

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



Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for us

**Minutes Monthly Business Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2009**

President John Thomas called the January Business Meeting to order at 7:30 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 13 Officers and brothers of the Society in attendance.

Minute's –Minutes of the November 10th Regular Monthly Meeting as recorded in the Society's web site) were accepted. John Thomas had copies available for members not linked to the Internet.

Treasurer Report - John Thomas first reported November 2008 since a Regular Business Meeting was not held at the December Christmas social. The Society bank balance as of November 1 - \$3,881.47; disbursements \$115.00 including a \$100 donation to Sister Loyola, our guest speaker that month; receipt of 15 cents interest was credited leaving a bank balance as November 30, 2008 -\$3,766.62.

December deposits were \$590.18 including \$500 Christmas Social receipts, \$90. Retention dues and \$18 cents interest; disbursements \$1,615.19 including \$900. the Social (\$750. food & \$150 liquor), the Poster Contest \$284. (\$210. Awards & \$74. Ribbons) and \$400. Christmas gifts (the priests and Rectory) leaving a bank balance as of December 31, 2008 -\$2,741.61.

Correspondence -none

Committee Reports –

1) Membership –John Thomas reported 213 members as of January 1st; 146 active including 13 renewals, 67 members are carried as non-active for do not reply to are correspondence or meetings. There were 40 Society members known to have left the parish and 13 died or were reported as deceased during the past year.

2) Liturgical –John Thomas reported 8 members attended Sunday’s Corporate Mass. Possibly the weather kept attendance low but presumably 146 active members do attend Mass every Sunday. John King recommended a drive for new members be initiated. A brief discussion among those present was centered on reasons for membership in the Society. Sited were the activities held, those formerly held and the purpose for the Society in the Parish?

3) Sick and Vigil –Homebound or Ill members: Bill Snyder, Jerry Peace, Peter Volpe, John Loughlin, Joseph Tatto, Andrew Betz, John Dolan, James Steinhauser, Charles Masterson and Stephen Tipa. Ed Smith requested Dave Livingston and Frank White be added to that list.

Active members who passed away during the past year (2008): Paul Utz, Robert Trenkle, John McCaffery, Bill Nalepa, Aulisse Margiotta, Tom Cornish and Frank Donohue. Bob Spinella who died January 1st was added to the Memorial listing.

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

4) Pro Life – John King reported that Sunday, January 18 there would be a Pro-Life Rally at Nassau University Hospital and Thursday, January 22 the Rally in Washington. Also, John advised the annual 40 days for life muster is to take place starting in February. He will have more details at our next meeting. Another member (name unknown) spoke about President Bush’s departing Press Conference and how humble he spoke concerning his efforts in support of our Country.

4) Diocesan Union – Herman Fleischer said all our members are invited to the Diocesan Poster Contest Awards Program, Sunday, January 25 at SS Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park. He has directions to the Parish. John Thomas said that four of our students whose posters were winners in the Diocesan contest will receive awards.

Unfinished Business

Parish Pantry – John Thomas reminded us that the Society has undertaken Parish Pantry assistance thru member donation of paper products rather than a monetary donation for the meeting refreshments. He asked those present that if they did not bring a contribution tonight, a donation is still welcome during the week or next Sunday.

New Business

Annual Society Retreat – Chris Flatz has arranged reservations at Our Lady of Grace in Manhasset, Saturday, March 7. He spoke with John Thomas about this year's Retreat Counselor. John said he would get together with Chris on a Counselor to conduct our Retreat. Sadly, we recently learned of the untimely death of Father George Kabiri who conducted our retreat the past two years. We will keep him in our prayers this evening. John also advised that the Society would keep the donation for our members to \$25.

Family Mass Reception – John Thomas also said he has been asked to have the Holy Name Society host February's family reception, a reception now being held in the Church Reception Room every third Sunday of the month. Warren Scaglione advised that this is a new parish undertaking and Our Lady of Mercy Council was host for the first reception and Joseph Lamb Council is host in January. John will have more details, etc. at our next meeting.

Discourse continuing the Business Meeting-

John King asked to speak about pending School legislation in Albany and other matters. He spoke on the mandated school legislation affecting the Catholic Schools and the reduction in State school funds allocated to cover the private schools expenses because of this legislation.

John also informed us of Catholic League protests concerning the designation of Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson to speak at the Inauguration program in Washington. Bishop Robinson is an out and out advocate of mandatory Gay and Lesbian behavior lifestyles as well as a practicing gay individual.

Offertory –

Non members ill or deceased: Rev. James McLaughlin, Pastor St. Francis of Assisi, LaQuinta, CA, Anita Zellen, Lauren Gordon, Charles Turner, Phyliss Hart, Hope Dybec, Georgette Coffey, Julia King (dec.), Marie Kenney (dec.), Chris Cucci, George Palmer, Martin Connelly and Msgr. Tom Hendel, Brooklyn Diocese (dec.) 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 non-members and for the repose of the souls of those who died.

Discourse concluding the Meeting

Herb Werner advised that the Society's website has been updated. The annual bill for the website contract has not been received.

Another member (Bill Himmel –I think) inquired about the Christmas cards the Society sold a few years ago and asked if any plans were pending regarding repeat this program. He knew of the original proofs and suggested that we reprint or perhaps update the pictures. Father Tom knew of parishes that annually conduct this activity and include in the card a message saying that a Mass is being said for the recipient. A similar plan could be carried out by the Society, including a Mass offering, Father stated.

Victor Caferri asked Father Tom to update us on Sister Pat's illness. The school fainting was her second fainting and the school nurse insisted that she go to the hospital for observation. Sister was kept overnight for tests but nothing to be concerned was found. She has been told to reduce some outside activities for a while.

Also, Father Tom said Sister Jeannine 50th anniversary is planned for this Spring and our customary gift, John Thomas said, will be presented then. Sister Pat's 50th anniversary was celebrated in the Fall and received a gift from the Society.

Spiritual Guidance

Father Tom said he has seen Sister Loyola over the New Year's and she expressed an interest in returning for she is preparing a paper on St. Paul, which she trusted we be interested in. Father recommended we invite Sister Loyola, particularly because the Church this year is celebrating to 2000 anniversary of the birth of St. Paul.

Members (names not known) who read Sister's previous book found it most interesting and would most welcome her to return for another lecture. Father Tom will arrange a date for her to attend.

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", verses one and three.

A motion to close was made by Ed Smith, second by Herb Werner and closed by John Thomas.

Respectfully transferred,

Frank
Frank White, Secretary