**Minutes of the Guardian Angels Altar Society Meeting**

**November 9, 2023**

**Meeting was called to order by Mary Cochran at 6:31 p.m.**

**Announcement of Quorum –** Quorum was met. There were 21 members present and 3 board members.

**Opening Prayer** – Opening prayer was said by Father Chris.

**Approval of minutes –** Kathy Gerrets moved to approve the minutes from the September 21st meeting. It was seconded by Sue Oetzel. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Introduction of New Members** – There were no new members present.

**Father Chris Report –** Father Chris addressed the major gifts to the church subject. He was thankful for the help of the Altar Society members in suggesting and helping obtain the items in the past. Going forward the Altar Society will ask Father for suggestions of things we could help obtain.

**Secretary’s Report –** Kathy Gerrets reported that the Altar Society sent out 14 Welcome cards to 19 new members and a Thank You card was sent to Christy Kaszubski in thanks for her leadership and many projects she helped with over her years as president. There are currently 77 members who returned the cards for membership and possibly a few more that came in without the cards. The website will be updated by early December and the list of members for 2023-2024 uploaded. Kathy also reported that there did not seem to be any interest in a Christmas Party at this time with so many other activities going on. Chris Wittkopp suggested we think about an “After-Holiday” Party. We will need a chairperson so we will discuss at the January meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report –** Tom Cochran gave the report and it was filed.

**Committee Updates:**

**Christmas Concert –** Ed Miller reported that the Concert is set for December 3 at 2:00 p.m. He passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers for setting-up, making cookies, serving and clean up. Several members signed up at the meeting.

**Breakfast with Santa –** Chris Wittkopp reported that all preparations are in place and sign-ups are continuing until the weekend Masses of November 18 and 19.

**Giving Tree –** Kathy Gerrets reported that the tags from the Headstart program were received this week and there are about 76 children. The trees will be up starting the weekend of November 18 -19. The Embrace Pregnancy Center sent a list of their needs and over 100 ornaments were made by the team – Patty Montler, Fran Szoke and Mary Kay Gurbis. The Headstart group also needs athletic and sweat pants – sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6. All information will be in the bulletin and signs on the trees.

**Scholarship Committee** – Marcia Kusnyer and Father Chris reported that a final draft of the application is completed and passed around a copy. The amount of the Scholarship will be $2000.00 to one graduating student whose family belongs to the parish.

**Décor Committee –** Chairperson position still open. Father Chris reported he is in contact with the committee members to have them decorate for the upcoming holiday decorations.

**New Business:**

**Charitable Gifts –** Paul Cevasco presented information about Share a Christmas sponsored by the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis. Father Chris made a motion to provide a charitable gift of $1000 from the Altar Society for 4 families ($250 each). Mary Jo Regennitter seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Meeting Times** – The meetings next year will be held on the third Tuesday of every other month instead of Thursdays. The change is due to conflicting meetings on some Thursdays. The dates: January 16, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17 and November 19 for General Membership meetings. There will be a special meeting in April for voting for Board members – date to be determined.

**Nominations** – Nominations for Board positions will be accepted at the January and March meetings. Voting to take place in April. If anyone is interested the duties of the Board members are outlined in the By-laws.

**Closing Prayer** – The Closing prayer was said by Father Chris

**Ajournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Gerrets.