

St. Mary's Women's Club Meeting  
Minutes of January 10, 2012

Meeting started with purchasing raffle tickets and 50/50's and the Prayer to St. Mary.

Flowers distributed Poinsettias for the ladies who had birthdays: Cathy Mackesy, Marilyn Rabidou, and Angela Shea. Birthday girls not present were: Carol Cristollo, Theresa McCarthy, and Rose Murphy. Happy Birthday ladies.

Letter and Christmas poem received from Mary Falzone read by Janice.

Treasurer's Report by Carol Bertolucci: - Opening Balance: \$2,810.87; total Deposits made: \$166.00; Ending Balance: \$2,976.87.

Copies of minutes were distributed by e-mail, and copies are available at the meeting. Accepted as written.

Correspondence Secretary, Roseanne, was ill – Condolence card sent to Rita Stone whose son passed away.

Jackie Lawless - Membership Chairperson welcomed new member – Charlotte Middleton. Jackie is keeping a running tally of 2012 dues.

February 14<sup>th</sup> - will be a Game Night. The Game will be a Yankee Swap - \$10 limit on gift to swap.

March 13<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Roux will be our speaker on "Tastefully Simple" gourmet foods.

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Looking into a Holocaust Memorial speaker-- this will be open to all parishioners.

It was previously voted to give one-half of money raised at monthly Bake Sales to a charity of our choice each month; however, since proceeds each month vary tremendously, it was voted to amend our previous vote of donating one-half of proceeds to donating \$50.00 each month to a charity of our choice. November's money was given to "The Sunshine Gals's Kitchen, Inc." - \$60. It was voted to donate December's Bake Sale proceeds to the Billerica Food Pantry that would have been \$50, but it was unanimously voted to donate \$100 instead in memory of Rita Stone's son--Rita was a big advocate for the Food Pantry. Barbara Solomon spoke of the Food Pantry now being located at the old Ditson School run by Ken Buffum and Marie O'Rourke. It is partially supported by corporate donations from businesses such as Market Basket. At Yankee Doodle Weekend, the Garden Club sells mums, and the money is donated to the Food Pantry. Sue Murphy from the Billerica Brigade donates pies and breads at Thanksgiving and Christmas through the Food Pantry. The Women's Club donated \$250 in 2011 to the Billerica Brigade, and they sent a nice thank you.

Craft Fair will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> – mark your calendars! The Dinner Dance will be moved up to March or April – maybe a Spring Fling or St. Patty's Day dance with the Irish Step Dancers performing? The Decorating Committee wanted to know whether they should throw away the decorated cans or keep them – decision made to throw them out and use small gift bags at this year's Craft Fair.

It costs \$75 to send a child to CCD. Some money from the Women's Club will be given to families in need to help defray the cost.

Could money be donated to replace the rugs on the stairs to the choir loft? They are in rough shape. It is our understanding that Father Sullivan is taking care of that, and measurements for the carpet have already been done.

There is a web committee if anyone is interested in joining. Adam Kearns has created a wonderful Website for St. Mary's and is keeping it updated with general information and information on the Women's Club. Thanks, Adam.

Jo Leary, President of Sunshine Gals' Kitchen, spoke about plans for the kitchen. She introduced Cynthia McCormack, Treasurer, and Marie Morrison, Coordinator. Evelyn Haines is in charge of PR but unable to attend. They prepare the meals. In January they plan to serve soup, sandwich, pastry and drink to everyone that attends. The menu has included Veal Ravioli, Broccoli with Ziti, Clam Chowder, Chicken Sandwich with lettuce and tomato, etc. In October they had 10 people attend and in November they had 26, December they had 36. They cook enough for 70 and give left-overs to another organization to freeze. The meals are served between 12-1:30 p.m. Fliers are placed in all bags from the Food Pantry. They will have a spot on BATV, ask restaurants and stores to put up fliers, and have something in the Lowell Sun. Suggestion made to put on town website, schools – talk to Guidance Counselors. What about those who would need transportation? Put in church bulletins? Volunteers needed to drive, serve, wash dishes, cook, shop, etc. Donations for supplies are gratefully accepted.

Bake Sale will be held on 1/29– profits to go to a charity to be decided at next meeting.

Raffles and 50/50's drawn. Winner of 50/50 was Fran Randall - \$25. Baskets were won by Doris Jamieson and Nancy Roux.

The Sons of Italy are holding a fundraising event – The Roy Orbison Show on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Elks. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling Tony Cucchi at 978-618-7462 or 978-663-8314.

Father Sullivan gave the left-over Poinsettias for table decorations, and those attending got to take them home.

The next meeting will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Cloutier, Recording Secretary