

Society of Mary – Our Lady of Victory Ward

Meeting Minutes: 10/26

Attendees:

- George Pineda
- Mother Judith, OSA
- Sister Barbara, OSA
- Christopher Raymond
- The Rev'd Fr. Gary Lawler
- Cheryl Peterson
- Jay Peterson
- Marlea Edenger
- Edward Minieka
- Samuel Sommers
- Ken Kelling

Here are the discussion items I captured during our session:

- SOM Standing / Membership status - A total of 12-14 potential members excluding Fr Raymond for SOM Church of Ascension. This guaranteed us as a Ward standing (vs Cell)
 - The group was reminded to sign up for membership and use the paper form to complete their membership submission. Note that we are under the Church of the Ascension Ward: Our Lady of Victory. Action Item: George to mail all the membership forms and membership fees to the SOM office the week of November 4th in VA.
 - Membership cost is \$15 annually / \$200 - Lifetime Membership
 - The annual membership fee for 2019 (only) up to \$15/member may be sponsored by the Church of Ascension upon request from Fr Raymond
- SOM Secretary - George was initially named interim Secretary by Fr Raymond
 - During the meeting, the position for the Secretary position was opened to the group for voting/election
 - The group decided to have George Pineda to continue the duty as the official SOM Secretary for the Ward - Church of Ascension - Our Lady of Victory
 - The group also decided that the SOM Secretary position will hold a term of two (2) years starting October 7, 2019. The position will end its term after two (2) years at the feast day of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, October 7, 2021
- Request to transfer membership from one ward to the other? Fr Lawler & Samuel Sommers. Action Item: George to inquire to SOM office in VA if this is possible?
- SOM - Our Lady of Victory Outreach Focus - Spiritual Outreach / Devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary. This will be the primary scope of what Church of Ascension - SOM will be doing as members of this ward. The following are activities we will be focus on:
 - Members will continue to lead the Rosary
 - 1st Sunday of each month
 - 3rd Saturday of each month - after the Healing Service (Mass)
 - The group is proposing - as option to have two people lead the Rosary when possible
 - Fr Raymond/Marlea's suggestion if we have two leads: 1st lead recite 1, 3, and 5 mysteries & 2nd lead recite 2 and 4 mysteries. Otherwise, if 1 lead: he/she recites all mysteries
 - Members to celebrate and host/assist with Church of Ascension's celebrated Marian Feasts
 - Helping with the Mass service as lectors/ushers/sacristans/servers etc
 - Host with the reception

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- Marketing/spreading awareness of the event at other parishes / websites/social media or gatherings/neighborhood to attract attendees and celebrate the feast with us
- Group mentioned/suggested Marian Feast to consider:
 - Dec 8/9 - Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - Dec 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - March 25 **The Annunciation of the Lord**
- This will be decided by Fr Raymond which Marian feasts he would want us to celebrate. Action Item: George to follow up with Fr Raymond
- The group decided to secure Rosary leads for the remainder of the 2019:
 - November: Cheryl Peterson
 - December: Marlea Edenger
 - Action Item: George to provide a sign up sheet for the 2020 on Dec 7th
- The group decided to have a quarterly members meeting
 - Next meeting will be January 18, 2020 - Saturday, 10:45-12:45PM Please save the date. Location/details for this session will follow soon
 - Members were encouraged to visit the SOM website link from our church's website for any announcements/events
 - Link: <https://www.ascensionchicago.org/society-of-mary.html>
- The meeting was followed by Prayer and Reflections led by Mother Judith
 - Luke Chapter 1, verses 26-56
- Action Item: George to update the website and provide meeting minutes to the members week of 11/01
 - Website message:

On October 26, 2019, we held our second members' meeting at the Church of the Ascension in Wheeler Hall. Prayers and reflections were led by our own Mother Judith from the Order of Saint Anne which was attended by eleven devoted SoM members. We read and contemplated on the scripture of St. Luke Chapter 1, verses 26 to 56 from the Announcement of the Birth of Jesus, Mary Visits Elizabeth and The Canticle of Mary (the Magnificat). Before these spiritual prayers and reflections, we all gathered for an amazing Filipino themed breakfast, followed by the membership meeting and the SoM Secretary election. We are happy to announce that George Dante M. Pineda, will be serving a two-year term to help shepherd its members in a spiritual Marian devotion and journey under the guidance of its ward - SoM Our Lady of Victory of the Church of the Ascension.

Note: George to provide photos from the event. [Link](#) to the website page.

10/26 - SOM Meeting Agenda:

10:45 - 11:00 - Introduction / Meet and Greet / Brunch

11:00 - 12:00 - SOM Membership Meeting Agenda

- Membership Registrations
- Elections - Secretary
- Outreach Program
- December 8 - Immaculate Conception Celebration - SOM Committee Planning
- Misc:
 - Website Updates
 - 1st Sunday of the Month / 3rd Saturday of the month - need volunteer
 - Rosary Sign Up
 - SOM Flower Donations / Guild Volunteer
 - Activities for 2020
 - Holy Hill Wisconsin excursion October

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- Grace church
- Trips to churches local - Mary

12:00 - 12:45 - Prayer & Reflection Session on Mather Mary

- How does these chapter readings resonate with you? Please share your insight/experience
- Who do you want to offer this Prayer Reflection to?
- A personal reflection and lesson from Mother Judith