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

**September 17, 2024**

**Call to Order –** meeting was called to order by Susie Loulan at 6:32 p.m.

**Announcement of Quorum –** Quorum was met. There were 4 board members and 17 members present.

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Karen Wiatrowski moved to approve the minutes from the July 16th meeting. It was seconded by Andrea Lindner.

**Introduction of new members** – There were no new members present at the meeting.

**Father Chris’s Report –** Father Chris mentioned the fundraising dinner at Casa Del Rio on October 14th. Flyers will be available at all the Masses the next few weeks to obtain the 25% portion of proceeds. Father also advised that there will be a Feast Day dinner on October 2nd after 5:30 p.m. Mass. The dinner will be Angel Hair pasta and Angel Food cake. Signup sheets will be at all the Masses the next few weeks. Father also advised that additional stained glass windows for the front of the church are currently being made. They will be an extension of the top ones – the sun and rays continuing. There will be an insert in the bulletin soon. The cost is $16000 and there will not be a fundraising drive but if anyone wants to donate towards this see Father. He also advised that Mark Kramer and Mary Blough, the financial team here at Guardian Angels, noticed in their reviews that the Altar Society account has had a balance of at least $5000 even after expenses for the last few years and that they recommended we transfer this amount to an interest bearing account that has no penalty for withdrawal. They will research and find the best account type and let us know at the next meeting and it will be voted on.

**Secretary’s Report –** Kathy Gerretsread two thank you cards – from Chris Cevasco thanking for the Mass for Paul’s mother and from Matthew Luecke for the scholarship. Kathy also reported that there were 87 paid memberships so far. The membership drive will end September 30th.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Cheryl Fuhrer reported the current balance in the account – over $14000. This did not include all of the picnic proceeds yet.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**Scholarships –** Judy Stecz and Marcia Kusnyer reported that there is a notice in the bulletin about several service items that high school students can do as service to the parish for part of the scholarship application.

**Unfinished Business –** See notes in Father Chris report about 1st Annual Guardian Angels Feast day and Casa Del Rio fundraiser

Picnic – there will be a meeting on September 24 for followup

**New Business** – Theresa Balogh and Cyndi Rossi asked if they could combine the Empty Bowl fundraiser for the Outreach Center with the Lenten Supper. Everyone thought it was a good idea and Father Chris said maybe we could have other events for this too.

Ed Miller advised that the New Horizons Christmas Concert will be on Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m. The Altar Society usually provides cookies, snacks, refreshments after this. Plans will be discussed further at the November meeting. Ed also asked Father if Guardian Angels would allow the American Legion to hold a car rally in the parking lot. Father said probably ok and they will discuss dates and details at a later date.

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Father Chris said the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT** – the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.