

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP MEETING- St Mary of the Hills May 13, 2014

Following refreshments, the May 13, **2014** Senior Fellowship meeting was opened at 10:10 a.m. by President Bob Sheldrick with a prayer led by Fr. Strain followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Members were informed that it was Mike Angelo who donated the American Flag used at senior meetings, but the parish also uses the flag for various functions.

**TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.** To increase membership, a suggestion was made that on the Tuesdays we have our meeting, Fr. Stan, at the end of Mass, encourage anyone 55 and older to join the senior Fellowship Group. Virginia was appointed to talk to Fr. Stan.

**THE MINUTES** of the May 13 meeting were read and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**—Bill Girardin reported that there is \$725.99 in checking and \$213.18 in petty cash giving a total of \$939.17. He reminded members that the \$15.00 annual fee is due. Checks are to be made to St. Mary of the Hills.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SUNSHINE LADY**, No one present had a birthday but Dolores and Joe Rogell are celebrating their 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in May. We acknowledged this awesome milestone with a song and congratulations.

### TRAVEL NEWS

Those attending "*Magic of Broadway*" at OPC on April 30th enjoyed it. Ann Jannetta thanked Mary Davis for taking over. Jim was hospitalized for pancreatitis and dislocated his shoulder and they were not able to attend the event.

Paul Blanchard inquired if members were interested in a "*mystery trip*" followed by lunch or dinner. He described the event as a local museum type adventure, really cool, lasting only one to two hours at most. There is minimum walking or standing and easy excess to the facility.

Members expressed interest in making the trip in June with an early dinner. Paul will check and report on dates and times in June.

Bob Sheldrick said he was in favor of the idea suggested in April that whoever has an interest in any event, that they will take responsibility to facilitate the event since no one has volunteered to assume responsibility for Travel events.

A resource to consider when planning events is a local television program called "*Discover the D*" which airs on Mondays, 5:30 p.m. on Detroit Public TV. The episodes focus on places of interest and things to do in and around Detroit.

### **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**—

Virginia McMahon reported:

1. That \$4,500 dollars were collected at the parish mission conducted by Fr. Conley and the Parish donated \$1,000.
2. That the Parish Council voted on topics of concern, which they selected from prior meetings. The result of the votes is as follows:
  - Parishioners have a lot to offer but are not involved in church ministries and activities as they should be---8 votes
  - The parish lets aspects of our culture “evolve” rather than deliberately creating a culture to support our parish vision—5 votes
  - New parishioners are not effectively integrated into the parish—3 votes
  - There is no process to provide continuous feedback from parishioners on performance- 3 votes
  - The parish does not play a significant role in the lives of parishioners—3 votes.
3. The Council pointed out that some activities take very little time, for example, St Michael’s Food Pantry takes no more than 15 minutes a week.
4. The archway at the front door of the church will be replaced with a canopy this summer.
5. The parish pictorial will be distributed at the July 13 parish picnic.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **COFFEE AND DONUTS— JUNE 22, 2014**

- **Senior Fellowship Group** is responsible for serving after the 9:00 A.M. Mass—Hilda Maddens volunteered.
- **Senior Exercise Group** is responsible for serving after the 11:00 A.M Mass. Judy Blanchard volunteered

### ***MEETING REFRESHMENTS***

*Kitty Kozlowski has revised the list of Teams to assist her and personally verified their availability.*

## NEW BUSINESS

**1. ELECTIONS** –Bob will remain in as President, but will be out of town more this upcoming year. He is depending on Virginia to take over in his absence. Bill Girardin will continue as treasurer.

### **2. PRESENTATION FOR JUNE MEETING**

**Miracle Program**—There is a group of people who witness to miracles in their lives. Virginia invited one member of the group, Ray White, to give his witness at our June meeting.

**3. CHRISTMAS PARTY– Hilda Maddens** volunteered to host our annual Christmas Party in December 2014.

#### **4. UPDATE PHONE LIST**

The current phone list needs updating. Persons named who have been difficult to contact are:

- Betts Leary- she is living with her son
- Sharon Anderson - an access code is requested
- Ken Beres has only attended one meeting. Is he still a member?

Others on the list are no longer able to attend, but should be called with information:

- Marge Pulk
- Joe and Claire Bono

Knowing they can't attend we can let them know they are in our prayers.

Bob suggested each caller call persons on their list to verify their phone number and address and attempt to get correct information.

#### **5. DONATIONS FROM TREASURY**

Mary Davis proposed making a donation to wounded warriors and a prolonged discussion followed. Finally, members agreed to give a one-time donation of a **\$100.00 dollars** to the Veterans Hospital in Detroit—these are our local wounded warriors.

Mike Angelo gave an impassioned talk on the condition of the veterans' health status and how grateful he is for coming home from the war unharmed. At 94 years of age, he has someone drive him to the Hospital in Detroit where he helps out with bingo. He requested the donation for prize money.

#### **6. CRITERIA FOR GIVING AND LEVELS OF GIVING FROM GROUP FUNDS**

Bill Girardin suggested that **criteria** for giving donations and the **level** of giving from group funds be established. There is none at present. But establishing criteria was not discussed. However, there was a discussion for using treasury funds.

- Hilda Maddens proposed that not more than \$50.00 be given to any single organization.
- A recommendation was made to keep at least \$500.00 (excluding petty cash) in the treasury at any given time because when it gets depleted it takes some time to build it up again.
- We were organized as a social group and not a charitable organization. As such, our focus is on social activities—such as our annual picnic in July funded by our treasury.

#### **7. KEYS FOR STORAGE CABINET**

The Jannettas bought keys for the senior storage cabinets. The combination locks that they contributed previously were difficult to use. Bob Sheldrick, Virginia McMahon and Kitty Kozlowski have keys.

#### **OTHER**

#### **COMMUNION FOR HOSPITALIZED**

Paula Dukat and Hilda Maddens let us know that when they were hospitalized no person from the parish or any other Catholic Church came to give them communion. We

regret that they were overlooked. Assumptions were made that the parish assigned to the facility provides the spiritual services.

- St Anastasia --Beaumont of Troy
- St. Andrews --Crittenden
- St. Mary of the Hills—Sanctuary of Bellbrook

**Mary Marchioni**--Calls are to be made to notify people that Mass for Mary will be celebrated on Friday, May 16, 2014 at 10:00 AM. She will be in state at the parish at 9:00 AM. Mary is Arnie Vandercruyssen's mother-in-law.

Bob Wolkowiak, an active member in the Senior Fellowship Group prior to moving to Colorado, also died recently. His wife preceded him in death.

**50/50**—A total of \$23,00 was in the kitty. Judy Blanchard won \$11.50 and \$11.50 went to the treasury.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40. Bob Sheldrick led the closing prayer.

Submitted by Janet Sheerin, secretary