

OLM SENIOR GEMS SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING 8/31/2010

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Joan Campion. Joan offered the Our Father as our opening prayer.

IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Watts , Joan Campion , Joanne Whetter, Roland Vercillo, Ann Borberg, Cheryl Hartnett, Mary Houdek, Margaret Mary Powers, Pat Feinberg and Betty Williams.

REPORTS

Cheryl Hartnett reported that we have 37 members who have already paid their 2010/2011 dues and expects to receive more at the next meeting. Some have paid by cash, others by check. She will have a more complete list later this year.

Ann Borberg reported that Treasury has a balance of \$5,242.91 on hand but noted that this includes money to be spent for the Installation Luncheon and the trip to Our Lady of the Snows. After those two items are paid for we should have a better idea of our operating balance.

Ann also submitted for review a form she designed for submitting expenses to the Treasurer for reimbursement. These forms will then be filed so that we will have a record of our expenses. She then raised the question of how much of an expense one could incur without seeking pre-approval by the board. To that question, the previous board had stated that expenses of \$50 or more need pre-approval.

Betty Williams distributed several copies of the August General Meeting minutes for review. Betty also mentioned the upcoming Stewardship event at which we need a table or booth set up by the Senior Gems and some item to be raffled off. It was decided that we will have a signup sheet at the next meeting to obtain persons to cover the booth after each of the Masses.

Joanne Whetter, Sunshine Committee Chairman reported the following September birthdays: Dominic Culotta, 9/8; Zenida Averion and Jolene LeRoy, September 18, Dolores Christensen, 9/27, Mary Lou McElligott and Ruth Morse, 9/29. She also read a thank you note from Nancy Bejger and mentioned that we are having a Mass said for Mary Lou Higley at 9:00 AM on September 12.

Margaret Mary Powers will obtain information from Julie Ranieri on Hospitality resources at the next meeting. Diane Watts has also offered her assistance. Margaret Mary will be circulating signup sheets for handling refreshments for upcoming meetings at the next General Meeting.

Pat Feinberg on the Entertainment Committee said that she is considering having us go back to attending a Movie each month and then evaluating it after. She said she is open

to suggestions from any members and would appreciate any help as two people who were going to work with her on this committee were forced to back out due to ill health and other considerations. She is also thinking about having bingo at one of our meetings.

Roland reported that Our Lady of the Snows trip is now confirmed. Each attendee is willing to pay \$10 extra to keep the trip confirmed. He also mentioned that he will check to see if they are planning on the Senior Gems manning Bingo at Mercy Fest this year. In addition, he wanted to know if we wanted to have the Christmas card fundraiser this year. It was agreed that we did but that the members would need to pitch in and help so we could cover all the Masses without overtaxing Roland.

Joan proposed the following projects for this year as some things we might do to give back to our community that would be more personal than just making a donation from our treasury. She will bring these ideas up at our next General Meeting to get a sense of what our members might consider:

1. Sponsoring a Basket for Mercy Fest. (More for an adult—dinner and movie out for example)
2. Adopt a family for Christmas. (Personally buy and wrap gifts for children, etc.)
3. Prepare a Food Box for Thanksgiving

Joan will also bring a sign up sheet for members to volunteer to help at Stewardship weekend and to ask about what we might donate as a Raffle item.

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:05 AM with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Williams Secretary