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

**January 28, 2025**

**Call to Order –** the meeting was called to order by Susie Loulan at 6:35 p. m.

**Opening Prayer –** Father Chris said the opening prayer.

**Announcement of Quorum –** Quorum was met. There were 4 board members and 13 members present.

**Approval of Minutes -**Karen Wiatrowski made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19th meeting. Diane Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Introduction of New Members** -there were no new members at the meeting.

**Secretary’s Report –** Kathy Gerrets reported that the Altar Society received 3 thank you notes. One from Father Chris for the Christmas gift, a letter from Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club for the donation of $1000 for the Share-A-Christmas program that helped 55 local families with food and a note from the Reboudo family for the gift card for their new baby. The Altar Society gave Louie and Elizabeth Reboudo an Amazon gift card for $150. Kathy also reported that the Altar Society scheduled a Mass on Sunday, April 6th at 11 a.m. for Karen Wiatrowski’s brother, Richard Davis who recently passed away. Kathy also reminded the members that we could send a get well card to any members that are ill so please let us know.

**Treasurer’s Report –** Cheryl Fuhrer presented the final budget for 2025. A copy will be in the website soon. Kathy Gerrets made a motion to approve the budget and Mary Kay Gerrets seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Cheryl also went over the income producing events – The Easter Candy sale, the Annual Picnic, the Casa Del Rio fundraiser and membership dues.

**Committee Reports –**

**Breakfast with Santa –** Michele Calderone and Chris Wittkopp were the co-chairpersons. Michele reported that there were 56 children, 66 adults and 18 volunteers at the breakfast. The photos were good but next year they might change the way the pictures are printed since it was time consuming. Everyone seemed to have a really good time. Chris Cevasco mentioned that it was nice to have the Breakfast and the PSR Christmas concert that night on the same day.

**Giving Tree –** Kathy Gerrets reported that 94 children from the Barberton Headstart program received individual gifts from Guardian Angels parishioners. The Embrace Pregnancy Clinic also received an overwhelming amount of items. The Giving Tree team – Patty Montler, Fran Szoke, Mary Kay Gurbis and Kathy made 4 trips to the Clinic with two or more cars full of items.

**Coffee & Sweets –** Cheryl Fuhrer reported that all went well on Sunday, January 26th. There were very few donuts left over. The next Coffee & Sweets will be Sunday, March 2nd and will be the last one until after Lent. Father Chris advised that some PSR students will be helping out too.

**Christmas Concert** – Ed Miller reported that there will not be a Christmas Concert at Guardian Angels this year since the group has decided to perform at a different venue this time.

**Scholarship** – Judy Stecz reported that they received one entry. Father Chris advised that the 2025 form is now in the Altar Society website. The deadline for applications is March 14th.

**Unfinished Business** – none at this time.

**New Business –**

**Lenten Supper –** Cheryl Fuhrer and Kathy Gerrets will again be the co-chairpersons of this event. It will be held before the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 11th at 5:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to donate soups and to work at this event. Father Chris reported that the PSR students will present the Stations that night. Cyndi Rossi asked if we would allow the Ceramic Bowls to be sold for the Empty Bowls charitable organization and it was acceptable.

**Christ Child Event** – Martha Mosher reported that there will be a Mass and brunch at Guardian Angels on Saturday, March 22nd for the Christ Child Corporate Communion event. She advised that they are hoping to get volunteers from PSR teenagers to help with some things such as helping hang up coats. We will send an email to the Altar Society members about this and also advised Martha to talk to Lisa Covington about PSR students.

**Father Chris Updates –** Father Chris reported that the new Stations of the Cross will be installed before Lent begins on March 5th. The existing Stations will be moved to the Gathering Hall to preserve them. He advised about Louie’s baby – born January 14th – about 6 ½ pounds – Mom and baby doing fine. Father also advised about the Game Changers – men’s breakfast meeting – it will be on Saturday, February 8th and is full as of now. There will also be a parish fun event – Casino Night -Saturday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person and limited to 120 – information in the bulletin. Father advised the Directory is coming along – still some work to do. Father advised tax statements were sent via email. He also talked about the front doors of the church that are broken. The motor broke and a replacement is ordered but the part comes from France and probably need to wait for the weather to improve.

**Adjournment** – Cheryl Fuhrer made a motion to adjourn and Karen Wiatrowski seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.