

COMPANIONS FOR THE JOURNEY WITH OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS

MINUTES
July 21, 2015



The meeting was opened with a prayer to the Holy Spirit by Alice Rutkowski at 10:05

SIGN-IN

Seven members were present: Alice Rutkowski, Daryl Rutkowski, Jerry Lichtenberger, Jeanette Morrisett and Joyce Royce, Kathy Snoga and Karen Bagwell Certified Counselor.

MINUTES

Minutes were passed out and read by the members. Kathy Snoga moved to approved and Daryl Rutkowski seconded. Members agreed.

VISITATIONS

Father Gustavo has changed the monthly visitations and blessing of the sick back to the First Friday of the month. He feels that this is the appropriated day for this to happen. Alice reported on Father Gustavo's Holy Hour on Friday evening; it is a very spiritual experience. Everyone should go to experience the spirituality of it. As a reminder we also have our Mass for the deceased and sick of the parish on the First Friday of the month. Our list is getting shorter since the loss of two more of our homebound. Charles Kalka was put in a coma because of pain and his Mother Alice was instructed to contact the priest for Last Rights if needed.

OBITUARIES

Deceased parishioners for this month are Clara Wiatrek and Lisa Real Ahlert daughter of Florence Real and Carolyn Nelson. Mrs. Nelson is having a service only at Ft. Sam Cemetery.

We received a Thank You Card from Carolyn Wolney's Family for our visitations to her while she was ill. Alice sent Mass Cards for all the deceased.

PRAYERS

Pray for Daryl Rutkowski that his mouth will heal. We will continue to pray daily for the souls of the departed and especially for those who are sick.

GATHERING

The Gathering is coming up on August 20, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Notices have been put in the bulletin and announcements from the pulpit are being made every weekend. We are hopeful for a good turnout.

Kathy Snoga reported that April Moxley is interested in our program. She is a licensed Social Worker with hospice patients. She should be attending our next gathering. Kathy's cousin, Diana Carpenter Spiritual Director, should be attending the gathering, also.

Alice made personal phone calls the people that might be interested in coming to the gathering. Kathy also spoke to her bible study group. Thirteen have replied that they are coming.

Last month, we planned the pot luck supper. The team was asked to bring a main dish and the sides will be brought by the attendees. When they were called, they were so happy to bring a side dish. Joyce Royce and Jerry Lichtenberger will be responsible for getting the plates, cups, and other utensils and ice. Kathy Snoga will

bring coffee and coffee supplies and water. Kathy and Joyce will get plastic table cloths. Alice will bring flowers as well as Kathy. A vase and prayer petition pad will be supplied by Alice. We will set up the tables in a square for dinner. There will be a table for display of our Mother of Sorrows with candles and a sign-in book and the prayer petition vase.

Karen Bagwell is developing a form for the participants to fill out and an agenda. Karen will present the first program giving an outline of the grieving process. We will give them a list of the topics for future meetings and a hand out of her presentation. Alice read the information Karen was working on to the committee for the Information Form and the Agenda. Karen also will develop a schedule of the meetings and topics. Alice will type up the agenda and information sheet.

Alice presented the email address for the Companions for the Journey. Companions@stjromesatx.org.

Alice will purchase a sign in book for the gathering.

Alice will touch base with Diane Swintek to open the hall and turn on the AC. We can get in the hall by 5:00 pm.

Fr. Gustavo is having a Liturgy Meeting with the heads of the ministries on the same night as our gathering. Ken Keller will be going to the Liturgy Meeting to represent the Companions of the Journey.

Daryl reported on the special Pastoral Council meeting called by Father Rodolfo on August 5. Father wants us to reach out to people outside the parish. As companions for the journey we are already doing that.

Father wants us to reach out to our church family first, then to reach out to the community. We can do this as we go about our shopping and visiting with neighbors and family members that don't attend Mass. By our actions and love for each other, the Holy Spirit will work to bring more people to God. He also stated that we should cut down on the gossiping and speculations. If we have a problem with something, give him a call and get to the bottom of it before it gets out of hand.

CCD Rally is taking place on August 30 after the 8:30 am Mass. Sandy Dorsey is asking all ministries to sponsor a table and be presented to the CCD community. We will also have to give a short talk about our committee. We need to develop a poster and handouts for the table. Kathy will be fixing the poster. Alice will work on the handouts and a short report on the Companions for the Journey.

On Aug 19, Fr. Rodolfo will be on KJMA 89.7 FM on the Deacon Tom and Mary Jane Show speaking about Ancient Symbols at 8:00 pm--9:00 pm. If possible try to catch that broadcast.

Jerry Lichtenberger moved that we close the meeting. All approved.

The meeting closed with prayer by the members to Our Mother of Sorrows at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice M. Rutkowski

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