

Saint Alphonsus Church

Altar and Rosary Society Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – Parish Library

Members Present: Cathy Lampe, Mary Ann Messer, Jane Schinstock, Judy Warning, Jani Fitzpatrick, Eleanor Longfield, Chris Dodson, Vicki Lohmann, Doris Grilliot.

Call to Order: Vicki Lohmann

Opening Prayer: Hail Mary

Secretary Report: Doris reviewed minutes of the last meeting. Thank you notes from Barb Brown and Sister Kathy Knipper from Sisters of St. Francis were shared. Also, Members are reminded of the Bulletin Board for A&R organization. Minutes of the last meeting were posted there.

Treasurer Report: Cathy handed out a copy of the Treasurer Report. An Audit was completed by Jane Schinstock and will be included with the Treasury Report.

\$1,000 was donated for a Service Dog for a 13-year girl who has Epilepsy. The dog will cost \$23,000 and additional funding will be needed.

\$500.00 was donated for refurbishing of the old church bell that was removed from the old church prior to demolition. The bell will be placed in the church yard in a structure.

Committee Report:

Funeral Committee: Vicki reported that there were 4 funerals and lunch was provided by the A&R. Members continue to provide salads and desserts. Thanks Ladies.

Plans are underway for the funeral of Russell Hills youngest daughter leaving 4 small children behind. Donation of \$1,000 was given to the family to assist with expenses.

Old Business:

Old Thrashers – Members helped with the organization and providing food for the visitors.

Fall Festival – Members helped with the dinner, Country Corner and with the Auction. It takes many individuals to make it all happen. Thanks to those that gave donations for the Country Corner, to the Dinner and Auction. Thanks to you all.

Laundry – Members asked for a new list of people who volunteer to launder linen for the church. Vick said she would remind people who signed up.

Collection of Money after each Mass – Members question the process of collecting and counting the money. It was not clear how this was done.

New Business:

Doris mentioned the Cradle of Hope/Mothers home monetary collection that was announced in the Sunday Bulletin. Cathy shared information regarding the newsletter that was sent out in November from this organization. January is “Right to Life” month and money is needed for supplies, utilities, and general upkeep. There is a spring Banquet each year with an excellent speaker and is open to the public. Many educational classes are provided for the Parents and interested individuals. Information will be shared with the parish. The A&R organization donated \$500 to this organization to be used as needed.

Jane Schinstock reported the lighting of the parking lots around the church was inadequate. At night it was difficult to see well enough to be confident to find the vehicle to go home. Jane will contact a Parish Council Member to be reported to the Committee.

Mary Ann discussed the past practice of welcoming new babies and new parishioners.

The grant Kelley Tansey with Faith Formation has could be a key to connecting the new people who do not speak English so they could participate in the church activities. Mary Ann will follow up.

Date of the next meeting: April 9, 2025

Closing Prayer: Our Father

Secretary: Doris Grilliot