

## October 5, 2023 CCW General Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:32pm
2. Prayer: Prayer for Radical Solidarity
3. Mission Statement (Read out loud together)

***The Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in SPIRITUALITY, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE with the gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.***

4. Welcome and Introductions
5. Approval of July meeting minutes – Marie Erickson
  - Approval of minutes motioned by Alicia Millner and seconded by Marie Erickson
6. Treasury Report and vote on budget – Alicia Millner
  - Seeking approval for the annual budget since Alicia wasn't present at the July meeting. Addition of church merch to the annual budget. Approval of budget motioned by Val Kaz and Marie Taylor seconded.

7. Correspondence – Marie Erickson: Received three pieces of mail from three of the Pro-life charities that we donate to with the Christ Child Luncheon

### 8. Standing Committee Reports

#### **a. (Spirituality/Church/Community and Family Concerns)**

1. Pastoral Friendship-Renee Logeais: Not present
2. Funeral Luncheons –Kathy Jude: Not present. No lunch at a funeral that took place on 10/4/23.
3. Care Center Rosary- Renee Logeais: Not present. Kathy Schultz reported that Renee has 4 people cover this and residents really appreciate this ministry. If anyone is interested they can contact Renee.
4. September Care Center Birthday Party –Renee Logeais: Not present but Val Kaz was present. Ice cream sundaes, little treats, and Little Debbie's to celebrate birthdays but there wasn't a program and no one sang happy birthday. There is an account for donations for residents to use for hair cuts and other things.

#### **b. (Service Community and International Concerns)**

1. Appalachian Mission –Renee Wyffels: Sent a note to Jessica with an update and so far have collected 11 boxes of donations. There are less than 2 weeks left to collect.
2. Christ Child Luncheon and raffle– Pam Petersen and Nicole Link.
  - Friday December 1 will be the date for the luncheon. We are moving back to making hot dishes, salads, and we will have a sweet shoppe. There are signup sheets for helping with the various parts of the event. Nicole has tickets for the raffles and the pre-sale tickets. Raffle tickets are \$2 and dinner tickets are \$12. There will be a meeting for the mini-chairs on Oct 26 at 5:45pm.
3. Holiday Décor Sale –Alicia Millner and Sue Hughes
  - Good turn out for the first year. \$1,064.00 was our profit. Our only expense was \$44 for advertising. It may be helpful to have any future sales on only one day instead of having it on two. Jessica mentioned that someone asked why it wasn't held after a mass. There hasn't ever been something actively going on during mass. This is also a good opportunity to welcome people who aren't parishioners. There was a wide variety of items that were not necessarily holiday

décor so it might be good to have craft items there as well. The people who decorate the church also got items to decorate the church with. We are looking to host this again around the same time next year before faith formation starts so the basement is available. It might be fun to have cookies, coffee, and music during the sale next year.

4. Share Your Christmas – Barb Groth: Not present. Jessica will check in to make sure this is happening.

5. Meals on Wheels – Jen Filek: Not present.

- Kathy Schultz mentioned that having the sign up online now was very helpful to be able to see if you're able to do it. We are also picking up the last week in October, 23-27, due to one of the churches backing out. Val Kaz mentioned the routes can get to be long and it's helpful to have 2 people run the route together. If someone doesn't have access to the online sign up they can still call Jen to volunteer.

6. Church Merchandise Fund Raiser – Alicia Millner

- New this year! There will be a variety of items available with an online store for various clothing items. The link to order items will be posted in the bulletins soon. Tote bags and coffee mugs will be available for sale after mass.

**c. (Leadership-organization and Legislation)**

1. Spirit of Mary Scholarship – Committee needed

- We offer 2, \$750 scholarships for senior girls to go towards their college education. Please reach out if you are interested in being a part of the committee.

2. CCW "Blue Book" Update – Pam Petersen

- Jessica Chapman's number is incorrect. 320-583-3762. There will be a group of people who are on the "Cards list" to stay connected with them.

3. Legislation Update – Kathy Schultz

- Received a mailing from the archdiocese and October is "respect life month". Copies were shared with Anastasia and Bernie to possibly use with the students. Novena can be prayed for life on October 13-21 and is on the "respect life" website if you're interested in doing that. January 22, 2024 is the respect life mass at the cathedral. The Right to Life March is in Washington DC and this info was shared with the youth ministry group as well. Shared pro-life across America newsletter info. Val Kaz suggested having the movie *Unplanned* shown at a CCW event. We could talk to Bernie about potentially hosting a showing here with high schoolers.

**Unfinished and New Business**

1. Reports of other church groups (Synod, Bible study, KCs other)

- a. Dianne O'Keefe is in the women's study which now has 18 people in the group. There are work books and a related video they watch and then discuss the content. Women's Bible study on Monday evenings. Synod consists of 7 Tuesday nights to discuss how the parish can continue to grow and how to be more inviting and be more aware of each other and model Jesus' example.

2. Meal train for new babies – Corrine Millner: Not present

3. Craft day – Alicia Millner

- Talked about not doing it at the last meeting but then discussed having something like a porch pot craft to make. Lakeside Garden Center has a variety of craft days and options with various types of crafts to make. We also talked about getting together and making cards to sell and share with others. Maybe create a card kit to sell and the buyer can make their own. Alicia is willing to chair a committee and Val offered to help.
4. Unborn Baby Monument update – Lyn Imdieke-Struzyk: Not present.
5. Social Event- Jessica Chapman and Karen Millner
- Talked about going a church tour to visit different churches in the area. Also discussed going to 10:30 mass, have a lunch downstairs after, and then go to a matinee. Val mentioned doing a tour in Little Falls. Laurie, Kathy, and Val volunteered to help plan something. Suggested having this after winter to accommodate the weather in the winter with the bad roads.
6. Facebook page-how to get notices- Nicole Link
- You need to join the group first and then turn notifications on. Not everyone has a Facebook account but the info posted on the page is a duplicate of what's in the bulletin. A link to join the page will be added to the bulletin.
7. **God Stories, Inspiration reflection**
- Marie shared a God story about how our family found our home here in Annandale.
8. Announcements
- Parking lot Rosary on October 14th at noon
  - Pioneer Park has there pancake breakfast
9. Closing Prayer
- Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.
- Social/snacks