

The Theresian Society

Minutes of the Meeting, October 4, 2024

[Bracketed items are information not presented at the meeting]

Attendance: 20

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 10:02am

President, Jan D.

Opening prayer: Jan recited the Prayer of St Francis

Vice President, Terry W.

Recording Secretary, Teresa H.

Financial Secretary, Marge J.: (Report available at the meeting) Marge unable to attend the meeting.

Beginning Balance: Beginning Balance \$6741.86 Ending Balance: \$6495.00

Prayer Line, Debbie K.: (Report available at the meeting):

Debbie Kelly reviewed and printed the updated prayer list. Theresians recited our healing prayer.

Corresponding Secretary, Ann F.:

Funeral Reception Coordinator.: Marianne M. Funeral report: September 10th funeral. 51 attending, extra food donated to Feeding the Homeless. Marianne read the thank you note.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Minutes: September Minutes were approved as presented.

Brick update: Ann F. found a great clip art illustration for the Theresian Brick we approved.

MEAL TRAIN Ministry: Beverly updated on the MEAL TRAIN. Judy T. will be Beverly's Co-Coordinator. Please email Beverly ideas or if you know anyone who needs a meal. The person making the referral to Beverly is the one to ascertain if and what kind of Meal Train help is needed. Email Beverly if YOU want to be on the Meal People Call (I can help) List—perhaps offer what you could do/donate: casseroles, dinner, veggies, desserts, gift cards, etc.

Fall Bazaar 2025: Beverly M, Lindas G. & C., Margie V., and Terry W. & Donna R. have agreed to be the Coordinating Team for a FALL Bazaar. Date yet to be decided.

85th Anniversary of the Church of St. Therese Parish Picnic was a success. Great food & fine weather. Theresians provided the cupcake cake.

Blessing of the animals: Margie asked Fr. Gregory when we can conduct the blessing of the animals. It would have to be on a Saturday not on the Feast of St Francis.

OctoberFEST: Saturday, October 19th, after the 5pm mass. Jan read the event's bulletin announcements. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their favorite German inspired side or dessert dish. Foil pans are available. Volunteers' sign up at this meeting. Meats, buns & sauerkraut by Theresians. This is our gift to the parish. Paper and plastic to help with clean up.

Decorating TEAM will decorate Friday the 18th. [The Hall looked GREAT! Very Autumn and Festive.]

Trunk or Treat: Is October 27th, 3p-6p. Candy donations box is in the Commons. Consider participating.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest Speaker, Mary Jane M. gave a beautiful presentation on Catholic Mission Trips both domestic and international. Her daughter, Michelle, inspired by their work, has become executive director of CMT. An annual donation to CMT was favorably discussed, however more discussion is needed to decide amount and to choose the best month. It was moved and authorized for Theresians to make an immediate \$1000 donation to CMT for 2024. (continues on page 2)

For MORE information about donations or helping directly you can contact Catholic Mission Trips, Inc., 43321 Wayside Circle, Ashburn, VA 20147. LINK: <https://catholicmissiontrips.net/>

Flood Recovery Donations

Catholic charities may be a good suggestion if anyone wants to donate for the victims of Hurricane Helene. [St. Therese had a 2nd collection for this—you may still be able to donate through the office if that donation has yet to be forwarded to the Diocese Office.]

All Souls Remembrance Candles

Candle on behalf of the Theresians for All Souls Mass: Our Departed Sisters of the Parish. These will be lit and in the church for Nov 1 Mass and masses through the weekend. They can be claimed by those who requested/donated or used during the year in the Chapel. [Done]

BAKE SALE: Date: December 14 and 15. We will discuss more details at the November 1st meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to our hostesses who stepped in when I couldn't remember asking for any for this meeting.

Thank you to Linda C. for arranging with Events Committee for the picnic food leftovers for OctoberFEST.

Jan had extra commemorative books from Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in West Point, VA., celebrating their 100th anniversary.

Memorial Mass of Remembrance for Children Lost: Linda G. announced: Jennifer R. is holding a mass for people who lost a child. This is held in Chesapeake at St Stephen the Martyr Church, 1544 S Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23322. [you may be able call St. Stephen's office (757) 421-7416 for date and time.]

Next Meeting: Friday morning, November 1, 2024. Meeting at 10a, Social precedes meeting. Rosary at 11:15am, All Souls Holy Day Mass at 12 noon.

November Hosts: [Jan D. & Linda G. volunteered after meeting ended.]

Closing prayer recited by Jan and meeting adjournment at 11:14am.

Submitted: Teresa H. and Jan D.

* [As usual, if you notice any glaring errors or things that need corrected, amended, deleted, PLEASE let me know by Wednesday night so I can make changes BEFORE the meeting on Friday.]