

St. John's Council of Catholic Women

Meeting Minutes For May 8, 2012

SJCCW Mission Statement

Under the guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. John's Council of Catholic Women (SJCCW) strives to provide a trusting connection to the Body of Christ. We aim to support and empower all the women of St. John's in spirituality, leadership, and relationships through education and service.

Note: Our evening began at 7:00 PM with a viewing of the video, "Cooking Safely For a Crowd", produced by the University of Minnesota Extension Office. Those present signed a form to be posted in the Church kitchen, showing who has watched the video on food safety. Diane Olson will discuss this video at the Parish Administration Council Meeting, in regards to the Fall Festival.

I. Call to order

Diane Olson called to order the regular meeting of the **Council of Catholic Women at 7:45 PM on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at St. John's Church.**

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Diane Olson, Janet Lyrek, Mary Ellen Nelson, Jan Crowe, Pat LeBlanc, Linda Nordberg, Sue Steuck, Kathy Nowak, Char Benoit, Colleen Bonniwell, Gloria Kotila, Shelly Mendiola

III. Opening Prayer

"Believe" read by Jan Crowe

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) Change in minutes under Committee Reports "m" from Annual CCW Convention to Spring Gathering.
- b) Motion made to approve with change by Sue Steuck
- c) Seconded by Kathy Nowak

V. Approval of Agenda

- a) Additions to Agenda: Kathy Nowak added Region VI President needed
Diane added garage sale items for Fr. John under Organization
Jan Crowe added Luncheon under Event Information
- b) Motion made to approve with additions by Colleen Bonniwell
- c) Seconded by Char Benoit

VI. NUDCCW Convention Report

- a) 53rd Annual Convention, held Saturday, April 28, 2012 @ Church of the Holy Redeemer in Marshall, MN.
- b) Attending from our parish were Colleen Bonniwell, Janet Lyrek, Ruthann Hansen.
- c) It was reported that within the next few months, CCW will be reorganized into 3 commissions: Leadership, Spirituality, and Service.
- d) Shirley Nowak, Province Director, is looking for suggestions in improving the Convention Silent Auction.
- e) Region VI President position is open. Please pray and discern about this.
- f) Next convention will be held in Glencoe on April 27, 2013.

VII. Committee Reports

- a) Janet Lyrek, Treasurer
 1. CCW fiscal year will change to September through August.
 2. CCW dues from Offertory Envelopes collected \$382.00
 3. Diane reported that in the Resource & Guidance Manual the new budget plan begins annually on September 1 through August 31. Because of this, due envelopes will be included in the Offertory Envelopes for October and will read " CCW 2013. Diane will notify Lisa of the change and addition to the envelopes.
- b) Linda Nordberg, Historian
 1. Looking for pictures from the past few years. Please submit any you may have to Linda.
- c) Pat LeBlanc/Sue Steuck, Church Concerns
 1. Shepherds of the Field – please continue to support these priests with cards of encouragement and our prayers.
 2. Fr. Brunner’s Ordination Anniversary is January 28th, Fr. Gross Ordination anniversary is in August, and Fr. John’s is May 28th.
- d) Jan Crowe, Legislation
 1. Nothing to discuss at this time. Watch the bulletin for when Fr. Joe will show videos on HHS Mandate and the Marriage Amendment.
- e) Mary Ellen Nelson, International Concerns
 1. Needs to order more coffee – sales have been very good.
 - a) Proposed the question of the price of the coffee. Should we raise the price from \$9/bag to \$10/bag?
 - b) Gloria made motion to raise the price of the coffee to \$10/bag. Motion was seconded by Kathy Nowak.
 2. Valentine’s Mission of Love
 - a) Saw a big increase in what was collected, due to the Valentine Envelop included in the Offertory Envelop Box.
 - b) Gloria made the motion to keep Mission of Love a CCW project, with the youth from the Religious Education program promoting it and continuing to make cards for it. Jan Crowe seconded the motion.
 3. Diane will talk to Lisa about ordering the offertory envelop, “CCW Mission of Love Valentine.”
- f) Linda Poirer, Organization (reported by Diane)
 1. Commission Mission Statements – Diane said that if the Mission Statements are o.k., then let her know.
 2. Kathy Nowak suggested leaving the Mission Statements alone for now, as CCW is reorganizing into 3 commissions. Diane agreed as we will be receiving additional information from the NUDCCW on how to handle the reorganization.
 3. Event Planner – will come out of Resource and Guidance Manual from NCCW. Diane will copy and distribute at the next meeting to help in event planning for the upcoming year.
 4. May Birthdays at Lakeside Health Care – Diane and Patty Munson Served for 6 Birthdays on May 8, 2012. Next year, we will serve in June 2013 at 2:00 PM.
 5. SJCCW Handbook – Diane suggested forming a committee of a few people to look at how to improve the handbook. Colleen, Kathy, Gloria and Janet will help with this. Kathy will obtain a copy of St. Pius’ (Glencoe) handbook, which is very well done.
 6. Memorial Mass for CCW members – it was discussed that Masses should be said for deceased members of CCW (which would include all the women who are members of St. John’s).

- a) A Mass card would be sent to family members, notifying them of the date of the Mass.
 - b) A Mass for all deceased members of CCW will be said – possibly in the month of November. Diane will copy and distribute at the next meeting to help in event planning for the upcoming year.
7. Ice Cream Social – Do we continue to have this fundraiser? It was emphasized that we need to extend the responsibility of this event beyond the “core” group of CCW members. This topic was tabled until our next meeting. ****After the meeting, Linda Poirer volunteered to organize the Ice Cream Social.*
8. Newsletter – Diane had the idea of publishing a semi-annual SJCCW Newsletter. It could include (not limited to) budget and committee reports, information about the HHS mandate and other issues affecting the Church. Also information and news regarding CCW – to help get the word out about us; interviews and pictures of new parish members, even some jokes.
- a) Sue questioned postage - we would need to budget for this.
 - b) Jan and Gloria volunteered to help with the Newsletter.
- g) Kathy Nowak, Scholarship
- 1. Kathy will send out the scholarship applications to the graduating Seniors. A recipient will be selected at our June meeting.
- h) Char Benoit, Reverence for Life
- 1. Birthright – they are in need of many items. Pat LeBlanc offered the use of a cradle she owns to help with the collection of items. Diane will discuss with Fr. Joe the placement of the bassinet.
 - 2. Char is working with Judy Haverkamp on having a baby shower for Birthright, possibly in June.

VII. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, June 19th, 7:00 PM @ the church

VIII. Adjournment

Diane Olson adjourned the meeting at **9:00 PM**.

Minutes submitted by: Shelly Mendiola