

Update to Our Community

No Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar has been canceled by the Board of Directors of the Guild, because of health risks and other problems caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The annual event had been scheduled for December 5.

“The Guild board has given this a lot of thought and talked to several of our members who are in charge of the Christmas Bazaar booths,” according to the report the board sent to Senior Warden Jennifer Holden. “We just don’t see how we could do a sale during the pandemic.”

The board decided against mounting even a scaled-down version of the bazaar “virtually,” with products of volunteers and outside vendors displayed and sold online.

“It has not been possible to get around to buy everything that is needed to make the jams and jellies, or sewing materials, etc.,” the board report continued. “So basically, what we are saying is, we don’t have enough merchandise in stock to have a ‘virtual’ sale, or for that matter, even a small sale.”

For decades, the bazaar traditionally has been held on the first Saturday in December. It draws a broad swath of our members and metropolitan Mexico City friends, and is usually the Guild’s single-largest fundraising event of the year.

The health threat of the pandemic proved too great an obstacle this year.

“We do not want people risking themselves by going out,” the Guild board noted in its report.

Efforts are turning towards preparing for a possible Spring sale, “virtual” or in-person, Covid permitting.

“...[I]n order for it to be a successful event, we need time to replenish our stock, maintaining the good quality of our merchandise,” the report says. “Sadly, we do not have enough stock at the present time.”

For any who don’t know, the Guild – once the Ladies’ Guild, now open to all – has raised funds to support the well-being of the church for more than 120 years.

Guild-provided funds play an important role in parish finances, with a special focus on capital-improvement and maintenance projects. In the past year, the Guild paid to remodel the Parish Hall's kitchen and re-carpet the Parish Hall itself, for example. It also gives financial assistance to some seminarians at our Anglican seminary of San Andrés, in the San Angel neighborhood of the city.

In "normal" times, the Guild meets in the White Room after the 10:30 a.m. service on the second Sunday of the month.

The report for the Vestry requested by Senior Warden Holden is signed by Guild president Linda Saucedo and her soror Board members Alix Elverson, Gloria Elrich, and Linda Keefe.

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