

Holy Redeemer Council of Catholic Women

General Meeting in Carlin Hall following the 5:30 Mass

**Monday, November 22, 2021**

*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: Leanna Olsem, Janet Trost, Joyce Strootman, Megan Gross, Christina Blomme, Bobbi Verly, Lori Timmerman, Gina Reed, Evonne Seivert, Karla Antony, Paula Meyer

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

Additions to the Agenda

**2. Opening Prayer** – Evonne Seivert – A Simple Prayer of Gratitude

**3. Secretary's Report** – Paula Meyer – M/S/P to approve the October minutes.

**4. Treasurer's Report** – Janet Vandendriessche – Absent. Checking balance is \$16,642.73 and savings has \$21,090.62. An additional \$400 in dues was collected since the last meeting. M/S/P to approve treasurer's report.

**5. President's Report** – Karla Antony – She met with Latiefa regarding the Cookie Walk and numbers needed to work the event. Becki Johnson is also working on coordinating bakers and workers. Karol Kopitski is also calling to find volunteers.

**Commission Reports**

**Spirituality**

Church Commission – Evonne Seivert – She will be sending out Thanksgiving cards to our Shepherds of the Field.

Legislation Commission – Joyce Strootman – There will likely be a special session of the legislature.

Reverence Life – Lori Timmerman – She has the letter for the Pro-life bus with details to get money donated to help cover the cost of the bus. Dobbs/Jackson case could overturn Roe v. Wade. It goes to the Supreme Court on Dec. 1. 40 days for Life will be held in St. Cloud if anyone is interested. The dates are Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

**Service**

Family Concerns – Leanna Olsem – no report.

Community Concerns – Gina Reed – Meals on Wheels is pretty much full, may be one spot left. It was discussed if the parish would be doing an updated directory anytime soon. The last one was done in 2015. It's a matter of having people who are willing to organize this per discussion with Fr. Tony. It was noted in particular because when making calls to parishioners using the directory, many people are no longer using land lines, so the directories are very outdated.

International Concerns – Paula Boerboom – She will contact Fr. Tony about the Mission of Love event scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 12-13. 2022. Last year we were able to have a special collection during one of the weekend Masses which raised over \$300 for the Mission. We will see if we can do this again.

Scholarship – Christina Blomme – She is working with people on the salad luncheon and getting it pretty well organized at this point.

### **Leadership**

Organization Commission – Janet Trost – no report.

Vice President – Megan Gross – Christmas party is coming up 2 weeks from today. Planning is in progress for approximately 60 people including food, gifts, prizes, music, etc. Megan showed us the little gift that will be given to each attendee. Help will be needed with clean up on the day of the event, Monday, December 6, 2021. It will be a potluck with CCW board making sure that they bring non-dessert dishes.

Communication – Bobbi Verly – A sign-up genius was created for people to sign-up to help with the Cookie Walk. Cookie bakers and workers were also solicited through Facebook. A digital flier was created to share online. Marshall Radio, Country Spirit, Marshall Independent were all contacted to publish information on the Cookie Walk. Additional notices will be sent out for the CDA/CCW Christmas party.

### **Old Business**

- HOLT International – (NUDCCW) Service Project – M/S/P to donate \$500 to this project. (HRCCW budget includes the Diocesan project in the budget)
- Crisis Pregnancy Center/Birthright Service Project. It was noted that we give a good deal to this cause: October collection at the back of the church, Mother’s Day flower proceeds and this cause is a line item on the CCW budget.
- Cookie Walk – Sheryl Kaiser, Chair – It will be held Dec. 11 at 9 a.m. Sheryl has found workers for both Friday night and Saturday. Sheryl also has people who are willing to prep and bake caramel rolls for the morning of the Cookie Walk. She will need someone to help get them ordered and down to Carlin Hall. Evonne Seivert volunteered to be Mrs. Claus at the event.

### **New Business**

- None

**Closing Prayer** - Evonne Seivert – “Giving Thanks to God for His Many Blessings”

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting on January 24, 2022.

### **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.