

OUR LADY OF MERCY HOLY NAME SOCIETY
Minutes Membership Business Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2008

President John Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Our Holy Name Pledge was recited in unison. John Thomas then led the Society members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call of Officers was made and present were President, John Thomas and Diocesan Delegate, Herman Fleischer. Vice President, Frank Alfieri, and Secretary, Frank White were excused. The agenda for the meeting was distributed to the members on signing in; 23 Officers and brothers of the Society who were in attendance. Maurice Fasano fulfilled the Secretarial duties for this meeting. Thank you Maurice.

The minutes of the last meeting, April 14th, recorded in the Society's web site, were accepted.

Correspondence – a letter was received from Leonard Novello Jr., father of Past Secretary/Treasurer Leonard Novello thanking the members of the Society for their attendance last month at the wake and Mass for his mother, Vivian Novello.

Treasurer Report: John Thomas reported our Society bank balance as of April 1 as \$3,930.75; during April there two disbursements, bulk mailing \$50. and a Mass Card for Mrs. Novello \$15; total \$65. There were deposits of \$30.19 –three membership renewals \$30. and nineteen cents interest leaving the Society with a checking balance of \$3,895.94 as of May 1.

Committee Reports:

1) Cake Sale: - John Thomas, Chairman gave us an account of planning to-date. A letter has been sent to the members and there have been so far a number of responses.

To compliment the many cakes, pies, etc prepared by our "Bakers" the Committee will purchase locally rolls, crumb buns, bagels and brownies. The following brothers have volunteered to pick up these items: Ron Tralle, Maurice Fasano and Frank Alfieri. John will obtain from Shop Rite the crumb buns and hopefully their usual donation.

Also, John has planned on three raffles, a 50/50 raffle, an Italian basket donated by Maurice Fasano and a Garden basket donated by Dave Livingston, who we just learned from Ed Smith, had had a second heart attack. We will remember Dave in our prayers this evening.

2) Membership - John Thomas, Chairman, brought us up to date on the progress Frank White has made in communicating with our inactive members. There are 90 inactive members, members who are getting our mailings but not heard from in more than eight years.

Frank has sent 20 letters, made 5 personal visits and the Rectory has advised him that 10 members have moved leaving no forwarding addresses. Of the twenty mailings three members have renewed, two prefer to remain inactive, two have died and one insists he never was a member. Pending a few more weeks for replies, personal calls will be made. Frank will be contacting the remaining members of this inactive group soonest.

3) Nominations –Ed Smith, Chairman reported the Committee’s slate of Officers for the year 2008-09 as follows: President/Treasurer, John Thomas; 1st Vice President, Frank Alfieri; 2nd Vice President, Andrew Romano; Secretary, Frank White and Diocesan Delegate, Herman Fleischer. These gentlemen have agreed, if elected, to serve. There were no other members having an interest in serving at this time but John suggested floor nominations once more at the June meeting for all offices including separating the President and Treasurer office. Elections are to follow.

4) Society’s Web site - Herb Werner, Webmaster has updated our site with events, programs, etc. that have been sent him. He urged us to mention our site to non-members in the expectation they may become interested in joining the Society.

5) Liturgical – Bob Kentner, Chairman reported that from the latest communiqué of the New York State Right to Life Committee, Planned Parenthood has been targeting the black population with their abortion message, based on their large numbers of abortion, over forty percent of all New York abortion’s. Nationwide, Planned Parenthood appears to be racist.

John Thomas advised that our Corporate Mass will be this coming Sunday and following the 12 noon Mass there will be a reception for Father John with our Society as the co-sponsor.

Also, John advised us that the parish reception celebrating Father Charles Gartner’s fiftieth anniversary in the priesthood will be June 1st and since Father, prior to his retirement, was our Society Moderator, a \$100 gift would be appropriate. A motion by Warren Scaglione, seconded by Ed Smith was unanimously approved. He also reminded the members that the Society would be sponsoring the breakfast reception for the Folk Group in September.

6) Catholic Action –John King said that members who wish to receive the New York State Catholic Conference periodicals on the important issues effecting the Catholic Church in the legislative body in Albany, he will forward their name. Also, he will be going to Albany tomorrow, May 13th to take part in the Prayer Rally supporting Catholic principles.

Ray Badra advised us that Knights of Columbus members from Long Island would be in Albany that day as well in support of this rally.

7) Homebound and Ill - One Our Father and a Hail Mary were said for our homebound members: Joseph Tatto, Jerry Peace, Bill Snyder, Andrew Betz, Peter Volpe, John Loughlin and Tom Cornish and we will keep in our prayers all ill members of the Society especially Mickey Walsh, Leo Zyszkowski and now Dave Livingston.

8) In Remembrance- Included in the prayers for our homebound and ill members were Ignatius Cirola 9/20/07 and John Wilkeyson 9/4/03; two brothers who were inactive at the time of their deaths, whose wives on receipt of our retention letter advised us that they had died. The deaths of these brothers had been recorded in the Rectory annals but no one at the time was aware of their Holy Name membership.

Parish Pantry – Your donations at the monthly meetings are most appreciative, Mrs. Mary Ann Scott, Director of Parish Services has informed us. Anyone who forgot tonight, please bring a paper product to Mass next Sunday.

Diocesan Union: Herman Fleischer informed us that on Sunday, the 18th, there will be the annual Holy Name Society pilgrimage to the Island of the Shrine. A notice of this Holy Name religious pilgrimage was included in yesterday's bulletin. It is to include Mass, a byb brunch, devotional services and a homily from their Spiritual Director, Father Nuss and the Managing Director of the Shrine. Sal Pezzolanti, Diocesan Chairman was informed that our Society has a number of events scheduled that day but our members, should they wish to attend, have been informed of this pilgrimage.

Also, the DU is making its annual biennial Society survey, a survey of the liturgical programs and the social activities each of their Societies undertake on a regular basis. Each Society's report will be included as part of the Diocesan Union's annual report to the Chancery and presented at the National Association annual Convention this coming September.

Unfinished and New Business -John Thomas said he had covered the Cake Sale in his report for the Committee other than the sign up sheet for assistance after the Masses. However, I am open to your suggestions that would help in the success of this affair. John King suggested that coffee be sold. John Thomas said this has been tried but never successful, mainly because it requires supplies, constant attendance, etc. Also, poor sales, as parishioners don't hang around and we don't want to charge the Society volunteers.

Summer Fair – Rob Davis, who spoke at all the Masses regarding volunteers, has now decided that the booths are not to be assigned to organizations but that the booth coverage will be by the parishioners who signed for a specific assignment. John Thomas thought that as a group our Society could cover booths, booths that have difficulty-obtaining

volunteers. More on this suggestion will be forthcoming. Also, all volunteers must take the Virtus training program. The Fair will be Wednesday to Saturday, July 30 and 31 and August 1 and 2. The 5 o'clock Mass Saturday will be scheduled for 4 pm.

Day of Reflection – Next Saturday, May 17 at Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City there will be a day of prayer and meditation with Father Richard McAlear (OMI) Chris Flatz has informed us that Father McAlear who will conduct the session is world renowned in speaking on the healing love of Jesus Christ. If you can attend Chris stresses that the context of Father's thoughts will be memorable. Detailed information is on our web site or call Chris (364-4942)

Holy Name Golf Outing – Although there seems to be interest within the Society nothing has jelled on arranging a golf outing. The Society is open to supporting an affair but is awaiting a Committee of golfers to step forward.

Parish Golf Tournament - It will be at the Cold Spring Harbor Course in October, John Thomas has been informed. John King expressed concern that nothing is being done in the Parish as to sponsorships. It was John Thomas feeling that the Parish Fund Raising Committee is concentrating on the Fair before becoming involved with a golf tournament.

Year-ending Social -Maurice Fasano has arranged St. Dominic's Parish and their Holy Name and Knights of Columbus men to use the St. Dominic's Field House in Old Brookville for our June meeting. Also, Maurice suggested that rather than cater the affair ourselves it will be reasonable to use the St. Dominic's Caterer. He knows the Field House, the price will be right and Maurice guarantees a stupendous affair. John Thomas asked Maurice to obtain a price on 35-40 guests and he feels we can maintain the usual \$25. fee. Directions to the Field House will be on the Society's web site and it will be a 7 o'clock start on Monday, June 9th and for members only

Father John's Reception – The reception will be this coming Sunday in the school gym. Our Society and Our Lady of Mercy Council, K of C are co-sponsors. Food and set-ups are to be arranged primarily by the Council, for he was their Chaplain. A motion to give Father John a monetary gift of \$100, approved at the April meeting, will be presented by John Thomas.

Offertory:

One Our Father and a Hail Mary was said for all ill family members and friends of the Society: Carol Viscardi, Frank Gibaldi, Sr., John McCaffery, Richard Lindermann, Lucille DiMeo, Charles McCabe (deceased), Francine Capuano, Lauren Gordon, Hope DeBec, Edith Vitalia and Karen Capparelli. Also Holy Name brothers Vincent Genna (car accident), Bob Trenkle and Mike Kenney.

In introducing Father Tom for his closing instruction, John Thomas asked if everything in the Rectory was (copasetic). Father surprised us with announcing that Father Gartner has arrived and is staying over at St. Pius X Rectory. On May 13th, he will celebrate his Fiftieth Golden Anniversary in the Priesthood with Bishop Murphy and his fellow Jubilarians in the Chapel of the Holy Cross that is associated with St. Agnes Cathedral. Farther then plans on going back to Miami and returning here on June 1st for the 12 o'clock Mass and the parish celebration of his anniversary.

Also, Father Peter, who has served at Our Lady of Mercy in the past, will be returning as a replacement for Father John.

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".

Motion to close was made by Ed Smith, second by Joe Allison.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank

Frank White, Secretary

Meeting Social -attendance drawing \$10. #6 Bob Kentner