St. Peter Church, Ladies Sodality

**Sunday, September 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Morning Preparations.**

 Met at 6:00 this morning in Father Ahrens Room. Joyce Amick, Lisa Rackers, Georgena Hayes helped to set up for meeting. Cheryl Buechter stopped by Schulte’s to purchase donuts, milk, orange juice to bring to meeting. Joyce, Georgena, Janet Brown, Cheryl brought breakfast casseroles. Lucille Krummen brought iced banana muffins. Thank you!

**Mass. 7:00 a.m.**

 This year, ladies proceeded individually to sit in first 3 rows of Church, Mary’s altar side. Father Secrist presided at Mass. During homily, he introduced Ladies Sodality. Many thanks for all you do for St. Peter Parish.

**Breakfast. Welcome.**

 Joyce Amick welcomed everyone. Father Brad Berhorst and Father Thomas Alber and 19 members attended. Father Berhorst led the blessing. Breakfast casseroles, fruit, banana muffins, Schulte’s cinnamon rolls and donuts, coffee, milk, orange juice were served.

 A couple weeks ago, Father Secrist announced that he is being transferred. At today’s Mass, Father Berhorst announced that he also is being transferred.

 Father Berhorst gave a blessing to Ladies Sodality members. He and Father Alber left to prepare for other Sunday Masses.

**Treasury Report. Georgena Hayes, Treasurer.**

 Georgena distributed a copy of the 2023 treasury report.

 Georgena was thankful for each of the funeral dinner donations. She mentioned that, in late May, $2,200 was donated to Church for communion wafers.

In May or June, Ladies Sodality donated $500 to StP for books to be given to parishioners at Christmas. Father Secrist would select a book. However, now Father Secrist is being transferred. Business Manager Beverly McCracken is holding this money in a separate account.

It is Georgena’s understanding that Ladies Sodality and Holy Name dues are not subject to New Stewardship 10% tithe.

There is some extra money in Ladies Sodality Treasury. Last year money was donated towards St. Peter School lunches. It was mentioned that Father Alber does not have his own vestments. Years ago, Westerman family donated money towards StP vestments. Georgena will contact Father Alber, to see what might be needed, how we can help.

**Mary’s Way of the Cross.**

 On March 3, Friday evening during Lent, Ladies Sodality hosted Mary’s Way of the Cross.

**May Crowning.**

 Our last get together was May Crowning, held in the Chapel, and Salad Supper, held in Msgr. Hoog Hall. These events followed 2nd Tuesday of the month Social Hour.

**December 12 Social Hour.**

 As last year, Janet and Kevin Brown and Ladies Sodality, will co-host StP Social Hour! It was a fun get together! Bingo, prizes, food. Looking forward to this event!

**Card Party. Joyce Amick.**

 Card party and game night will be Wednesday, October 4th.

 Event information and raffle tickets were inserted in recent church bulletin.

 Cakes and attendance prizes are needed. Volunteers are needed for the evening of Card Party. Joyce passed around a sign-up / volunteer sheet.

 Proceeds from the Card Party are donated to St. Peter Parish to purchase altar breads and other needs that might arise.

 2022 Card Party profit was $1800! 20 tables were filled.

 **Quilt**. Thank you to the ladies who met on September 18, to quilt this year’s Card party Quilt. This year’s gorgeous quilt with blue and pink fabrics, features pink and blue embroidered flowers. Special thanks to a lady from Cape Girardeau, who donated these 6 embroidered quilt blocks. She was so thankful to StP and Ladies Sodality for hosting a funeral dinner for their family. Esther Kempker has had these embroidery squares for a couple years. This year it is our beautiful Card Party Quilt!

Esther also has another set of floral embroidery squares, if we would like to use those for next year’s Card Party Quilt.

 **Attendance prizes for Card Party**. Popular items are lotions and shampoos. Household and decorative items are also appreciated, something “new to you”!

**Sale A Rama. November 5, 2023.**

Michelle Truesdale will again chair the event. See announcements in future church bulletins. In years past, Sale A Rama funds were saved in a church replacement carpet account. In 2014 or 2015, tables and chairs were purchased for Selinger Center and Msgr. Hoog Hall, with Sale A Rama money. In 2022, Michelle Truesdale requested that $20,000 of Sale A Rama funds be used to upgrade computer system at St. Peter. Ladies Sodality Board OK’d this request.

**National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal. Perryville, Missouri.**

 Pat Dulle talked about possibly visiting the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal. October 13. Several people from Wardsville Parish are going there on a bus trip. Anonymous person donating bus fare. Pat could talk with Kathleen, StP Communications Coordinator, to suggest a bulletin announcement.

 Please see this website:

http://www.divinemysteries.info/perryville-missouri-2003-present/

Myra Rosskopf Wolfe gave some background information. On the 13th of each month, Mary speaks with a farmer named Neal, while he visits and says the rosary at this Mary Shrine.

**Future of Ladies Sodality.**

 We talked a little bit about this again at today’s meeting. Most all of the ladies who attend Ladies Sodality meetings are 60 and 70 years or older. What is the future, for Ladies Sodality. How to encourage new members. Other groups: Funeral Dinners and Quilters. We are all getting older. Hopefully, with New Stewardship / Time and Talent, more people will volunteer.

**Attendance Prizes.**

 Two beautiful pillows featuring a yellow bird and gorgeous fall flowers were won by Dorothy Lueckenhoff and Myra Rosskopf Wolfe. Congratulations!

Respectfully submitted,

# Cheryl Buechter

Ladies Sodality Secretary

A copy of Ladies Sodality meeting minutes was e-mailed to Kathleen Lavery, Communications/Outreach Director, on September 18, 2023, as per August 2011 church bulletin announcement, which states that it is recommended that organization reports be submitted, to inform parishioners of church activities, for possible publishing in the church bulletin or included on the Ladies Sodality website, following pastor approval.

We are requesting the minutes be posted to Ladies Sodality website. Thank you

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