

***Nativity Council of Catholic Women***

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

January 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Steiner Hall

*\*Karen Laird as acting President for this meeting*

*\*Colleen Kelly as acting Secretary for this meeting*

- I. **Call to Order**
- A. Opening Prayer Fr. Bill
- B. Quorum Established Colleen Kelly
- Peggy Stang (via phonecall), Karen Laird, Katie Pan, Karen McCann, Laurie Murphy, Krystan Coyle, Fr. Bill Duffert, Shannon Witkowski, Mickey Nickelson, Colleen Kelly, Erin McKiel, and Julie Talens Paske in attendance.
- II. **November Meeting Minutes** Karen Laird
- Meeting minutes approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Update** Katie Pan
- \$1300 proceeds from Bake Sale added.
- Square was purchased.
- An upcoming meeting will be held with Parish staff, regarding NCCW's account and accounting procedures. (specifically, dues directed separately to NCCW for cleaner accounting).
- Looking into dues trends (demographics reports)
- IV. **President's Announcements** Peggy Stang
- Healthy treasury balance – Peggy recommends we skip the raffle this year due to lack of chair and having enough money to fund current events/projects
- March for Life Scholarship – neither the area high schools nor the Archdiocese are sending busses to DC this year; most likely due to Covid concerns. No scholarship applications have been received. Recommend that we hold this over to next year to continue to fund this activity.
- Covid Cancellation process – asked of Nativity if there is a formal policy. Fr. Bill has said there is no formal policy currently. Current cancellations/postponements have been done ad hoc (per the chair of the event or at the request of the school) and seem to be based upon numbers of attendees. At this point, there is no request for NCCW to cancel the January 27 speaker series, nor is there a request to cancel the Trivia night (February 25). Fr. Bill will keep us updated if this changes.
- First Friday Fellowship – canceled for January. February is still on the calendar, but for February 4 (as originally planned) since the County Fair dinner will not be held until April.
- V. **Committees**
- A. **Respect Life** Karen McCann

1. Book discussion, Mickey Nickelson hosted this past month; 15 attendees. An extra discussion of this book will be held January 11 at 6:30 at Karen McCann's home.
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month Prayer at Planned Parenthood: January 18. Please stop by 7am – 5 pm, for a private, peaceful, prayer presence
3. Matt Murphy – Door Knocking Campaign. Purpose is for local community to be aware of support for women in crisis. Door knocking will take place on January 15 & 16. January 14 is a fundraising event (game night at St Mark's) for this campaign.
4. Roe v. Wade remembrance for month of January. January 22 activities: 8-9:30 am prayer rally at Planned Parenthood. 10:30am prayer service at the Cathedral. Noon – march at the State Capitol.
5. February 5 Equiped for Life event at UST sponsored by the MN Catholic Council; [mncatholic.org](http://mncatholic.org) for event registration
6. 40 Days for Life, March 2 – April 10  
Website needs to be updated for events.

**B. Christmas Giving Tree** Julie Talens Paske  
200 ornament tags were fulfilled in this year's campaign for Catholic Charities. Key to participation was the pulpit announcements. Catholic Charities has asked us to consider another collection, specifically for underwear. Are we interested for Lent?

**C. Christmas Card Outreach** Laurie Murphy  
Wonderful project; many compliments. 187 recipients of cards; 18 people worked on this project. The parish office provided lists of parish members 70+. Committee will do this again for Easter.

**D. Bake Sale/Christmas Market** Erin McKiel  
\$1300 raised for NCCW. Comments included high energy from the NCCW booth brought a good vibe to the market as a whole. 7 committed vendors, although 2 had to cancel day of. Mens Club did not have trees available, but did donate 4 for NCCW to sell. Response for baked goods was fabulous, many came from the 5PM Saturday mass attendees. Good plan to put tins together the day prior to sale.  
Erin will chair again next year.

**E. Speaker Series** Seanne Harris (not available)  
December event was well received; approximately 30 attendees. Next event is January 27 with Dr. Mary Reichert, formerly of UST to discuss Flannery O'Connor's short stories. There are approximately 30 books available for purchase. Please register in advance for this event.

Third event is April 28.

**F. Winter Trivia Night**

Shannon Witkowski

Event is set for Friday, February 25.

Katie Pan will send volunteer list to Shannon.

This event requires a co-chair.

Looking for donations of chili; last event went through 7 crockpots of chili.

**G. Irish Afternoon Tea**

Laurie Murphy

Event is Saturday, March 5 (please note that this is a Saturday) 2-5pm.

Laurie has co-chair, and Emily Thurman will do catering again.

**H. Deanery/ACCW**

Mickey Nickelson

January 29 is the MN State Association of Parliamentarians Annual Seminar via Zoom meeting. Robert's Rules will be the focus.

\*see handout

February 17 is the next St Paul Deanery Meeting at Holy Childhood Church in St Paul. This will also feature a clothing swap with remaining items donated to Risen Savior Missions.

\*see handout

The April 21 meeting will be held in the evening in hopes to accommodate those unable to attend day meetings.

February 19 is the ACCW Legislative Day held at St Pius Catholic Church in Cannon Falls.

\*see handout

ACCW convention is April 29. Please consider a nomination for the Lay Woman Award, due March 8. Peggy should have received a request.

**VI. Other Business**

Committee chair update: Molly Murphy O'Keefe has agreed to chair Madonna Dinner.

Seanne Harris will chair the Nominations committee. Looking for Vice-President and Historian candidates.

Other comments – seeing the great response by Parish bakers, how can we use their services for other events. One suggestion was a Super Bowl cake baking contest/raffle.

Also, has NCCW considered a survey of women of the parish to see what they want from NCCW?

NCCW next meeting is **Wednesday, February 16.**

**VII. Closing Prayer**

Fr. Bill Duffert

Fr. Bill thanked NCCW for the generous Christmas giftcard to Luci Ancora.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Kelly