**MINUTES**

**OLMC PARISH SOCIETY MEETING**

**September 10, 2014**

President Don Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and opened with an Our Father.

Present: Don Lynch, Bill & Gladys Hruska, Keely Mueterthies, Geraldine Busta, Anita McGowan, Jane Lynch, Duane Wurzer and Secretary Grace Arens. Guest Lauren Kuehner.

The agenda and minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasures Report: Keely Mueterthies went over the income and expenses for the past month. The checkbook shows a balance of $4,086. Keely shared a letter she received from Bank Iowa stating that, “Up to 150 free transactions per statement cycle…Low per transaction fee of $.25 for each item over the 150 free transactions.” Keely assured everyone that we will not exceed the 150 transactions in a month.

Don welcomed Lauren Kuehner who addressed several issues. Lauren said that he wanted to know of any complaints or issues the Society had. He has had a few complaints about the messy Gold Room and garbage not being hauled out immediately. Discussion was held. He also stated that the ladies bathroom was in complete disarray after the last wedding. He questioned the ordering of supplies, and it was decided that Gladys and Lauren will work together to do this. Lauren stated he has ordered a larger size garbage container. Everyone thanked Lauren for coming and stated he was doing a good job and to please keep it up. Lauren left the meeting.

**Old Business**:

The August 16 supper was well attended.

**New Business**:

Martin Ahrndt, FF, had sent an email and a letter to all members stating his concerns over the order of the Gold Room after events. He stated that Cathy and he spend time adding & rearranging tables & chairs to a “normal” set-up, and sometimes have to wipe down chairs & tables. He asks that someone is designated to do follow-up. Don informed the members that he made a telephone call to Martin and feels that the problem was addressed. Everyone agreed that they will try to monitor events; however, keep in mind that most of these people are different every time and are volunteers.

Coffee, sandwich & bars will be served Sat., Sept. 14 after Mass, ½ of Circle 12 will be called to work and bring a pan of bars.

First Communicants & Confirmandi will be honored at the Sat., Oct. 11, Soup Supper. Invites will be sent. They would like Father to make an announcement if possible that this is in their honor.

All Soul’s Mass will Sat., Nov. 8, since on Nov. 1, OLMC does not have Mass. A Soup Supper will be in their remembrance, and invites will be sent to the families of the deceased.

Flowers & church decorations were discussed. It was decided that if anything needs to be done, e.g. water plants, or repot them, to go ahead and do so.

A rhetorical question about the heating & cooling system was asked.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014 and with consensus will begin at 6:00pm, as will all following meetings.

Respectfully Submitted by

Grace Arens, Secretary

**Addendum to**

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Grace send emails to the members that an Office Staff meeting was held on Thursday, Sept. 11. She was told that the Confirmation Students are scheduled to have a retreat on Sun., Oct. 12. Therefore, it would be wise to move the Soup Supper to Sat, Oct. 25, which is the next time OLMC, will have Mass. At that time Father would like to make mention that the Soup Supper will be in their honor. Father also requested that the invites include a RSVP so he is sure that they will be at the Mass.

Father approved the All Soul’s Mass for Sat, Nov. 8, and the Parish Society will send out letters, etc, as in past years.