

OLM SENIOR GEMS GENERAL MEETING 10/10/07

Meeting called to order at 1:00PM by President, Lou Kearney. Thirty-three members were present. Fr. Hugh offered the opening prayer. Lou asked for a volunteer to handle the Split-the-Pot ticket raffle. Cheryl Hartnett did so with Marilyn Larkin assisting. Lou announced Louise Walski is now at home & doing very well. Fred Walski will remain at the Alden Dementia Unit. Lou reminded everyone of the Senior GEMS Mass on Saturday, October 20, at 4:00PM with dinner following at Andrews Open Pit. A sheet was circulated asking attendees their choice of entrée.

Vice President, Roger Raslavsky advised 12 members had not as yet paid dues for 2008. Two GEMS members are not returning.

Treasurer, Mary Lou Higley reported a current balance of \$3,367.76.

Sunshine Chair, Dee Doerr reported as follows: October birthdays have been previously reported in September meeting minutes. November birthdays are as follows: Lois Gingher – 11/3; Camile DeChr istafano – 11/5; Julie Raineri – 11/12; Fr. Showreddy Allam – 11/12; Pat Dobrowski – 11/13; Diane Watts – 11/18; Cora Galgano – 11/23. Gus & Julie Raineri will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary – 11/13 – CONGRATULATIONS!

At this point Lou asked for any special prayer intentions. Nancy Bejger requested a prayer for our Archangel, Lorraine Maes on the occasion of her 87th birthday. There were several other requests & Fr. Hugh led us in prayer.

Roland Vercillo reminded Mercy Fest Bingo volunteers of their duties & handed out parking passes for those involved. He advised tickets for the November 9th Turkey Trot at \$5.00 each are now available. Tickets will be available after Masses on most upcoming weekends plus at the Mercy Fest. Roland also requested help stuffing Bulletins with Turkey Trot information Saturday morning, October 27 at 8:30AM. Contributions of door prizes for this event are needed & welcome. A sheet was circulated for members to contribute appetizers and/or baked goods for the Turkey Trot.

Hospitality Chair, Marilyn Larkin passed a sign-up sheet requesting members to bring a dish to the Thanksgiving Pot Luck lunch November 14.

Nurse, Jolene LeRoy advised this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She had much information available plus information on where to obtain flu & pneumonia shots.

Entertainment Chair, Pat Pohlman announced the trip to Starved Rock State Park is canceled due to insufficient interest. Pat offered 2 suggestions for December; one being a Sunday, December 2, 3:00PM performance of 'A Christmas Story' at the Steel Beam Theatre in St. Charles. Tickets would be \$22.00 for the performance & dinner at the Fork & Pork Restaurant if desired. A second suggestion being a catered luncheon in the Parish Life Center with possible karaoke entertainment. A show of hands indicated a preference for the luncheon at the Parish Life Center. There will be a charge for this event on Wednesday, December 12, at Noon. Pat advised the outing to the Steel Beam Theatre could still take place & circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested.

Lou asked for any comments from members. Shirley Detienne suggested OLM celebrate both the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady on 9/8 and the Nativity of Our Lady on 12/8 each year, this in the form of a special rosary devotion to her, prayed either in church or elsewhere in the Parish Life Center. Shirley recently celebrated Our Lady's Immaculate Conception in her home with several parishioners in attendance.

Bernardine Sivek inquired about the status of the Planned Parenthood Clinic. Roger Raslavsky reported that unfortunately, the clinic has opened but after a 2 week delay. The clinic registered as a non-profit organization & there are issues pending that could bring the matter of this facility to court.

Split-the-Pot was as follows: \$5.00 won by Mary Lou McElligott (who donated her winnings back to the treasury); \$10.00 won by Julie Ranieri; & \$15.00 won by Cecilia Raslavsky. \$30.00 went to the GEMS treasury.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10PM with prayer by Fr. Hugh. Upon adjournment, members were treated by Lorraine Maes to a surprise of pizza upon the occasion of her birthday. THANK YOU, LORRAINE!

Respectfully submitted, Lois Parod, Secretary