

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP MEETING- St Mary of the Hills April 8, 2014

Following refreshments, the April 8, **2014** Senior Fellowship meeting was opened at 10:10 a.m. by Vice President Virginia McMahon with a prayer led by Fr. Stan followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Virginia called on Fr. Stan to speak to the group before he had to leave. He made the following points:

- The parish is happy to have Fr. Conley conducting the mission. He encouraged everyone to attend as many sessions as possible.
- Called attention to the availability of confessions after today's evening services. Several priest will be available for private reconciliation.
- Invited all to participate in Holy week services
- Wanted all to take notice of the changes in the schedule for Easter Masses.
- May is going to be a very busy month with first communions and the CSA.
- Thanked the Senior Fellowship members for their work in the parish.

TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. Two new members--Judith DeKyser and Janet Pasalacqua-- were welcomed.

THE MINUTES of the March 11 meeting were read and approved with two corrections: Checks to the OPC event are to be made out to OPC not Ann Jannetta and 14 not eighteen people are attending the event.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Bill Girardin gave the treasurer's report. There is \$430.99 in checking and \$281.18 in petty cash giving a total of \$712.17 in the treasury. Checks for annual dues are to be made to St. Mary of the Hills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNSHINE LADY, Virginia McMahon, announced that this month we have a unique situation. Ginny Girardin celebrates her birthday in April and she and Bill are also celebrating their 49th anniversary in April. We sang two songs for both occasions

TRAVEL REPORT

Ann Jannetta finalized plans for "*Magic of Broadway*" at OPC on April 30th

- Those going will car pool from St. Mary of the Hills parking lot on Wednesday April 30th at 11:00 am. Parking at OPC is scarce.
- Lunch followed by the Performance is scheduled from 12 to 3:00 pm.
- Ann reminded those going that they have to grab a table when they get to OPC because there are no table reservations

Since there is no Travel Coordinator there was no discussion on the other two trips brought up at the February meeting. They are: ***Tulip Time Festival***, Holland Michigan; and ***Toledo Museum of Art*** featuring an exhibition titled "In Fine Feather: Birds, Art, & Science.

Joe Rogell offered an explanation why OPC's trips may be more expensive than Travel Plans offered for seniors by Auburn Hills. He suggested that trips sponsored

by OPC are always staffed with a person to assist seniors to get on and off the bus and this person checks to see that no one is stranded or left behind in a parking lot etc.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT—

Virginia McMahon reported:

1. That St Mary of the Hills Parish Council members met with their counterparts from St. Andrew's Parish Council.
2. Evangelization Committee now has a temporary rolling cart near the gym door. They have a system to check out books.
3. Calls are being made to inactive parishioners. They are encouraged to come to the parish mission and are invited to Easter Services. Matthew Kelly's book "Rediscovering Catholicism" will be sent to those who answered their phone and the caller verified their mailing information.
4. An Interfaith program is planned for Thursday evenings in May. The cost for the program is \$40.00. St. Mary's will host African American Muslims.
5. A Parish Picnic is planned for Sunday, July 13 to celebrate SMOTH 25th Anniversary

OLD BUSINESS

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Kitty Kozlowski will revise the list of Teams to assist her and personally contact them to assure their availability.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN MAY

- No one volunteered to plan and coordinate travel events.
- A suggestion was made that if no individual volunteers, then whoever has an interest in any event, will take the responsibility to facilitate that event.
- Mary Davis arranged for travel and planed events for the senior group for many years and offered to assist anyone who volunteered to take responsibility.

50/50—A total of \$25,00 was in the kitty. New member Judy DeKyser drew and new member Janet Pasalacqua won \$12.00 and \$13.00 went to the treasury.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40. Virginia McMahon led the closing prayer.

Submitted by Janet Sheerin, secretary