

**OUR LADY OF MERCY HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK**



Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for us

**Minutes Monthly Business Meeting  
Monday, February 9, 2009**

President John Thomas called the February Business Meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Our Holy Name Pledge was recited in unison and John then led the Society members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Officers - present were Spiritual Moderator, Rev. Thomas Tuite; President, John Thomas; and Diocesan Delegate, Herman Fleischer. Vice Presidents, Frank Alfieri and Andrew Romano and Secretary, Frank White were excused. Note: Maurice Fasano recorded the minutes for this meeting. Thank you Maurice.

Agenda –agenda for the meeting was distributed to the members on signing in. There were 14 Officers and brothers of the Society in attendance.

Minute's –Minutes of the January 9th Regular Monthly Meeting as recorded in the Society's web site) were accepted. Copies were not available for members not linked to the Internet but John advised Frank White would send them a copy on request.

Correspondence –John Thomas has received thank you cards from Monsignor Boesel, Sister Joanne Deegan, Sister Eileen Lawlor and Charlotte Lang for the Christmas gifts the Society sent each at that time.

Treasurer Report - John Thomas reported the bank balance as of December 31, 2008 - \$2,741.61; Disbursements- January \$50. to the Rectory for the membership dues bulk rate mailing; Deposits –none; Interest on the account 14 cents; giving us a bank balance as of January 31, 2009 -\$2,691.75.

Committee Reports –

1) Membership-Year 2009 membership renewal is now in progress. As of the first of February John Thomas has received returns from 44 members. He did learn from the Louis Stenglein family that Louis, an inactive member, had passed away;

2) Liturgical –no report; attendance at Sunday's Corporate Mass not recorded;

Committee Reports (cont.)

3) Sick and Vigil –Committee report lists seven homebound ill members: Joseph Tatto, Andrew Betz, John Dolan, James Steinhauser, Charles Masterson, Stephen Tipa and Vincent Genna; four homebound: Bill Snyder, Jerry Peace, Peter Volpe, John Loughlin and three names added, Bob Kentner, eye surgery, John Agnoli and John Allasio a former member, open heart surgery.

Since the January meeting George Lewis an inactive member died January 14th, the family did not notify the Society and a wake call was not made. Also, Louis Stenglein, reported by John Thomas and a John Kaminski, membership status unknown.

4) Pro Life – John King reported on the January 22 the Rally in Washington. The major concern of the speakers that day is the effort to pass the FOCA measure and those attending were urged to protest passage by contacting their Congressman. He gave us the Washington phone number (202 224 3131) but also phone locally.

Also planned is a postcard campaign, the cards to be obtained in Church. Father Blyman will have more info on this campaign later.

Offertory for non members ill or deceased: Como DiCandia, Ginny Turris (dec.) Father James McLaughlin, St Francis of Assisi, La Quinta, CA. Also, Anita Zellen, Kevin Heenan (son), Debbie Bretille, Jean Cebul, Grace Nitaro, Ryan May, Lauren Gordon, Gerry Pawlowski and the members of our armed forces.

*Offertory* –one Our Father and one Hail Mary was said for the recovery and good health of our ill and non-members and for the repose of the souls of those who died.

*Meeting was put on hold briefly* –a discussion intervened on the status of the economy and unemployment; participants included John Thomas, John King, Tom McKenna, Joe Allison and others; all appreciated their thoughts.

5) Diocesan Union – Herman Fleischer advised that the DU had sent a letter advising annual dues are in order, basis our active membership the dues are \$50. John Thomas will send a check to the DU.

Also, Herman reported that he attended the DU Christmas Poster Awards program at SS Cyril & Methodius, Sunday, January 25th. Five of the award recipients were from Our Lady of Mercy, and three of these winners were children of our members, Christina Badra, Francesca Mistrion and Megan Wolyniec.

Business:

Annual Society Retreat is Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Our Lady of Grace Center, Manhasset. John Thomas advised that all info is in the bulletin but he will send out E-mail reminders. As yet he had not heard from Chris Flatz as to this year's retreat Master. The retreat is open to all the men in the parish.

Business (cont.)

Warren Scaglione advised that St. Joseph's, Brentwood is holding an open retreat the weekend February 27 to March 1. The cost is \$170 includes a stay over and all meals. For anyone interested he has more details.

Family Mass Reception- John Thomas informed us that he was asked by E mail to advance the scheduled Society's reception to last Sunday, February 1st. Thru our E-mail system he quickly put together a reception team.

Father Tom informed us that then idea for the reception was started by Rob McGarrary and with the cooperation of the school and religious ed they have put together this plan of recognizing at Mass a different school grade each month. The Societies have been asked to coordinate the receptions.

Upcoming Program -Father Tom Tuite has arranged for our April 13th Meeting, for Sister Loyola, to give a lecture on the journeys of St. Paul, whose conversion 2000 years ago is being celebrated by the Church this year.

Father Tom gave us a little background on Sister Loyola, her Sister associates and her Order and life at their Villa of St. Joseph at Mercy Hospital. They are elderly, retired Sisters and the Diocese has provided them with their very nice accommodations at this Villa. Father has been saying New Year's Eve Mass for the Sisters for a number of years and naturally has gotten to know them very well.

Discourse concluding the Meeting -John mentioned a number of reasons for lack of attendance at our Meetings, the other organization meetings, etc., the consensus being that all have the same problems.

The cake Sale in May is our Society's fund-raiser he said and Father suggested holding it in the Lower Church reception area. However, it brought up the question would we get people to come downstairs. Bill Unger told of a children's organization in the city that changed their meeting site from mid-town to up-town and thru planning made out.

Bill Himmel asked if any more thought had been given to a Christmas card sale. Father was agreeable to having the cards include a Mass intention, which he would say. John Thomas will speak to Chris Flatz about possibility of a program for next Christmas.

Following, some-time hilarious small talk there was no other business to discuss and John asked Father to conclude our meeting.

Spiritual Guidance -Father Tom mentioned that he attended a wake for John Kaminski and found out he was an original member of the Society. John Thomas checked and said he was but hadn't been heard from in years. Father explained that John Kaminski had been in a nursing home for seven years. Father asked us to keep John in our closing prayers.

Spiritual Guidance (cont.)

Father replied to a question about the slide presentation for Catholic Ministries said it was a disaster and cancelled at some of the Masses. Her also said there were a number of complaints about showing this program during the Mass and especially in front of the altars.

Warren Scaglione asked about the “pall” for a funeral Mass, the “pall” not available at Ginny DeTurrís Mass recently. The Church is responsible for the “pall” and presumably the Sacristan did not have it laid out. The “pall” is symbolic of your baptismal garment and that the deceased baptized with a white garment is now returning to Christ.

Another question asked Father Tom about Deacon Anthony who is having Chemo for tumors and Deacon Jack who returned after a year and half illness.

Before closing the meeting the members recited in unison the prayer for vocations and sang the Holy Name Hymn, “Holy God We Praise Thy Name”.

John Thomas adjoined the meeting and a motion to close was made by Herb Werner, second by Rich Pawlowski. John thanked everyone for coming

Respectfully recorded by Maurice Fasano  
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