

November 1, 2012

Donna Carlino opened the meeting @1:15 pm and immediately turned it over to Darlene Kolp. Darlene introduced our guest speaker for the afternoon, Patty Malek, the owner of Feng Shui Home. She is an interior decorator and explained how Feng Shui can even be used in decorating our homes. She told us the use of light can even increase our sense of well being. This can also be achieved by the use of water and the sound of water, such as cascading water when used in fountains. Fish tanks also provide a sense of tranquility. One of the biggest inhibitors to peace is clutter. Positive energy in the home is stopped until we de-clutter. We are moving to a time of wanting a simple lifestyle. Do a small area first. When that is finished move on to another area.

Bring nature inside, such as a live plant. The living room is the soul of the home. An important thing to have is a secret space for prayer and meditation. It was a very interesting talk.

The meeting was paused @2:00 pm for treats, provided by Barbara Tidball and Peggy Vercoe. The meeting was reconvened @2:30 by Donna Carlino, who again thanked Patti Malek for her talk.

The minutes from the October 4th meeting were read and with corrections were approved. The minutes stated that Chewy received no money from the government, however, he does receive \$650 when he trains horses for the government.

Carol Gray, treasurer, gave a report on finances. Our closing balance of \$14,647. We gave \$250 to the diocese for dues for 25 women, also \$500 to the Bo Fund.

Sunshine Report: Sharon Slomski said no cards have been out. She was advised Ellie Hansen and Kitty Eagan should get a card. Donna Carlino then requested prayers for the coming election, as well as Kitty and Ellie.

New Business: Strawberryfest – it was suggested we also have an ice cream cup for those ten and under. Donna said think about it over the winter. The cost of everything is going up for the fest, just like everything else.

Christmas Party: Party will be held at Inn of Kristophers on December 6th. The cost will be \$17.00, per person. This includes a holiday salad, winter chicken roulade and dessert, including coffee, tea or soda. With wine offered at \$5.00 a glass. We will be able to get in @11:30. Make sure you make your check out to STELLA MARIS.

New: Had a meeting with Father Ruby. Everybody is having trouble getting new members. Egg Harbor and Fish Creek sites can't get officers. Jacksonport doesn't have too much of a problem. It was suggested two joint meetings per year. What is the purpose? To see if we can get more women to join.

We were asked, if we would like to donate to the meals on wheels program. We decided to turn that decision over to the health and wellness committee.

Our last event for this year will be the Christmas party. We will not meet again until the First Thursday of April, 2013.

Hope to see all at The Sodality Christmas Party. Enjoy the holiday season and See you all in the Spring.

Jean Bennett moved the meeting be adjourned, Noni Zito seconded, motion was approved and Donna Carlino adjourned @3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Vercoe, Secretary