

Holy Transfiguration Ladies Guild Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Samar Annab, Tanya Attal, Samira Bailey, Cathy Baroody, Mary Baroody, Kristen Berg, Nancy Betress, Linda Black, Bianca Botty, Courtney Boutte, Sylvia Dorham, Nawal Hadeed, Sylvia Hadeed Hondros, Judy Handal, Lani Kanakry, Heidi Kaska, Georgianna Kostak, Tyra Nuar, Melissa Olt, JoEllen Quint, Melissa Weiciech

I. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER:

12:20pm - Opened meeting with prayer by Protodeacon David

12:24pm - Approval of prior meeting minutes

II. BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Treasurer: Samira reported our balance as \$23,831.92
Donations were given in both Betty and Elsie Ashooh's name.
We were reimbursed for two mercy meals and a donation from families.

Fundraising: Inventory took place on 9/9/19. Preparation for holiday sweets will begin on Thursday, Oct. 3 with butter rendering. The first bake is one week later.

Membership: Reminder that LG Membership Tea is approaching.
Committee heads will be asked to present a 2-3 minute description about their committee and its various responsibilities.

Hospitality: Date has changed and Bishop Nicholas will be visiting the parish the weekend of Nov. 15-17. Samira suggested we pay for meals for Bishop's visit from the building fund. Deaconess Linda put forth a motion, Nancy seconded the motion and all present voted yes. Bishop will be at the church for Vespers on the 16th, and Liturgy on the 17th. Families of the clergy that will be blessed by the Bishop, can speak to Jaqi and Monica about providing meal for parish. The ladies have put together a menu of meals that families can provide for the occasion. There was some discussion about possibly having the church provide the meals in celebration of the blessing of clergy, but no final decision was reached.

Suggestion was put forth that the men's group recruit volunteers for the vespers and feast day meals for the church. Reminder given that sign-up for meals is in the kitchen hung on the freezer.

Flowers: Deaconess Linda encouraged us to donate for flowers in the church. Suggestion given to encourage attendees at the Tea to donate and also remind others to donate because the only money that is received is through donations and the cost per year comes to about \$3500. It is **very important not** to use the donation envelopes for flowers. Simply **give donations directly to Deaconess Linda** or else she may not receive it for flowers.

Sunshine Committee: Card was signed and sent on behalf of Ladies Guild to Neevah Farrah.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events: LG Welcome Tea 9/21 2:00pm

Kings and Queens of the Kingdom 9/27 at 7:30pm

Parish Clean-up Day 9/28 at 9:00am

A Walk in the Kingdom 10/25 at 7:30pm

Invitation to the Kingdom 10/27 following Liturgy

Lani put forth motion to donate \$250 from LG for these events, and it was seconded by Samira. The vote to approve the donation was unanimous.

IV. NEXT MEETING DATE:

October 6th , 12:15pm

V. CLOSING PRAYER/SPIRITUAL REFLECTION:

Protodeaconess Cathy read a quote from Fr. Antony:

“Do we think we can follow Christ only when it pleases us or matches our opinions? That is not so. It’s all or nothing. Are there some areas in our lives that are exempt from the Gospel? Of course not, so we musn’t fool ourselves. Something has to give and that something is our opinions and personal gripes, our likes and dislikes, our fears and desires. ‘Be transformed by the renewing of your mind,’ says St. Paul and if that doesn’t mean the transformation of everything in our minds that isn’t holy, isn’t compassionate, isn’t like Christ himself, then I don’t know what it means. We grow into Christ by subtraction, not by addition. Opening our hearts to him, we let go of all things that have no place in His Kingdom of peace, joy and love.” - Fr. Antony

VI. ADJOURNMENT

1:12 pm - meeting ended