

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2026

Attendees:

Rita Holtkamp, Shirley Gabel, Betty Mohrfeld, Dorothy Schulte, Kristie Woolever, Deb Nagel, Holly Ritter, Mary Jo Mertens, Linda APnther, Rita Schneider, Kathy Osipowicz, Megan McCoy, Karen Robbins, Jean Anderson, Judy Pauley, Cindy Sparrow, Katie Englund.

Meeting called to order at 9am.

Previous minutes were read into the record and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read by Shirley G in Teresa Panther's absence. One amendment was made to add the cost for the projector screen by Linda Panther (discussion item #8) and the report was accepted and entered into the record.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Funeral luncheons. A comment was made that A&R received generous donations for hosting recent funerals. How do we better recruit and communicate with volunteers while engaging as many women as possible? Options discussed were texting vs. phone calls, and the best ways to track responses from Circle members.
2. Jill Stull fund for those in need. She distributes \$600 a month. Pausing the program during the summer as well as looking at other options to best assign the funds were discussed. No conclusion. Tabled till September while options are considered. (We also briefly discussed the availability of the "Helping Hands Fund" that is available for certain 'one-off' situations, available through the church office.)
3. Officer election. Nominations that were tabled from previous meeting were accepted and voted on as follows: Shirley Gabel as Pres, Deb Nagel as VP, Dorothy Schulte as Secretary and Teresa Panter will remain as Treasurer. Betty Mohrfeld so moved. Linda Panther seconded. All vote aye.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Meeting details. Discussion regarding meeting day & time, notifications and the reading of the minutes. ON THE **FIRST THURSDAY** OF THE MONTH, A&R WILL ATTEND **8AM MASS** (to be said for the women of the parish) PRAY THE **ROSARY** AND CROSS THE STREET TO THE **PARISH HALL** FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING. THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE **BULLETIN** AND THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S **MINUTES** WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE

CHURCH WEBSITE FOR REVIEW. Motion by Jean Anderson. Seconded by Linda Panther. All vote aye.

5. Drive In Movie night: Kelly G is planning a movie night in MacHall's parking lot in October. 10 votes against and 1 in favor. Motion failed.
6. God's Portion Day. Will A&R provide dinner for GPD attendees on Saturday evening and desserts for Friday's Fish Fry and Saturday's Bake Sale? Discussion followed. Decision tabled.
7. Holiday bazaar: The Sunday prior to Thanksgiving this year is November 22nd. How best to raffle off the quilt to be donated was discussed and tabled. Committee leads were assigned as follows: Cooking: Rita Holtkamp, Raffle Ticket and poster creation: Linda Panther; Craft Room: Teresa Panther & Jean Anderson; Decorating: Holly Ritter; Raffle Ticket Sales: Rita Schneider & Sandy Martinez; Kids Zone: Megan McCoy; Bake Sale: Libby (absent); Santa Claus: Betty Mohrfeld; Cake Walk: Katie Englund.

(Judy Pauley mentioned that there were bins of decorations in the garage by Mac Hall that likely belong to A&R and can be used for the bazaar)

The suggestion was made to have a sign-up sheet for helpers for those various committees for those who do not attend A&R meetings so they can easily see what help is needed. Place sheets at the back of Church, at the SHE gatherings, put a reminder in the bulletin. It was also discussed to use the same method as the "Seven Sisters" prayer circle that went out through Flock Notes and you could sign up online. Also, could we post on the parish Facebook page.
8. Projector & Screen: Linda Panther brought receipts from Mike. \$9805.90 is the total cost. This is higher than originally expected because the projector needs to go behind the screen due to the height of the ceiling at Roling Hall and these items are more expensive. A recent donation to A&R will pay for approximately half of this item.
9. Next meeting is set for **September 3** at Roling Hall after Mass and the Rosary. Approximately 9 am.
10. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.

RECORDED BY DOROTHY SCHULTE