

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by First Vice President Jennifer Mikonczyk at 7:00 PM.

1. **Prayers:** Prayers were led by Maria Brown.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was led by Maria Brown.
3. **President's Comments:** Jennifer Teresa was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Teresa asked her to thank everyone for attending and thanked Jennifer for chairing. Jennifer listed a number of local events which the members may be interested in.
4. **Secretary Report:** Lorraine presented the minutes of the March meeting. Motion to approve made by Monica Howe, seconded by Nancy Amrich. Motion carried.
5. **Correspondence:** Pat Corlew read thank you notes from Fr. Tom Nenneau and Janet Cassidy thanking Karen for the opportunity to speak at our Lenten Retreat, and a thank you from Outreach for the donation to the family in need.
6. **Treasurer Report:** Sylvia presented the Treasurer's report for March. She also announced she was unable to make the donation to the Go Fund Me account for the MSU student as the fund had been closed by the family. Motion to approve made by Jean Johnson, seconded by Alisa Wells. Motion carried.
7. **First Vice President Report:** Jennifer thanked hostesses St. Rita's Guild. The board will host the May meeting.
8. **Second Vice President Report:** Karen stated 39 members were in attendance. Mailing labels for new members are on the tables for our books. 19 new members this year.
9. **Third Vice President Report:** Natalie had nothing to report.
10. **Commission Reports:**
 - A. **Right to Life** - Julie Grandquist had planned to discuss euthanasia but didn't have the information yet. She discussed the Florida abortion law.
 - B. **Anti-Pornography** - Jennifer read Teresa's report - an online discussion entitled "Every Parent Wants to Know" which parents and others can register for.
 - C. **Anti-Human Trafficking / Domestic Violence** - Jennifer stated handouts are on the tables with contact information on this topic.
11. **Speaker - Gerri Lajewski - Catholic Charities.** Gerri spoke to the membership about the programs of Catholic Charities, including soup kitchens, food pantry, warming center and community closet which provides assistance for those in need. Magazines are on the tables with more information on Catholic Charities assistance programs.
12. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Euchre Tournaments.** Jennifer read Teresa's update. We will be co-hosting tournaments on a monthly basis with K of C. CCW will provide food (rotating menus), and table prizes; K of C will provide drinks and snacks and take care of registration. Next tournament is April 13th and we have sufficient volunteers for this time.
 - B. **Fashion Show** - Karen Thornton gave an update and announced tickets can be purchased this evening-\$20. We will be selling after all Masses later this month and she needs volunteers to sell after each Mass.
 - C. **Day Trip** - Maria Brown stated reservations can be made now for the May 12th trip. We need to fill the bus (55). If we don't have enough members and their

guests, we will open it up to the parish. She also announced the NE Regional CCW meeting and Mass is scheduled for May 11th at St. Roberts. Flyers are on the tables.

D. Family Fun Day - June 4th - Jennifer stated CCW will chair bake sale and assist K of C with Euchre. K of C suggested hosting Bingo and asked CCW to assist. More information later.

E. Fr. Steve' Retirement - Jennifer stated plans are underway for pancake breakfast co-hosted with K of C. We are planning a similar function for the new priest - possibly July 23rd. Laura Fulco discussed the idea of a retirement gift for Fr. Steve - a piece of wood with his favorite phrase engraved in it. She was asked to get more information on price, etc., and bring it to the next meeting.

F. Scholarship - Donna Borges said there are no applicants for the Women's scholarship at present.

13. New Business:

A. Monthly Donations - Sylvia stated it was child abuse awareness month and suggested a donation to Voices for Children. She also said the board authorized purchase of blue pinwheels which are available at the meeting for display in our yards to support Child Abuse Awareness Month. Monica Howe moved we donate \$100 to Voices for Children, second by Lorraine Nemecek. Motion passed. Jean Johnson motioned we donate the funds which had been allocated to the MSU student (\$250) to Catholic Charities. Second by Chris Maniaci. Motion passed.

B. May meeting Reservations - Reservations can be made tonight for the May meeting - catered dinner \$5. Joan Clark will cater. New members will be honored and invitations will be sent to all new members to join us. Kathleen Tucker and Theresa Ballenberger will be Eucharistic Ministers; Julie Grandquist will be lector. We need a Mass Captain. Theresa Ballenberger announced Our Lady of Fatima Guild will lead a rosary at 4:45 PM, with May crowning to follow prior to our Mass at 5:15 pm and invited all to attend.

C. Audit Committee - Volunteers for the Audit Committee are Barb Butler, Donna Borges and Kathy Tadajewski.

D. Altar Server Albs - Jennifer read a request from Dan Schmit for purchase of new albs due to wear and tear and the need for more smaller sizes. Cost is approximately \$920.79. Jean Johnson motioned to pay the entire cost, second by Natalie Butler. Motion tabled to the next meeting due to the amount over \$500.

14. Comments from Members: Jennifer stated Teresa is looking into the cost of doubling our bulletin ad and is waiting to hear back on the cost. Tangible donations for next month will be donations for the Tootsie Roll booth. Drawings were held.

15. Closing Prayer: Led by First Vice President Jennifer.

16. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Natalie Butler, seconded by Pat Corlew. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**NEXT MEETING – MAY 10, 2023
CATERED DINNER FOLLOWING 5:15 MASS
ROSARY AND MAY CROWNING BEGIN AT 4:45 PM**