

St. Mary's Women's Club Meeting
Minutes of December 13, 2011

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

Janice distributed Poinsettias for the ladies who had birthdays: Ann Bellezza, Mary Burke, Kay Donoghue, Donna Law, Nancy Sullivan, and Betty VanGundy.

Licia thanked everyone for their help and prayers for her husband.

Treasurer's Report by Carol Bertolucci: - Opening Balance: \$3,717.87; total Deposits made: \$1,146.00 from Christmas Play, 50/50 Raffle, Basket Raffle, and Bake Sale. The expenses were \$2,000.00 to Father Sullivan for St. Mary's and \$50 to the Billerica Neighbor Brigade. Ending Balance was \$2,813.87.

Jackie Lawless spoke about the Sunshine Gal's Kitchen – homemade luncheons are prepared and served at the First Parish Church located in the center of town. Jo Leary of the Sunshine Gal's Kitchen will be at the January 10th meeting to discuss our joining the Sunshine Gal's Kitchen in providing meals to individuals/families in need.

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

Correspondence Secretary – card sent to Mary Falzone (recurring illness), Judy Shannahan (surgery) and Roberta Breen (retired). A lovely thank you card was received from Peg Bowles for the gift sent from the Women's Club.

Jackie Lawless - Membership Chairperson – no new members.

Voted on what charity to give to this month from the proceeds of our November Bake Sale and what percentage of proceeds should be given. Twenty-one of the twenty-nine attendees voted to give to the Sunshine Gals Kitchen, Inc. It was VOTED to give 50% of each Bake Sales' proceeds to charity voted upon each month. At the next meeting, the Food Pantry will be discussed as our next charity to donate to as well as a charity of Fr. Charles.

Father Sullivan was presented with a check for \$2,000.00 from the Women's Club. Father expressed his sincere gratitude and appeared to be overwhelmed with the amount.

Betty Connors poke about the possibility of having Arthur Murray dance lessons held at St. Mary's.

Bake Sale held on 12/18 – profits to go to a charity to be decided at next meeting.

At the January 10th meeting, we will have Jo Leary speak about the Sunshine Gals.

February 14th will be game night – a Yankee Swap - \$10 gift. Lois Spencer is coordinator.

After our meeting a Christmas Concert by St. Mary's Choir was held in the main church. Beautiful music followed by refreshments provided by the Women's Club.

Raffles and 50/50's drawn.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Cloutier, Recording Secretary