

Holy Transfiguration Ladies Guild
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2019
Conference room

1. Call to order/opening Prayer
 - President of the Ladies Guild, Deaconess Cathy Baroody, called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.
 - In attendance were: Samar Annab, Deaconess Cathy Baroody, Anne Benedicto, Deaconess Linda Black, Diana Badra, Courtney Byrum, Julie Chrusch, Deaconess Sylvia Dorham, Neva Farrah, Melanie Graves, Khourieh Judy Handal, Georgianna Kostak, Kaffa Massis, Tyra Nuar, Monica Ortiz, JoEllen Quint, Carrie Severino, Assi Spaulding and Sarah Wingerter.
 - Proto Deacon David Baroody opened the meeting with the Troparion of the Transfiguration and a prayer
2. Approval of October 6, 2019 meeting minutes
3. Board and Committee Chair reports: Cathy Baroody
 - Pastor:
 - Feeling the tremendous loss of Father Joseph; carry on his legacy “keep things going the way I taught you”
 - Hospitality:
 - Thanked the women, men, parishioners for the love and hospitality over the last month [beautiful to witness]; gives strength
 - A very special thank you to Samar Annab for her dedication (even while her husband was recovering), and to Nikki Haddad for stepping in to help, with the Bishop’s visit and Fathers funeral; true testament to ‘perceiving a need and responding to it’
 - Events:
 - Very successful events: A Walk in the Kingdom, October 25, 2019, and An Invitation to the Kingdom, October 27, 2019; thank you to Protodeacon David for his presentations
 - Treasurer:
 - As of November 29, 2019, the Ladies Guild balance is \$30, 435.60; to date: 60 paid members of the guild
 - Publicity:
 - There has been a beautiful photo album started to chronicle our ‘year in review’; please submit any photos you have as we go through the year to be added to this album.
 - Mariah Khalil Shea has offered to assist in chronicling these photos through Shutterfly, more details to follow
4. Unfinished Business:
 - Feast Day Vesper Meals and Coffee Hour Hosts are needed; coffee hours are the responsibility of the Ladies Guild, Feast Day agape’s are the responsibility of the parish – contact person, Deaconess Melissa Olt [Ladies Guild helping when and where we can]; possibly ask that there be an announcement for support from the altar, also let the parish know that if there is not a volunteer for a particular Sunday or Feast Day, there will be no coffee that day or evening
5. New Business:
 - Christmas Agape this year will be a ‘beautiful marriage of the past and present’; Samar Annab will coordinate a Christmas breakfast that will be served following the Christmas Liturgy; Samar happily accepts donations towards this great event

- Lillian Barron sketched a beautiful picture of Father Joseph; it was Father Joseph's wish that there not be pictures of him hanging in the church; there was discussion to frame the sketch and hang it in the Sacristy along with many of our beloved clergy;

MOTION:

Georgiana Kostak motioned to have the Ladies Guild pay for the purchase of a frame for the sketch to be hung in the Sacristy alongside the other clergy; Carrie Severino seconded the motion; all were in favor; the motion carries

- Georgianna discussed having a bronze plaque made with Father Joseph's image on it to dedicate the Sunday School wing to Father Joseph, it was suggested the plaque be mounted just inside the hallway to the Sunday School wing; all were in favor and supported this suggestion

Upcoming Events:

- Next Book Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019, 9: 30 a.m.; please join the conversation even if you haven't read the book, good times with one another
- Father's 40 day memorial will be Sunday, December 22, 2019; the Sunday School typically has a Christmas Pageant but this year, instead, the Sunday School invites you to a 'Christmas through song' featuring hymns and carols [the Christmas Carol list that has been approved by Father Joseph]
- Thank you to Tanya Attal and the Sunshine Committee for a very successful, first ever, Senior Social, November 2, 2019; starting in January 2020, there will a Senior Social scheduled monthly; the next Senior Social is scheduled for January 4, 2020, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Deaconess Linda Black is accepting flower donations; forms are in the Narthex

The next meeting of the Ladies Guild is scheduled for January 5, 2020

6. Closing Prayer/Spiritual Reflection

- In Bianca's absence, Deaconess Cathy read the following:

Give your intentions in prayer to God, Who knows everyone, even before our birth. And do not ask that everything will be according to your will, because a man does not know what is profitable for him. But say to God: Let Thy will be done! For He does everything for our benefit.

(St. Gennadius of Constantinople, The Golden Chain, 47)

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.