

St. Agatha Altar Society Meeting January 3, 2021

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance: President Barbara W.

Roll Call: Eight members attended via Zoom/phone/in person at Parish Office

Meditation: Led by Kurt Z, quoted from Thomas A Kempis "The Imitation of Christ". Meditations for February – Helen D., March – Miriam E.

Secretary Report: Barbara W. substituting for Tawnya D. who sent a thank you note to the Knights of Columbus for Christmas trees. No remembrances.

Advertising: Cathy H. reported the raffle flyer is complete. It will appear in the Church Bulletin, online/Facebook, and be added to the school newsletter. Barbara W. expressed her appreciation to Cathy H. for an excellent flyer and for her willingness to work with Barbara's input.

Altar Care: Peggy S. has vacated the Vice-President role which includes Altar Care. Barbara W. will be filling in and introduced two people who will be helping with Altar Care: 1) Jinny W. will be in charge of placement of flowers and Shannon E. will assist with organizing church cleaning such as scheduling training for new volunteers and purchase supplies as needed.

Financial Report: Jan H. reported a great response to our request for funds for Christmas decorations! All Christmas Decorations this year were donated and their total value including monetary donations surpassed that of previous years. The Knights of Columbus received an unexpected donation of the two Christmas trees they were purchasing for the church. Thank you to the Wade family for the beautiful Christmas window arrangements in Church. A thank-you note on behalf of the Parish has been sent to Karen B. by Barbara W. for setting up and taking down the Creche since we no longer have a sacristan. Jan H. volunteered to contact Karen and help her with taking it down.

Father Luan and Karen B. expressed their appreciation to the Altar Society for their Christmas gifts but returned them in recognition of difficult budget times. A donation was sent to the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women to support the efforts of the Well Water Project to improve access to clean water in underdeveloped countries.

Old Business: Membership drive: Envelopes have been stuffed and stamped and will be mailed by Jan H.

Tea Set Raffle Basket: Need gift cards (Barbara W. will contact Geri A. and Tess L.) to advertise the raffle, photos of some individual items contained in the basket will be taken and used to create a poster to be set on an easel at the Church entrance.

On January 20, Barbara will evaluate the response we've had to the membership letter (which includes request to purchase raffle tickets) and we will develop plans as needed if sales are insufficient to cover the cost of basket. Covid-imposed precautions hinder our ability to set up in gathering areas and encourage parishioners to purchase tickets.

New Business:

Mother's Day Plant Sale: Scheduled for Saturday before Mother's Day. Several questions regarding source of plants, prices, and need for coordination and help were brought up. Will discuss at our February meeting.

Autumn Fest: New September 25 date. Previously suggested date is not feasible because of a scheduled wedding.

Next meeting will be Sunday, February 7th 2021. President reminded us the April meeting will not be the first Sunday because it's Easter, so April meeting will be April 11, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 with a prayer by the President.

Submitted by Miriam Erb. substitute Secretary.