

**St. John the Baptist Ladies' Society Meeting
November 9, 2021**

The St. John's ladies met on Tuesday, November 9. Before the meeting was called to order, Pat Grieshop's current address and phone number were distributed among the members. Each member present was also asked to submit an e-mail address and phone number.

President Rosie Calhoun opened the meeting with the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" followed by "The Pledge of Allegiance"; eight members and Fr. Binu were in attendance. The group also sang "Happy Birthday" to Nancy Curry and Jessica Gorman who had birthdays since our last meeting.

Jill Jansing read the minutes from the August 10 meeting as recorded by Sharon Voegeli; Nancy made a motion to approve and Margaret Jarvis seconded. There was no treasurer's report.

Rosie gave a "Thank You" to all who helped with the Rummage Sale in early October. The ladies brought in close to \$2,700 from this event. A couch and 2 dinette sets were donated to the group, so Rosie questioned whether to store the items for Spring. Toni McDonald offered to post pics of the items on Facebook Marketplace in hopes of selling them ASAP.

Rosie then mentioned the need for one additional bed to be added to the rectory. Mary Ann Westmeier offered an extra bed that she had, so it was discussed that a mattress could be purchased for it. Toni would price these and get back with Rosie about making a final decision on what would be needed. Toni made the motion and Dorothy seconded to purchase a mattress.

The Ladies' Christmas Party was then set for Sunday, December 19, from 9-11 after the 8:00 Mass. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the registers in church and like previous years, there will be a \$5 gift exchange for those who wish to participate. We will seek to have the event catered, so Jill offered to call The Rolling Pin to see about scheduling a brunch.

Toni, Mary Ann and Jill will work together to decorate the parish hall before the holiday, so Toni will be planning a date/time for that to occur. We will look into using decorations that are in storage and before our party day, Toni will talk to someone about safely utilizing the fireplace.

As our next meeting will be in March of 2022, Toni then requested a donation of \$60 in support of the annual Polar Plunge which raises funds for Special Olympics. The event will be held on February 19. Mary Ann made a motion for this donation and Margaret seconded; all were in favor.

Toni also offered a note of thanks for donations given when she and Bill made a trip to Lockport, La.

A tentative date of March 8 was set for our next meeting and all joined in prayer to close.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Jansing