

**Saint Alphonsus Church**  
**Altar and Rosary Society Meeting Minutes**  
**January 14, 2023 @ 4:00 PM – Parish Library**

**Members present:**

Eleanor Longfield, Jane Schinstock, Cathy Lampe, Vicki Lohman, Chris Dodson, Rosemary Peck, Karen Stevens, Doris Grilliot

**Call to Order by:** Vicki Lohman

**Opening Prayer:** Hail Mary

**Secretary Report:** Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

Cathy Lampe handed out the year end Treasurer's Report. An end of year audit was completed by Laverne Hunting and Jani Fitzpatrick – results show records are correct. Cathy will provide a copy of the audit to be included with the minutes.

**Committee Reports:**

*Funeral committee:* Vicki reported that the table decorations used for funeral dinners and other events need to be replaced as the old ones are quite tattered. Jane Schinstock volunteered to find samples and will bring to the next meeting for choosing the favorite replacements.

In addition, members voiced concerns that the Manning kitchen needs some new utensils and supplies. Chris Dodson volunteered to post a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for people to jot down needed utensils/supplies.

*Altar and Sacristy Committee:* Historically there has been a sign-up sheet for members to sign up to launder the church linens which would include garments worn by our Priest, visitors, and mass servers. Members will review this practice.

**Old Business:**

*Altar and Rosary Society Handout to new members* – The handout is somewhat outdated and Doris will update it and submit for review at the next meeting.

*Development of a new directional page for Funeral Directors* – Vicki will work with the Funeral Directors. There was consensus among members to charge \$3.00 per plate for funeral dinners. Ladies from various Circles bring salads and deserts for the dinners. Others serve the dinner. Vicki oversees all the aspects of the funeral dinners.

*Celebration of Altar and Rosary Society* – Active for 80 years; 1942 – 2022. Members discussed having a mass, Group Rosary, and or perhaps a lunch. It was decided to revisit this in April.

*Communication* – Barb can send notices, information, minutes etc. to women of the parish via email, text, mail, phone. We will begin sending out the minutes quarterly to keep women informed.

*Constitution and By-Laws* – The document was approved by the members present. The document will be a guide for the Altar and Rosary Society and will be added to the parish website.

*Election of Officers* – Vicki announced she will be our President for another year. We have not found someone for the Vice President position at this time. Thanks, Vicki, for your dedication. Cathy will continue as Treasurer and Doris will continue as Secretary.

**New Business:**

Members present agreed to give Caroline Kilbourn \$200.00 in recognition of her years of leadership and providing music for the church. Caroline has retired recently. Thanks Caroline.

The St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry group is planning to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference for three days – 11/16-11/19 at Indianapolis. The group has been raising funds to help support the initiative. Members voted to donate \$1,000.00 to the Youth group to help with expenses.

Mom's Café is a new organization to support Mothers with children. Amy Bly is leading this group and met for the first time a week ago in Manning. She said there were approximately 14 attending. Vicki will contact Amy to offer assistance if needed.

**Pastor's comments:** Father Connelly stopped by to wish members well.

**Date of Next Meeting:** April 15, 2023 @ 4:00 PM in the Church Library

**Closing Prayer:** Our Father

**Secretary:** Doris Grilliot