

Holy Redeemer Council of Catholic Women

General Meeting in Carlin Hall following the 5:30 Mass

Monday, January 24, 2022

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Members present: Joyce Strootman, Karla Antony, Leanna Olsem, Christina Blomme, Paula Meyer, Lori Timmerman, Janet Vandendriessche, Evonne Seivert, Bobbi Verly

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Additions to the Agenda – none.

2. Opening Prayer – Evonne Seivert – A Prayer for Covid Times

3. Secretary's Report – Paula Meyer – November meeting minutes approved.

4. Treasurer's Report – Janet Vandendriessche – Current balance in checking is \$18,999.36. Money market account balance is \$21,097.67. The cookie walk raised \$2,031; expenses were approximately \$375. The proceeds will be divided amongst our education programs in the parish (faith formation, school and CRC).

Suggestion was made to help cover the registration fees for the National Convention in November because we have a surplus of money in our savings account.

5. President's Report – Karla Antony – See the back page.

Commission Reports

Spirituality

Church Commission – Evonne Seivert – Suggestion made to make a Valentine for the priests we pray for as part of our Shepherds of the Field ministry. These would need to be finished by February 7th to get to them by the 14th. Drop them off at the Parish Center. Retreat that was suggested at the last meeting is still in the planning stages.

Legislation Commission – Joyce Strootman – Legislative session starts Jan. 31. In 2021 we had 48 baptisms in the parish.

Reverence Life – Lori Timmerman – See report on the next page. Pray and fast for what is going to happen with the prolife movement. Take the time to read the Parish Catholic for more information on abortions. Evil is at work and we need to work to combat it.

Mother's Day roses will happen again in May. Proceeds go to Birthright.

The bus to the Capitol had about 20 people. The response was that it was very good.

Service

Family Concerns – Leanna Olsem – Confirmation gifts were ordered – Catholic Prayer books. There are about 42 Confirmands and approximately 42 for First Communion. RCIA candidates will likely be receiving a journal as has been done in the past.

Community Concerns – Gina Reed – Absent. No report.

International Concerns – Paula Boerboom - See report on the next page.

Scholarship – Christina Blomme – Scholarship application information will be put in the bulletin.

Spring Luncheon – plans are progressing on this. It will be held on May 19.

Leadership

Organization Commission – Janet Trost – Absent. No report.

Vice President – Megan Gross – Absent. No report.

Communication – Bobbi Verly – No report.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Fr. Schumacher's 60th Anniversary is coming up. There will be an open house party for him on February 19th from 1-4 p.m. in Carlin Hall. Lori Timmerman is coordinating this. There will be a Mass at 5 p.m. with all three priests celebrating Mass together. HRCCW motioned and passed to contribute \$300 to help with expenses for this celebration. This will be a joint effort between St. Mary's Cottonwood, the Knights, Catholic United Financial and CCW.
- March 28th – General Meeting Speaker Dana Webskowski "*Becoming the Women God Created You to Be.*" The Service Commission group will be responsible for food that evening.
- There is a meeting on Saturday for the Diocesan Convention taking place at the school on Saturday, January 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Closing Prayer - Evonne Seivert – 'A Family Blessing'

Dare to Be a Disciple

As Disciples of the Lord, we strive to strengthen our Catholic faith by deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ through Love, Prayer and Service.

Commission coordinators written reports of activities:

Treasurer's Report – Janet Vandendriessche

Will review donations to be paid this month.

President – Karla Antony

HR Funeral Committee Leader is Jo Neuman and currently Judy Klatt does the calling. If you hear of someone being called and they don't feel they are able to make a cake they can let the Judy or the funeral caller know they want to be removed from the list. (This committee is not through CCW.)

Vice President – Megan Gross

Reverence Life – Lori Timmerman

Thank you for sponsoring the bus to the Capitol. In 2019, in Minnesota, 37 percent of the abortions were chemical abortions. Nationally, this statistic was also the same. 20 percent of the chemical abortions have complications compared to 5 % with surgical abortions.

On December 16, 2021, the FDA announced that the removal of the in-person dispensing requirement for chemical abortions would be permanent. Mifepristone will now be available through the mail or in pharmacies, and the FDA has created a certification to allow pharmacies to dispense the drug.

International Concerns – Paula Boerboom

I have received no Communication about 'Mission of Love' Sunday from NUDCCW but know that their needs are still great. Fr. Tony has given permission (see his email below) to have CCW women stand in the gathering area and at the side entrance doors to receive donations after Mass from Mass attendees. This is the same as last year and we raised over \$350. I will remind Fr. Tony the Wednesday before so that it's in the announcements. Will also contact Rachel to get it in the bulletin. We really just need women to be at the Masses to collect money and get it to the parish office where Janet V can pick it up to deposit.

So, I am looking for volunteers for each Mass for the weekend of February 12-13. If you could ask for volunteers at the meeting.

NUCCW Convention at Holy Redeemer: April 29 & 30, 2022

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Spring Gathering - March 21, 2022
Fall Gathering - Sept. 19, 2022