

## **ST ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2023**

Debbie Kassenbrock called the meeting to order at 6:15. She explained that we would be nominating new officers during the meeting and explained some about what those jobs entailed.

Dinner provided by Fr. Chris and the Officers was served.

As dinner was concluding, Our first speaker was Larry Cornett, Executive Director of Ozanam Shelter, who spoke about the work they do at the shelter to provide temporary housing for complete families, including Fathers, until they can get on their feet with jobs and housing. The facility has 18 rooms for families and is completely funded by donations and grants. He also reported that they routinely turn away as many as 10 inquiries daily, but they try to help them find help elsewhere. He expressed sincere gratitude for the work St. Anne has done for several years to provide towels and toiletries for the facility.

Our next speaker was Amanda Van Bussum, the founder of the Owensboro branch of Borrowed Hearts which serves the ministry of Foster Care. She gave a brief history of their first 4 years, and of her own personal journey in fostering to adoption.

New vestments supplied by Altar Society funds were on display.

Beth Kunkel read the Treasurer's report, approved by Jane Collins and seconded by Susan Hall.  
Berny gave the Secretary's report approved by Leslie Croce and seconded by Edie Simpson.

Debbie then began the nominating process for officers. Nominations were accepted and voted on by a show of hands.

The new slate for the term 2024-2025 is:

Stephanie Nellis taking over for Debbie Kassenbrock as President,  
April Van Polen taking over as Vice-President from Jenny Barry,  
Sharon Mhango taking over as Secretary from Berny Heitzman, and  
Stephanie Wagner taking over as Treasurer from Beth Kunkel

Everyone joined together in singing "Silent Night" and in closing prayers.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,