

**Saint Alphonsus Church**  
**Altar and Rosary Meeting**  
**November 11, 2022 – 1:00 PM Church Library**

**Members Present:** Janni Fitzpatrick, Jane Schinstock, Vicki Lohmann, Caroline Kilbourn, Laverne Hunting, Cathy Lampe, Doris Grilliot

**Opening Prayer:** Hail Mary

**Call to Order by:** President Vicki Lohmann

**Secretary Report:**

Vicki passed out copies of the new Altar and Rosary Constitution and By-Laws document to members to review briefly prior to discussion. Doris Grilliot explained that the original document was not found and was able to draft a new one using examples from other churches. The document addressed the Mission, Membership, Officers, Meetings, Order of Business at Meetings, Committees, Amendments, and Authority. There was discussion of defining the responsibilities of the Officers and of the various committees. Members mentioned adding a Decorating Committee and a Kitchen Committee. There is also a group that makes Rosaries.

Laverne called several parishes in the area to find out information on their Altar and Rosary organizations. She found that not all parishes had Altar and Rosary organizations and handle those responsibilities in other ways. She felt the Altar and Rosary Organization was important for our parish.

Jane Schinstock provided an example of a paper that is handed out to new women of the parish to introduce them to the Altar and Rosary Organization.

**Treasurers Report:**

Cathy Lampe handed out the Treasurer Report for year 2022. Vicki appointed Laverne and Janni Fitzpatrick to the Audit Committee to review the document. The report will be submitted after completed. Cathy reported she already has a second signature on checks written.

**Correspondence:**

Doris suggested that we have a method of communication with the women of our parish to share events, the meeting minutes and other news important to our organization. The method of communication would be through text, e-mail, phone or letter. After communication with Barb Brown, she will develop a list so communication will be possible.

Vicki reported that Deb Savage called and requested a donation of 2 turkeys for the community dinner. Vicki will send over 2 turkeys.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Funeral Dinner Committee:**

Vicki manages the funeral dinners, coordinating with the funeral directors and families. Discussion was centered on charging versus not charging. Vicki will develop a new page of instructions on handling/planning the funeral dinner and then will provide the information to the funeral directors. This organization will continue to provide dinners and charging a small fee.

### **New Business:**

Doris mentioned that The Altar and Rosary Society was started in 1942 which means it's been in operation for 80 years. Should we celebrate? After some discussion members decided to address a celebration in January.

**Closing Prayer:** Our Father

Next Meeting: January 14, 2023 in the Church Library at 4:00 PM.

**Minutes by Secretary:** Doris Grilliot