

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2023

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Teresa Sherman-Gach at 6:56 PM.

1. **Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance:** Prayers and Pledge were led by Maria Brown.
2. **President's Comments:** President Teresa welcomed all the members. She announced the office informed her that the hall will not be available for our April meeting and the meeting will be held in the Ministry Center.
3. **Secretary Report:** Lorraine presented the minutes of the February 8th meeting. Motion to approve made by Lorraine Accardo, seconded by Carol Williams. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence:** Pat Corlew had no correspondence.
5. **Treasurer Report:** Sylvia presented Treasurer's reports for December, 2022, and January-February, 2023. Closet expense line item is overbudget, due to inactivity during COVID - supplies expired and needed to be replaced. Also, we have not been charging paper products to the various committees, which were charged to the closet. Board suggested moving \$1000 from the gifts budget to the closet expenses. Motion to approve the budget adjustment and monthly reports made by Pat Corlew, seconded by Chris Maniaci. Motion carried.
7. **First Vice President Report:** Jennifer thanked the board for hosting this evening. St. Rita Guild will host the April meeting.
8. **Second Vice President Report:** Karen stated 39 members were in attendance, and noted some of our new members were attending their first meeting. Karen announced the board plans to have a new member recognition at our May meeting, probably at the end of our Mass. All new members for the last two years will be contacted.
9. **Third Vice President Report:** Natalie was on vacation. No report.
10. **Commission Reports:**
  - A. **Right to Life** - Julie Grandquist reported on some national legal updates on pro-life issues, including the disparity of arrests between pro-choice and pro-life protesters.
  - B. **Anti-Pornography** - President Teresa discussed BARK.us - an app which can be placed on electronic devices (cell phones, computers, etc), to block pornographic sites. This will assist parents and others in blocking these offensive sites on their children's devices.
  - C. **Anti-Human Trafficking / Domestic Violence** - President Teresa led us in a prayer against human trafficking.
11. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Lenten Retreat** - Karen reported the retreat was attended by 29 ladies - low attendance due to the weather. Speakers and food were excellent. Karen announced she and Sylvia were stepping down as chairs and asked for someone to step forward and chair this

committee for next year. At the end of the meeting, Gerri Lajewski and Donna Borges volunteered to chair next year's retreat. Thank you ladies!

B. Euchre Tournament - Teresa reported the next Euchre night is April 13<sup>th</sup>. She would like to form a committee to work with the K of C on these events as it appears we will be having them on a regular basis. April's menu is chili with toppings and cornbread.

C. February Bake Sale - Neither of the chairs were present, so President Teresa gave a report. It was very successful - only one pie was left unsold, and profit was \$1121.50. She thanked Cheryl Elizondo and Natalie Butler for co-chairing.

D. Scholarship - Donna Borges she delivered more applications to the office, so there is a lot of interest in the scholarship. John Mira told her there are no seniors in the Youth Group this year.

E. Fashion Show - Karen Thornton gave an update on the May 6<sup>th</sup> event, which will begin at Noon. Tickets - \$20/per person in advance, \$25 at the door. We will be selling after all the Masses at the end of April. As a special treat, Thao Paris will be modeling an authentic Vietnamese wedding dress.

F. Day Trip - Maria Brown has reserved a bus (capacity 55). Total cost for bus transportation and lunch is \$45. Date is May 13<sup>th</sup>, leaving from the church parking lot around 8:30 a.m. Make reservations and payment to either Sylvia or Maria.

G. Fr. Steve's Retirement - Teresa reminded everyone of the date-June 25<sup>th</sup>. Pancake breakfast after 9 and 11 am Masses. She asked for volunteers.

## **12. New Business:**

A. Lenten Series Meal - CCW was asked to prepare the meal for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers should be there around 4:30, dinner at 6 pm. Soup, salad and bread. Cecelia McDonald and Jane Fraser have volunteered. More help needed.

B. HR Family Fun Day - Alisa Wells gave a brief report. Raffle tickets will be available at the end of the month and they are accepting raffle gifts. CCW will host bake sale.

C. March Donations - Sylvia updated the members on February donation to someone recommended by Deacon Omar. Sylvia moved to donate \$500 to the family Deacon suggested. Second by Maria Brown. Motion passed. March donation - Julie Grandquist moved to purchase 2 sleeping bag/back packs for donation. Second by Alisa Wells. Motion passed. Discussion held about Go-Fund-Me account for Josh Stately - a Powers graduate and MSU student who was injured in the shooting at MSU. Sylvia moved to donate \$250; Julie Grandquest amended the motion to donate \$250 plus the Go Fund Me fee. Second by Lorraine Nemecek. Motion passed.

D. Ideas for Welcome Event for New Priest - Discussion held. Whatever event we have will be co-hosted by K of C.

**13. Comments from Members:** Barb Butler suggested doubling the size of the CCW ad in the bulletin. Teresa will look into the cost. Teresa wanted to thank that Emily Arthur has been great at helping us get CCW events published in the bulletin. Gerri Lajewski suggested a day of prayer for our new priest. Karen Thornton asked for help with the home communion program. Joan Clark needs cakes for several funerals for this coming week. Please give your name and number to Barb Butler..

**14. Closing Prayer:** Led by President Teresa

**15. Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn made by Lorraine Accardo, seconded by Jennifer Mikonczyk. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:01 PM.

**NEXT MEETING – APRIL 5, 2023 - IN THE MINISTRY CENTER**