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

**November 19, 2024**

**Call to Order –** meeting was called to order by Susie Loulan at 6:36 p.m.

**Announcement of Quorum –** Quorum was met. There were 4 board members and 11 members present.

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

**Updates and report from Father Chris –** Father asked if anyone had any questions about the financial report. About 75% of the total of Foundation for Tomorrow pledges – about $1,200,000 -have been received. Father also reminded everyone about the upcoming Christmas events – Breakfast with Santa on December 7 and the PSR Christmas concert also on December 7 after the 5 p.m. Mass. Also the New Horizon Group concert on Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m. Father also advised that there will be only one Mass on Christmas Day – 10 a.m. due to past years low attendance at the 2 Masses and Mike and choir having to do 4 Masses in 2 days. There will still be 2 Masses on Christmas Eve. Father also showed one of the Stations of the Cross that he purchased from Henninger’s. These were from a closed parish – Christ the King. Father made a request that the Altar Society donate $4500 for these. Later in the meeting Sue Oetzel made a motion to give $4500 to Father Chris to pay for the Stations and Susie Loulan seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The current Stations will be installed in the basement to preserve them. Father also has some plans for events in 2025 – Father/Son breakfast before Super Bowl and Casino night. More information will follow once dates and plans are made.

**Approval of Minutes –** Karen Wiatrowski made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17th meeting. Sue Oetzel seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

**Secretary Report** – Kathy Gerrets reported the final count of members from the September drive is 99 members. She also advised that the deadline for the bulletins will be early – Monday instead of Wednesday -until the end of the year if anyone has any items. Kathy also advised that there are now plastic hooks on the sides of the square trash cans to hold the trash bags and big rubber bands on the round ones. This was an FYI for anyone who will be working any events in the kitchen.

**Treasurer’s Report –** Cheryl Fuhrer reported the total funds are over $17000. She met with a PNC representative and the Altar Society will be moving some funds to a Certificate of Deposit to earn interest. The budget was discussed and finalized and Cheryl will provide the final version to be voted on at the January meeting. Cheryl reported that the total profit from the picnic was $7573.

**Committee Reports –**

**Giving Tree –** Kathy Gerrets reported the trees were put up the weekend of Nov 16-17 and all the Headstart program ornaments were taken. Most of the Embrace Pregnancy center ornaments were also taken.

**Scholarship –** Judy Stecz and Marcia Kusnyer reported no activity yet but the scholarship forms are available in the back of the church and will be on the website in early 2025.

**Coffee and Sweets** – Cheryl Fuhrer reported the next event will be January 19th.

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

**New Business –** the members decided that we will again donate our $1000 charitable funds to Share-A-Christmas through the Kiwanis Club. Paul Cevasco made the motion to do so and Cheryl Fuhrer seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Adjournment** – Patty Smetzer made a motion to adjourn and Sue Oetzel seconded it. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at. 7:24 p.m.