

## **St. Martin's altar society minutes**

August 10, 2017

4 members and Father Sparling in attendance

Fr. Sparling opened with a prayer

Fr. Sparling called a special assembly of the Altar Society to familiarize himself with how we operate as a group, as well as special events that happen through our typical year.

President Molly Hall gave Father a quick rundown of our year. In turn Father Sparling gave us a couple of items he would like added to our docket for the upcoming year.

There were two projects Father would like us to sponsor: 1) getting our statues refurbished and repainted, as well as the high altar needing to be repainted. We will need to find someone to complete these projects. 2) Father would like to replace the wooden candles on the high altar replaced with actual candles, as well as ordering new for the altar. (This will require the a/c kept at an adequate temperature to keep the candles from melting.)

Molly Hall and Kari Fortner have August coffee and rolls and is the main reason there is no altar society meeting in August, however in September when we have a full meeting we can further discuss these two items.

Cindy Smith brought up searching for a bingo set for our parish, instead of spending \$25 annually to borrow the set from Douglas.

Father also met with our accountant and there were a couple of items that need remedied in order to get into compliance with the diocese. Our savings account that we recently set up for our youth to use for diocesan activities needs to be set up through the DI&L (Diocesan Investment & Loan). There are "guardian angel" accounts for just such purposes. We will withdraw the money we put into that account and Father and Cindy Smith will begin the process of putting that money into the DI&L. This is a step that MUST be taken, otherwise we will be out of compliance with the diocese. Our checking accounts are fine, savings accounts are the only ones that need to be transferred.

Finally, Father Sparling is gearing up and going forward with our rectory renovation. He has had an architect out to the rectory and a list has been compiled of all the necessary and recommended repairs. The cost of this renovation will be split between the two parishes. We will need to utilize all of our parish's craftsmen and women in order to get this project done for as little as we are able. If you haven't signed up to be on the renovation committee, or would like to offer your or your spouse's services please email Father Sparling.