

St. John's Council of Catholic Women

Meeting Minutes for September 11, 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.

I. Call to order

Diane Olson called to order the regular meeting of the **Council of Catholic Women** at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at St. John's Church.**

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Diane Olson, Janet Lyrek, Char Benoit, Sue Steuck, Kathy Nowak, Jan Crowe, Shelly Mendiola, and Region VI President and Diocesan 2nd Vice President – Lori Dahlberg

III. Opening Prayer

“Prayer of St. Francis”, led by Char Benoit.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

V. Approval of Agenda

- a) Additions/Changes to Agenda: Diane Olson corrected the spelling of Linda Poirier's name under Reports. Added under New Business: Serving Coffee & Rolls, Vice President Position, New Commissions. Jan Crowe added CCW Recognition Sunday. Kathy Nowak added under Remarks: Augustana invite.
- b) Motion made to approve with addition by Jan Crowe.
- c) Seconded by Sue Steuck.

****Lori Dahlberg** was invited to share the re-structuring of CCW into three Commissions: 1) Spirituality; 2) Service; and 3) Leadership. Scholarship and Reverence For Life remain as Committees. This change in commissions came about as a result of Vatican II. She stressed that we need not meet EVERY need in the world, but focus on a few and do a good job at carrying out the necessary work. Diane expressed that ideally, we would have co-commissioners in each Commission, mainly as go-to people for the President and other officers. Others, then, would serve below them.

Committee Reports

- a) Janet Lyrek, Treasurer
 - 1. Shared Treasurers Report and read some Thank You cards received.
 - 2. Balance in checking as of August 29, 2012 is \$3319.71.
 - 3. Balance in savings as of August 29, 2012 is \$247.19
- b) Linda Nordberg, Historian
- c) Colleen Bonniwell, Community Concerns
- d) Jan Crowe, Legislation
 - 1. Jan reported that CCW Sunday is October 14th. She has cleared with the Worship Committee that CCW will serve in the ministries at Church for that Sunday. Jan will Lector, Janet volunteered to usher, and Char and Shelly will speak about CCW and the Commissions. Shelly will also speak about her involvement in CCW and encourage our younger members to get involved. Please let Jan know if you would like to volunteer for a ministry at the 9:00 AM Mass on October 14th.
- e) Mary Ellen Nelson, International Concerns
- f) Linda Poirier, Organization
- g) Kathy Nowak, Scholarship
 - 1. Kathy reported on the progress of the Handbook. She is checking into mailing rates and seeing if the Handbook can be condensed from 4 sheets to 3 sheets of paper.

VI. Event Information

- a) Diane was asked if CCW would like to host Coffee & Rolls after Mass one Sunday/month. Money generated would go back into CCW. This issue was tabled.
- b) Diane has asked Kathy Nowak to be the CCW Vice President. Kathy is not only knowledgeable, but will serve as a mentor to Diane. Kathy does not have the intention of being president. The goal is to find a Co-Vice President to serve with Kathy, with the intention of being CCW President.
- c) CCW Fall Gathering is September 24th, in Bird Island.
- d) Next meeting we will discuss By-laws. Diane will bring examples from St. Pius, Glenco. We will also be planning on *what* we will be doing and participating for the coming year.
- e) 2012-2013 Shepherd of the Field Assignments – St. John’s will be praying for Rev. Brian W. Oestreich. His address is: Church of St. Michael’s
412 3rd Street
Madison, MN 56256
Fr. Oestreich’s Ordination Anniversary is May 29, 1993, and his Birthday is January 23rd.

VII. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 7:00 PM @ the church
Prayer Leader: Kathy Nowak

VIII. Adjournment

Diane Olson adjourned the meeting at **8:15 PM**.
Minutes submitted by: Shelly Mendiola