

Senior Fellowship Meeting- St Mary of the Hills –

Following refreshments, Paul Blanchard opened the **February 10, 2015** Senior Fellowship meeting at 10:10 a.m. and called on Father Stan to lead us in prayer and the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Father Stan updated us on parish activities and upcoming events.

- 140 people are participating in the Discovering Christ Program
- 72 couples attended the dinner for two.
- 70 couples participated in the wedding anniversary celebration.
- Lent starts February 18th and the parish Worship and Christian Service Commissions are recommending various resources for our spiritual Lenten journey.

Judy Blanchard observed that the wedding event demonstrated painstaking planning and the children's choir at the 11:00 o'clock Mass was fantastic.

Fourteen members were present.

The minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report—Bill Girardin reported that there is \$865.99 in senior checking, \$146.67 in cash on hand, giving the treasury an overall total of \$1,012.66. Our income comes from membership dues, 50/50 and snacks. Expenses are generally charitable contributions.

Committee Reports

Sunshine Lady, --There were no birthdays in February among those present. Geri Ruppert, who lost her husband a few months ago, said they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 20th. She submitted their wedding picture for the parish board and read a touching poem printed on the back of the picture.

Travel news

Paul Blanchard called attention to several travel excursions for which plans can be made when more members are present and when seniors return from their winter vacations.

1. **Sea Life Aquarian** at Great Lakes Crossing

- Best to schedule at least two-and-a half hours to see most of the fascinating sea creatures

- Tickets are \$20.00, but for a group of 15 or more tickets can be purchased for \$13.00

2. Detroit Historical Museum- has many interesting exhibits and is up for consideration. Parking is safe and secure for museum visitors.

3. The Detroit Zoo was also brought up for consideration.

Paul asked for feedback on our trip to the Holocaust Museum. A number of respondents felt they would like more time to read the wall displays and might revisit on their own. But everyone agreed that the highlight of the visit was Irene Miller's presentation on her family's and her own touching story of courage and perseverance in trying to escape the horrors of the Holocaust.

Mary Davis asked seniors to see her if they were interested in attending, Heat of the Night at the MaComb Center for the Performing Arts at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 22. Tickets are \$10.00 for seniors.

There was no **Parish Council Report**—

Old Business—Those collecting tabs from cans should give them to Nadine when she returns from vacation. She is collecting them for Holy Family School.

New Business

Ginny Girardin suggested a “Stone of Remembrance” for Joe McMahon. Please see her about making a contribution.

Other Items

1. Update on Seniors: Dolores Rogell gave an update on the following:
 - Marylal Karbowski is improving after her stroke. She is at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, on 19 Mile Rd. in Clinton Township.
 - Mike Angelo is adjusting to Assisted Living at Sanctuary At Bellbrook
 - Marilyn Fredricks continues to experience memory problems.
2. Prayer Request
 - Judy Blanchard has several medical tests scheduled and requested our prayers.
 - Prayers are also requested for Ann Jannatta who got an infection after her hernia operation.
3. A count was taken and approximately 14 seniors will be attending Joe McMahon's funeral on Wednesday.
4. Paul entertained the group with hilarious church stories and jokes.

50/50—Mary Davis again had the winning ticket and received \$7.00 and \$7.00 went to the treasury.

Paul Blanchard led the closing prayer to the Holy Spirit and the meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Submitted by *Janet Sheerin, secretary*