

St. Martin's Altar Society Meeting
September 10, 2017

The meeting was brought to order with a prayer.
Secretary Kari Fortner read the minutes from the August 10th meeting.
8 members and Fr. Sparling present

Fr. Sparling's business:

Accounting henceforth needs to be taken care of by two people. Two need to count money and then the totals need to be signed off on. The money also needs to be deposited right away or Father will need to have possession of the money.

St. Martin's will need to get a lock box or a "poor box" that has a key for Cindy to have. Those who are in charge of coffee and rolls can simply deposit that money into it for it to be counted at a later time.

Reimbursement: Cindy must have receipt documentation to give reimbursements. I believe this is a procedure we have been doing. Nothing new here. In addition, taxes on purchases made for the parish, will not be reimbursed. One will need to acquire our parish's tax exempt form to purchase the items if they don't want to pay the taxes.

Father had a letter that outlined all the expense reimbursement details as well as giving/donating policy sheet. I will try to attach these forms for you to look at.

Father informed the Altar Society that we cannot donate more than \$500 in a fiscal year to the youth fund we were hoping to create. Any monies collected above the \$500 will go into the general fund. The kids can still raise money, however the money raised will have to be done off parish grounds. In addition to the limit of donated funds, the Altar Society also needs to discuss and create parameters for the funding of youth activities. Such as tuition percentage, instead of total payment.

Following a heated discussion on the limits of our youth fund, Cindy handed out the treasurer's report, which I hope to get Cindy to email to me and me to all of you.

Totals are as follows:

Checking \$4064.53
Savings \$2626.40

*We still have the \$1000 in a Palmyra bank that we were hoping to designate to our youth fund. This will need to go back into savings.

Other news:

Our Altar Society is hosting a potluck brunch following the 8:30 mass on September 24. There was a sign-up sheet circulating at the meeting and should be upstairs in the church for further sign ups.

Rosanna brought up the Million Mom March, which is happening in Omaha, September 23, 2017 from 1-3 pm. Anyone interested in going please contact Rosanna!

Coming up in October--

Children's mass will be October 8, 2017. Molly Hall volunteered to organize and so sweetly offered my assistance as well!! So please mark your calendars and be sure to come and bring your children to participate! I may send out an email to our parents with little ones searching for volunteers.

Children will do the music (Reagan and Maria), gifts, take up collection, readings, prayers of the faithful, rosary before the mass.

October is also the Month of the Rosary. The rosary will be recited before mass every weekend. Molly will make up a sign-up sheet.

Diaper drive will also be happening in October. Please bring diapers and wipes. There will be a bin in the back of church to put your donations in.

Finally, our next meeting will be October 22nd after 8:30 mass.