Mikols, Anita Lawnichak, Judy Kawiecki, Aimee Kopiwoda and Shirley Mikols. Treasurer’s report and secretary’s report will be given at general meeting. Linda Graf will ask at general meeting for additional funeral lunch leaders. We’ll also discuss our annual rummage sale at the general meeting and ask for volunteers. While we’ll still accept clothing, we would like to get additional bigger ticket items such as bikes, dressers, end tables, desks to increase our profits.

 There were 44 ladies present at the **GENERAL MEETING**. Judy Kawiecki opened the meeting with a humorous prayer & then introduced our speaker Mayor Maureen Donker.

 Program - Midland has a council-manager form of government with the city council electing the mayor and the city council selecting a city manager. There are five wards in Midland and Maureen Donker represents Ward 2. Maureen has been the City of Midland mayor since 2009, the first woman ever elected to that position. Mayor Donker is a member of Blessed Sacrament. She is also the director of the Reece Endeavor. She encouraged us to continue to be welcoming to all so Midland visitors and businesses will want to make Midland their home. She spoke about development in downtown Midland and in the Circle (Center City) area. She jokingly said she didn’t want to talk about parking in downtown or the road diet. Great things are happening such as the LPGA held for the first time last year at the Midland Country Club, Delta College building an offsite campus in downtown Midland, the Tridge renovation project, and new downtown housing options. Although much has been accomplished, much remains to be done.

After Maureen Donker’s presentation, Eileen Foster opened the business meeting. Elaine White read the minutes from our last meeting. Tana Zemanek gave the treasurer’s report showing a current balance of $14,876.99. We welcomed these Blessed Sacrament women who came to our meeting for the first time: Lana Blackhurst, Toni Johnson, Jeannine Piegols, Alicia Asadorian, and Mary Cameron. Thank you notes were received from Father Rob, Dorothy Whitley, the Blessed Sacrament teachers, Wings of Mercy, Emergency Food Pantry Network, and Midland County Former Offenders Advocacy and Rehab (MCFOAR).

Funeral Lunches – Linda Graf requested more funeral lunch leaders for our three funeral lunch teams. These women volunteered: Judy Kawiecki, Carol Lefler, Shirley Mikols, Dorothy Kociba, and Mary Stutelberg (after March 11th). We have had only one funeral lunch in 2020.

Blessed Sacrament Annual Rummage Sale – Items can be dropped off on Monday, March 30th. Sale begins on Thursday, April 2nd and will run through Saturday, April 4th ending at noon. Eileen Foster and Shirley Mikols will chair this, our major fundraiser for the year. We need lots of volunteers. Any amount of your time will be appreciated. Rosemary Rankl has again offered use of her garage to store items until the sale date if you’ll be out of town that week. While we will again accept clothing, we also encourage people to contribute larger items such as bikes, dressers, desks, end tables. Tana will have Chuck check with the Knights of Columbus if the Knights would like to sell food at the rummage sale. Any profit would go into their account. We will also try to get more high school students to help.

We’ll again sponsor a $250 table at the Children’s Grief Center Hearts of Hope Luncheon on Wednesday, April l 22nd.  We need ten people to contribute $25 for a delicious lunch with wonderful friends in support of a great cause. Please contact Judy Kawiecki for more information (989-245-2369 or judyk@nsd2003.com).

On display at our meeting was a beautiful stained glass piece that Annette Clark made for Shine Night, our school’s fundraiser at the Midland Country Club on February 21st. Raffle tickets are $10 a ticket and can be purchased at the front desk of the social hall.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at 1:30. We’ll have two speakers: Sarah Kile, Executive Director of 2-1-1 Northeast Michigan and Jennifer Majorana, Director of Adult Literacy from the Legacy Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine White