

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



Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for us

**Minutes Members Monthly Business Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2008**

President John Thomas called the October Business Meeting to order at 7:40 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; Secretary, Frank White and Diocesan Delegate, Herman Fleischer. Vice Presidents, Frank Alfieri and Andrew Romano were excused.

Agenda –agenda for the meeting was distributed to the members on signing in. There were 15 Officers and brothers of the Society in attendance.

Minute's –Minutes of the September 8th Regular Meeting, recorded in the Society's web site (copy available on request) were accepted.

Correspondence – received by John Thomas was a letter from the OLM Folk Group, Victor and Edith Ialeggio, thanking the members of the Society for the Communion Breakfast, the Society contributed as an appreciation gift for their Fortieth Anniversary celebration, Sunday, September 14th.

Herm Fleischer advised he has received a letter from the Diocesan Union concerning their poster program, which he will bring to our attention in his report.

Treasurer Report - John Thomas reported our Society bank balance as of October 1 - \$3,991.30; in his previous report September 1, the bank balance was \$4,301.09; disbursement for September was \$350., the expense for the Folk Group Communion Breakfast; receipts deposited were \$40.21, dues from reactivated members and bank interest received.

Committee Reports –

1) Membership –John Thomas advised there was one deletion from last month's report, the death of Al Margiotta but called on Frank White, Retention Chairman as to any changes in the non-active listing of members. Frank advised total membership as of October 1st as 224; 139 active members including honorary members and 85 non-active members. There will be further changes to these numbers as replies are received from those recently contacted.

Committee Reports (cont.)

2) Liturgical –Frank White, 15 members were present for our monthly Corporate Mass yesterday, down sharply from past attendance. It was a holiday weekend and possibly some members were away but still a poor showing considering that 139 brothers are regarded as active members.

3) Pro Life –Bob Kentner referred us to yesterday’s parish bulletin and the message from Father Frank Pavone concerning responses he would make to pro abortion politicians, if they would by chance speak with us. Bob recommended re-reading the bulletin and be prepared to have your voice heard by voting November 4th. He also told us of the measure proposed by Congressman Chris Smith of New Jersey to stop Federal funding of Planned Parenthood. On a query by Frank White as to this funding, John King believes its part of Congressional “earmarks”. A suggestion was made by John to bring this funding question to Peter King’s attention, as he would know the criteria for organization funding.

4) Catholic Action –John King did not have a written report on his recent trip to Albany but has been in contact with New York State Catholic Conference concerning cuts in mandated funding for Catholic Schools. He asked us to e-mail a message to the Catholic Conference regarding this discriminatory action, a message they will forward to Governor Patterson and our respective Albany legislators (network@NYSCatholic.org). Herman Fleischer advised us that he goes to Albany with a group that lobbies for “The Voice of the Poor”. He is welcome to report to us on this group’s activities as well.

5) Christmas Poster –John Thomas asked if the OLM contest date has been confirmed for Monday, December 8th. Herman Fleischer, in discussions with Frank White, aware that the OLM contest was tentatively scheduled for December 8th informed us that the Diocesan contest will be at Christ the King Saturday, December 6th beginning at 1 pm, their only available date and the only Diocesan site. Herman suggested that the OLM contest date be advanced to Friday evening December 5th, which was available, if Saturday morning is not a feasible option for our members. John Thomas will confirm if the Friday evening date can be arranged for the OLM contest. The OLM awards date will remain as planned, Sunday, December 14th in the school cafeteria.

6) Diocesan Union – Herman Fleischer advised us that the Diocesan Christmas poster theme will be the same as in the past two year’s, “Christmas is Jesus’ Birthday”. However, Herman reported that at the recent DU meeting, following discussion concerning continuing the program, the program is possible only if the Societies were asked to make their usual poster contributions in advance. Frank White advised that Our Lady of Mercy’s Society and two or three others were the primary support for the Diocesan program. John Thomas recommended that our Society make the same donation to the Diocesan Union as in the past, \$100. A notion by Herman, second by Victor Ialeggio was approved by the members. Frank also mentioned that the Diocesan Union has had no reply to their request for a meeting with Bishop Murphy, a meeting to discuss the status of the Holy Name Society in the Diocese overall picture.

Committee Reports (cont)

6) Diocesan Union (cont.) Herman informed us that the Diocesan annual “Memorial Mass for Deceased Holy Name Members” would be at St. Agnes Cathedral, Sunday, November 16th at 11 am. All Holy Name members are invited to the Mass and reception that follows in the St. Agnes Parish Center. The names of the OLM deceased members will be inserted in the DU “Memorial Booklet”, the booklet that is presented at the Offertory of the Mass.

Old and New Business

November regular meeting that was postponed to the 17th will be held on the 10th in the Art Room at 7:30 pm. Father Tom has arranged for a guest speaker for the meeting, Sister Loyola, a member of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Sister, who is 100 years old and most lively, will give a talk on her Order and life at their Villa at Mercy Hospital.

Frank White advised that our Corporate Mass Sunday, November 9th will be our annual Memorial Mass for deceased members, a Mass for the ten brothers who have passed away since last year. John Thomas confirmed that following the Mass the Society would have the customary continental breakfast for our family members and the families of these recently deceased members. The families will be sent an invitation asking if they plan on attending.

Maurice Fasano confirmed that the St. Dominic’s Parish Field House in Old Brookville is available for our Christmas Social, December 15th starting at 7 pm. The St. Dominic’s caterer will serve the meal; Society members will be asked to bring a gift for that evening’s lighthearted camaraderie.

There was no other business before the group and John Thomas closed this session.

Sick and Vigil

Al Margiotta, long-time non-active member passed away September 30. John Thomas, due short notice, sent E-mail via the Yahoo group and about seven members were able to attend the Society’s wake service, Thursday, October 2nd.

The Society’s homebound ill members are Joseph Tatto, Andrew Betz, Tom Cornish, John Dolan and Jim Steinhauer; homebound brothers are Bill Snyder, Jerry Peace, Peter Volpe and John Loughlin; Ill members are Leo Zyskowski and Peter Nicolard. Ill family members are Carol Viscardi, Lawlren Gordon, Stephen Alonzo, Susan Borger, Karen and Lisa Caporale and Janet Calandra. Also included in our prayers was Richard Werner who passed away last week.

One Our Father and one Hail Mary was said for our Society deceased, our ill and homebound members and our friends and relatives.

Spiritual Guidance –Father Tom reminded us that this is Mission Month, along with “prayers for vocation” month. Father considered our Society support of the parish pantry as parish missionary; a sacrifice in itself that he was pleased to see recurs each month. Vocation’s to the ministry is ongoing and our monthly prayer at the conclusion of the meeting, which might seem insignificant, speaks of our thoughtfulness.

Also, Father, thinking of the Society frequent continental breakfast’s, would like us to plan a family Communion Breakfast, a Mass together with a breakfast that could be celebrated as a family group held in the Cafeteria or if available the auditorium. His suggestion was well received and will be planned.

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 Bill Himmel, second by John King and John Thomas closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank
Frank White, Secretary

Post meeting activity -on this occasion the raffle was for three bottles of wine left from our June social. The winners were Rich Wolyniec, Lee DiMeo and Bill Himmel.