

St. John's Council of Catholic Women
Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2011

I. Call to order

Diane Olson called to order the regular meeting of the **Council of Catholic Women** at **7:00 PM** on **Tuesday, November 15, 2011** at **St. John's Education Center**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Linda Poirer, Janet Lyrek, Kim Levinski, Mary Ellen Nelson, Colleen Bonniwell, Pat LeBlanc, Linda Nordberg, Char Benoit, Kathy Nowak, Shelly Mendiola, Diane Olson

III. Opening Prayer

Hail Mary

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) Motion made by Colleen
- b) Motion seconded by Mary Ellen

V. Approval of Agenda

Booklets were added to Colleen's report

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Janet Lyrek, Treasurer
 - 1. 2012 Budget is in process
 - 2. Cleared \$350 to go into General Fund
 - 3. Shared recommendation from CCW Fall Gathering that books should be audited each year.
 - 4. Diane will have proposed budget for next meeting.
 - 5. Linda P. suggested that different Committees submit specific needs for budget planning.
- b) Sue Steuck/Pat LeBlanc, Church Concerns
 - 1. Nothing to report at this time.
- c) Colleen Bonniwell, Community Concerns
 - 1. Funeral for Ruth Unterburger went well. Set-up for 160 people – maximum amount for the church basement.
 - 2. Colleen confirmed the need for a kitchen remodel at the church.
 - 3. Take Them a Meal – Tabled until a later meeting
 - 4. CCW Booklets – do they serve a purpose? To be discussed at a future meeting. If anyone has samples of other booklets, bring to next meeting.

5. Thanksgiving Baskets being assembled on November 16th.
 6. KC's are hosting a speaker from Willmar on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm (during their regular meeting), who will speak on issues surrounding the homeless. A collection of scarves, hats, mittens, socks and toiletries will be given.
 7. New-Comers Welcome Brunch – Suggested that it coincide with the KC's pancake breakfasts once a month. Start by getting names from Lisa of new members and bring the names to the meetings.
- d) Jan Crowe, Legislation
1. Colleen shared that Ron Shimanski & Dean Urdahl to speak at Ergot Museum in Dassel on November 17th @ 7:00 pm. Open forum.
- e) Mary Ellen Nelson/Ruthann Hansen, International Concerns
1. Will promote coffee sales in bulletin as a Christmas gift suggestion. Coffee brochure to be attached to the bulletin. It is priced at \$9/lb.
 2. Weekend of February 12th, Mission of Love Valentines will be explained after each Mass. Coffee and rolls will be served after that Sunday's Mass to promote coffee sales.
 3. Reported that Fr. Greg is in the U.S. for health reasons. He hopes to Return to Guatemala soon.
- f) Linda Poirer, Organization
1. Motion made by Colleen to accept By-laws. Seconded by Pat L.
 2. Discussion on CCW Dues – Diane will check with Lisa to see if Sunday offering envelopes can read, "CCW Dues – Free Will Offering"
 3. Officers – Linda P. suggested staggering terms. Details to be worked out next spring.
 4. Friendship Tea - Those in attendance enjoyed it. More people needed to help in kitchen. If it continues, a coordinator would be needed. Many donations were made.
 5. Event Planner for 2012 Activities – Received at Fall Gathering. Start thinking about these things now.
 6. CCW Woman of the Year – nominations due January 30, 2012. Linda P. will coordinate the nomination efforts.
- g) Char Benoit, Reverence Life
1. 40 Days for Life – Nationwide, over 580 lives saved during this campaign. Char shared her personal experience of walking during the campaign.
- h) Kathy Nowak, Scholarship
1. Received updated scholarship application from Fall Gathering. The only change is that youth are not allowed to apply for monies.
- i) Event Information
1. Christmas Wine & Cheese – Ruthann will coordinate. Group 6 will be called to help. Janet volunteered to help serve and Shelly volunteered to help set-up/decorate the morning of.
 2. Coffee and Rolls in December – Kathy, Shelly, & Linda P. will serve after the 7:30am Mass. Mary Ellen will provide coffee for sale.

VII. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, December 13th @ Zellas (Hutchinson) @7:00 PM for Christmas Party. \$5 gift exchange optional. RSVP to Colleen.

January Meeting – NONE

February Meeting – Tuesday, February 21st @ 7:00 pm @ Ed Center.

Prayer Leader - Colleen

FAT TUESDAY – bring a dish to share. Will work on reports.

**Diane will be a snow-bird from the end of December thru April.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Closing Prayer – The Our Father

Minutes submitted by: Shelly Mendiola

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.