

Joint Meeting of Stella Maris Altar Societies. 10/23/2012

Pat Gureski	Egg Harbor
Donna Carlino	Sister Bay
Carol Gray	Sister Bay
Mary Rohr	Jacksonport
Mary Anderson	Fish Creek
Teri Smith	Baileys Harbor
Kriss Schorer	Baileys Harbor
Fr. Dave Ruby	

This was a joint meeting of the officers of the various Altar Societies of Stella Maris Parish Sites. We gathered together in Baileys Harbor to discuss common issues and find ways to work together. It was a meeting to see what our groups had in common and what we could do to promote membership in them.

We found that our membership at all sites has dropped off considerably. Sister Bay has 16-18 active, Jacksonport 5-7, Baileys Harbor 8-10 and Egg Harbor/Fish Creek 10-12.

All groups find problems with people coming to meetings and volunteers to work at functions. Most meetings are held at 1:00 in the afternoon. Baileys Harbor has tried to hold informational/ entertaining type meeting in the early evening and they have been rather successful.

Sister Bay meets from May to December; others meet from September to May.

Funeral dinners are the biggest issue for all sites. Help with serving dinners is hard to come by. Sister Bay uses the Pig and allows families to choose anything from their catering menu. They furnish salad and dessert. Baileys Harbor offers cold sandwiches from the Pig and furnishes salad and dessert. Egg Harbor offers sandwiches from the Main Street Market. Families furnish all beverages. All agreed that no table coverings are used.

Sister Bay will not do Strawberry fest as they have no volunteer to head it up.

Per Pat G. The council of Catholic Women suggests that we keep in front of the parish and sound out for the good works we do.

All agreed that several joint meeting during the year would be a good idea.

Sister Bay will hold its Christmas Lunch at Inn at Christopher's again this year.
Baileys Harbor will hold a Christmas Dinner again. Details to follow.

A concern is that items are being taken from halls. Table, chairs and coffee makers and servers are being borrowed and not returned. Be sure all items are marked and develop a way to track what is being "borrowed".

Grocery receipts are being collected at all sites. Baileys Harbor and Jacksonport go to the Altar Societies. Sister Bay goes to the Faith Formation for supplies.

Duties of the Altar Societies have been reduced since the consolidation of the parish. No longer are they responsible for Altar supplies and they no longer are expected to care for the altar.

A question was raised as to the availability of the halls for use by parishioners or other groups. Do we have a policy and what is it. What is included when the hall is rented?

A question was brought up regarding food for shut ins. Could we do something? Discussion was that the Senior Center supplies food for seniors at several sites. Frozen dinners are available from them for seniors at a very moderate price. There is a program in place with "Meals on Wheels" to deliver food to those who need it.

The meeting was adjourned and we will meet again after the first of the year.

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