

Assumption BVM Roman Catholic Church  
**Altar & Rosary Society**  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
6:00 PM

Attendees: 12 members

Peggy Anthony, Sue Bayer, Isa Bechtel, Pat Chandler, Gina Gabriel, Jane Fili, Erna Lake, Elsie Majerski, Elaine Meleski, Maria Nunley, Ruth Porter, Debby Snyder  
Fr. Arnout attended the meeting.

Elsie Majerski called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

Meeting Minutes of the May 16th Pizza Fun Night were read by Gina Gabriel.

Motion to accept minutes as read made by Elaine Meleski and seconded by Kathy Duckett.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account Balance = \$2512.61

Saving Account Balance = \$2285.52

No checks were written over the summer.

Expenses for the past year = \$5971.31

Income during the past year = \$2150

Motion to accept report as read made by Ruth Porter and seconded by Jane Fili.

### **Old Business**

1. The new pedestal for the Blessed Mother's statue is beautiful, paid for by A&R.

### **New Business**

#### **Meeting Calendar for 2018-19**

September 18, 7:30 PM -----  
October 16, 7:30 PM -----  
November 20, 7:30 PM -----  
December – Christmas Social – Date TBD  
January 15, 7:30 PM -----  
February 19, 7:30 PM -----  
March 19, 7:30 PM -----  
April 16, 7:30 PM -----  
May – Pizza Fun Night – Date TBD

#### **Refreshment Schedule:**

Debby Snyder & Ruth Porter  
Jane Fili & Pat Chandler  
Elaine Meleski & Sue Bayer  
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Elaine Meleski & Kathy Duckett  
Elsie Majerski & Gina Gabriel  
Erna Lake & Peggy Anthony  
Sue Bayer & Elsie Majerski  
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1. **Annual Dinner** in the church social hall, if we're going to have it, what would we serve? Spaghetti? Pork? Chicken? Sophie hasn't been consulted to date. Elsie and Sophie discussed a Pot Luck as an option several months ago.
  - How can you make money with pot luck?
  - Maria Nunley suggested Lasagna and Salad. She offered to make Lasagna and depend on someone to make the salad. She'd need help.
    - o A&R would pay for all ingredients.
    - o Make lasagna here in church kitchen. Ruth and Peggy offered to help and everyone else chimed in. Most think it's a good idea.
    - o Maria would make red and white/veggie types.
    - o We could advertise "Imported chef from Italy" makes homemade pasta!

Motion was made to hold the Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, November 10 by Ruth Porter. Friday, November 9, all A&R volunteers would work together to prepare the food

Offer 2 Sittings

All in favor – YES

Price - \$12.00 for adults includes dessert – BYOB

Contact the Town and Country Gazette – would they do a story on Maria – no charge?

- o Gina will call T&C and check – will they charge for an ad or do a story on Maria?

Do we submit an article or will a reporter interview her?

Maria suggested Tiramisu for dessert – Extra charge for this dessert?

Bring other desserts – Gelato for kids

Table this discussion until September – decide on the price, dessert, etc.

Maria will chair the dinner – Ruth will help

Elsie Majerski will call Wendy Abruzzi about her daughter doing posters for all of our events

Advertising options: AD times, other church bulletins?

Elsie and Gina will handle advertising.

Can we advertise in all the churches in the Slatington area? Fr. has a list he will share.

Elsie will reach out to Cindy Sander.

2. **Rosary in the Park** – October 13– Pat Chandler and Cindy Sander are taking care of details.

3. **Canal Festival** – October 21 –

Debby will chair the event as long as Holy Name men will help. Sue Bayer will check with Chris Bayer about getting volunteers.

4. **Breakfast with Holy Name in Spring**

- Tentative date is April 7, 2019
- Elsie will chair and contact Holy Name

5. **Basket Party**

- Elaine Meleski discussed event with 2 sisters – Colleen Fatzinger and Monica Peters  
They are willing to chair it in the spring - Late March/Early April – before everyone else has one in the area. They have a lot of friends they can contact.  
Elaine explained the process to them. Wonderful to have a new group of younger women interested in getting involved!  
They will contact Elsie and Cindy to pick a date
  - o Two dates available – April 7 or May 19?
  - o (March 24 would be best – switch w/original date chosen for Spring Breakfast)

6. **Chicken Dinner** – Mike and Tina Brogan had done a grilled chicken dinner a couple of years ago and donated the \$500 profit to the Church. They are willing to do it again.

- A&R would pay for supplies if they would make the dinner again
- Not available Sept. 15 or October 13      **SEPT 30?**      **OCT 14?**
  - o September 30 would be best per the church's activity schedule
  - o Bulletin ads and posters made for pre-orders. Deadline for orders is 7-10 days before event date
  - o BBQ chicken – 2 thighs and baked beans - \$6
  - o Pull pork sandwich on Kaiser - \$6 (no baked beans) with beans \$2 extra
  - o TAKE OUT only

- Cost – case of Chicken \$40; Pork - \$1.49 lb
- Set up a pick-up time – after Mass 9:30 – 1:00
  - Elaine will ask them if Sept. 30 works... decide pickup time
  - Elsie will email our members with the Brogan's decisions

Jane Fili questioned Fr. why men can't join women in the May procession. No particular reason why not and we'll ask them to join us at the 10:30 Mass.

Goals for coming year:

- Statue of Blessed Virgin needs to be repainted – Cost is approximately \$500
  - Colors of gown/veil are not correct per the gentleman who made the pedestal. He would do this work.
  - Finger needs repaired
  - Maria Nunley offered to pay for this work – very generous! Thank you, Maria.
- New chairs for the altar are ordered (used and redone). Existing altar chairs will be recovered to use in the chapel

7. **Cards** – If anyone has birthday, get well, (and sympathy) cards, please bring them in for Ruth Porter to use for people in the A&R and parish.

#### 8. **Communications**

- Thank you card received from Cindy Sander for the Secretary's Day gifts
- Thank you card received from Mrs. Steets re: sympathies upon Bob's death

#### 9. **Election of Officers** (2 year terms)

President: Kathy Duckett nominated Elsie Majerski  
 Elaine Meleski seconded  
 Elsie accepted

Vice President: Debby Snyder nominated Erna Lake  
 Pat Chandler seconded  
 Erna accepted

Secretary: Elsie Majerski nominated Gina Gabriel  
 Kathy Duckett seconded  
 Gina accepted noting that she will continue in the position but is not sure for how long – she may not complete the 2-year term

Treasurer: Jane Fili nominated Debby Snyder  
 Pat Chandler seconded  
 Debbie accepted

Several comments were made about the efficient jobs the officers are doing in their positions.

Installation of Officers will take place on October 7 at the 8:30 Mass

#### **Church / Altar Decorations:**

September – Elsie M.	March –
October – Sue B.	April – ALL
November – Kathy D.	May – Jane F.
December – ALL	June –
January – Erna L.	July –
February –	August –

**NOTE:** Remembering Krissy Steets at Moss Rehab in Jenkintown

Fr. Arnout closed in prayer, remembering especially Krissy Steets, and Ann Marie Scott who has several health concerns.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Regina Gabriel*

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Secretary