

Altar Society Meeting – April 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Chalupa with 8 members present. Members present were Julie Brezenski, Janet Chalupa, Joan Wiese, Barb Wiczorek, Gina Woods, Geri Zaruba, Louise Vodehnal, Kim Adair.

Minutes from the previous meetings will be available online for public record, however in Sharon's absence March 2010 minutes were not available for review.

The financial report was read by Joan Wiese. The beginning balance was \$3040.81. Membership dues of \$5 were received, in addition a refund from Sam's for \$27.58. Our expenses were: \$100 to Shani Daws for Christian Student Fellowship donation; \$83.46 Copycat printing for fliers for Kirkpatrick benefit; \$10.69 Hobby Lobby for a guest book for Kirkpatrick's; \$226.00 Sam's Club for groceries for Kirkpatrick's benefit; \$64.19 kitchen supplies for 3-crock buffet server; \$135.00 Mid Nebraska Restaurant Supply for large can opener. Our ending balance was \$2,454.05. A motion was made by Julie Brezenski to approve the minutes; seconded by Gina Woods.

We discussed the benefit dinner that was held for Steve Kirkpatrick's family. Approximately 427 meals were served. This event was a large success due to the cooperative efforts between the Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus. A special thanks to all those who gave generously of their time and financial contributions. It was a great evening for their family to be encouraged by the support of their church and work friends. A concern was raised that we need to have a sign-up sheet for people to be assigned work shifts during the mass for special events like this.

Joan Wiese ordered a new ice maker for the church. It has been installed, and the church paid for it. The large can opener needs to be mounted. Joan will look into having this mounted in the kitchen, possibly on a portable "island" from JC Penneys.

Going Bananas for Jesus will be held next Spring at Central Catholic. Over 1000 banana splits will be served and the altar society was asked to help in this endeavor. We have accepted and more details will follow this winter. It is anticipated that 15 adults will need to be on-hand that day. All materials will be available at GICC, we just need to distribute and clean up.

Some discussion was held for a fall "fundraiser" to replace the annual spaghetti supper. Ideas included a themed dinner, a fall bazaar, a tailgate party, trunk-n-treat for Halloween, a boxed social, or a mother-daughter dinner. The fundraiser was tabled for future discussion.

Larry Kuta has offered us our choice to facilitate the Gathering Table in either June or November. We chose November. We will need to supply 5 people to help the Knights in June and they will plan the meal. We will plan the meal in November and they will supply 5 people to help. So far Gina, Julie, Paul and Kayla will plan to help the Knights in June. We will also ask Kay Job and her family to help.

Donations will be made to St. Lucia for \$150 to Renee Miller. Young Neighbors will be having their trip to an Indian reservation this summer and their needs will be assessed further with Michalene Iversen.

Geri Zaruba and Gina Woods have been asked to represent the Altar Society in plans for updating the kitchen and future needs with regard to the expansion project. They will keep us updated. Some articles mentioned were the possibility of including a fire wall, additional storage space for kitchen paper goods, recycling center, water softener, ventilation, and a tray return for funerals and large events.

Catechetical Sunday ideas were presented to have a yogurt bar and/or French toast instead of the casserole brunch that we had this past year.

The positions of president-elect and treasurer will be vacated this September. Joan Wiese has been a tremendous asset to the altar society in the past and we extend our gratitude to her for past service. Ann Ogden, Kim Wells, Rhonda Jenkins, Lisa Pebeck and Ellen May have been named as potential candidates for these positions.

Our next meeting will be held May 10, 2010 at El Toro. We will invite Father Mike to join us for a celebratory meal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.