

LADIES AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

On Thursday, September 14, the Ladies Auxiliary met with the Knights for the Rosary. Afterwards, the Ladies Auxiliary met in the Father McGivney Room at Our Lady of Lourdes. President Sue Ward called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays for June to September are as follows:

Bindus, Annette	7/18
Bruen, Diane	8/24
Johnson, Karen	9/7
Jude, Jane	8/29
Kowalkowski, Harriette	6/14
Loseke, Elsie	6/3
Malik, Theresa	6/16
McCurdy, Barbara	8/13
Raucus, June M	7/7
Ward, Susan	8/31

The members joined together in singing “Happy Birthday.”

Prayers are needed for Dianne Charlebois, Gail Perrault (Ray’s wife) – making progress from knee surgery, Matthew Alexander, and Herb Strider – Knight, Pat Michel – back problems, and Alice Moldanado – friend of Dianne’s, Randy Leuer, Shawn Leuer, Gladys McMichael, Denise Hirth, Paris Adams, Ted Adams, and Josh Rylko.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Secretary’s report – The minutes of the May 11 meeting were read by Dorothy Alexander. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report – The treasurer’s report was given by Harriette Kowalkowski; she reported a balance of \$5,410.56. An audit of the treasurer’s books was held in June - the end of the fiscal year. Harriette Kowalkowski reported that everything went well on the audit.

Membership report - Membership report was given by Elsie Loseke. There are 31 members, and 27 have paid. There are 14 members present at tonight’s meeting. Connie Adams introduced herself and she may be a prospective member. Her husband, Richard McFarland is a Knight.

Sunshine report – Anyone needing encouragement or a little sunshine, please inform Marie.

Historian report – President Sue Ward informed us about the scrapbook. Copies have been made of all photos taken by Gracie taken at installation. Photos will be available at the October meeting. Many thanks to Gracie for being the photographer.

Officer election for 2023 – 2024

Installation went very well. Great comments – great choice of food. The food was delicious. Thanks to EVERYONE for helping to set up and clean up!

Upcoming Dues for 2023 – 24

After a discussion, it was moved and seconded that our dues be \$15. Denise Hirth made the motion that our dues be \$15. Connie Adams seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Members are asked to mail checks for dues or bring dues to the October meeting.

NEW/UPCOMING BUSINESS

Spiritual Adoption / Baby Shower

President Sue Ward reported that **we will be holding a baby shower on Thursday, October 12**, after our general meeting. Katie Wing from First Way will be here. Volunteers to help set up! Please check the The First Way Lifelines Newsletter for August to see the list of items needed; items listed are diapers, diaper bags, activity & tummy time mats, booster chairs, strollers, and gift cards—Walmart, Walgreens, and Staples. (Please see list in First Way Pregnancy Center Lifelines newsletter for specifics.) The Knights will be participating and contributing \$250.

Charity Donations

The following suggestions have been made for charitable donations. The entire group will need to vote on charity giving. Recommendations at the last meeting included:

\$750.00 to Valley View Food Bank;
\$750.00 to First Way Pregnancy
\$500.00 to Full Circle
\$500.00 to Posse
\$500.00 to St Vincent De Paul

Denise Hirth also suggested SCYSAC (Sun Cities, Youngtown Special Activities Center) as a charity. Denise explained SCYSAC to the members.

It was suggested that SCYSAC be added to the list for a donation of \$500. A motion was made to accept all the suggestions for donations. The motion was made by Denise Hirth to accept all six recommendations as listed above. Mary Gronke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

50/50 Raffle – Our winner this evening is Connie Adams. Connie donated her winnings of \$15.

Closing Prayer - As our closing prayer, all joined in reading “With Hearts on Fire.”

Motion to Adjourn – Denise Hirth moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Collette Hoover. Our meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Dorothy Alexander, Alternate Recording Secretary