

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

MAY 10, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting called to order following our May Mass, Rosary, May Crowning and New Member Recognition, by President Teresa Sherman-Gach at 7:10 PM.

1. **Prayers:** Prayers were led by Maria Brown.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was led by Maria Brown.
3. **Presentation regarding Monstrance Replating:** Sean Groves gave a presentation concerning the Adoration Chapel renovations. The renovations are proceeding on schedule and should be completed on time. The Monstrance was last replated in 2005. Michigan Church Supply recommended it be replated again, rather than just cleaned due to condition issues. The final cost is \$3355 and the adoration chapel committee would welcome any and all donations. He also mentioned that committed adorers would be most welcome.

Following his presentation, discussion was opened on a possible donation for the Monstrance replating. Linda Wolfe made a motion to donate \$2000, second by Cheryl Elizondo. Discussion held. Linda's motion was withdrawn and Barb Butler made a motion to pay the entire cost of \$3355, second by Jean Johnson. Discussion held and motion tabled to September meeting.

4. **President's Comments:** President Teresa thanked everyone for the thank you card to her husband, Greg, and to both of them for their anniversary.
5. **Secretary Report:** Lorraine presented the minutes of the April meeting. Motion to approve made by Jean Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Accardo. Motion carried.
6. **Correspondence:** Pat Corlew read correspondence: a thank you from Voices for Children and Catholic Charities for our recent donations. Pat also mentioned that a long-time member, Joanne Garrett had recently passed away and gave the date and time of funeral Mass.
7. **Treasurer Report:** Sylvia presented the Treasurer's report for April. Motion to approve made by Pat Corlew, seconded by Linda Wolfe. Motion carried.
8. **First Vice President Report:** Jennifer was unable to attend due to family commitment. On her behalf, Teresa thanked the board for hosting this meeting. The board will also host the September meeting.
9. **Second Vice President Report:** Karen stated 51 members were in attendance and welcomed a guest, Lynn Steelman and new member, Kimberly Cannon. She also stated she had membership renewal forms available this evening and encouraged members to renew early so the membership book could be printed on a timely basis.
10. **Third Vice President Report:** Natalie had nothing to report.
11. **Old Business:**
 - A. Euchre Tournaments - Teresa stated the next Euchre night is May 18th. We need volunteers to cover the summer months and sign up sheets were distributed.
 - B. Fashion Show - Karen Thornton gave a report on this event, which was well attended and all seemed to enjoy the show and lunch. She thanked St. Rita's Guild for their assistance, Joan Clark for the lunch, and all the models and other volunteers.

C. Day Trip - President Teresa announced the trip was canceled as we were unable to fill the bus. We are looking into rescheduling for the Fall and maybe do a car pool instead of chartering a bus.

D. HR Family Fun Day - Beth Clark gave an update and asked for volunteers and donations. She discussed the cornhole tournament and other activities. Jana Lamb volunteered to chair the bake sale and President Teresa will chair the Euchre tournament. Debbie Summers announced she would be at the pavilion around 8 am to set up and she could accept baked good donations at that time.

E. Fr. Steve's Retirement - Teresa announced we are proceeding with co-hosting the breakfast with the K of C and she had a volunteer sign up sheet. The New Priest welcome breakfast is on hold until we know when he will be arriving and will most likely wait until September. Beth Clark stated that the parish will be paying for the food for the breakfast.

F. Scholarship - Donna Borges reported that she had two applicants for the senior scholarship and none for the Pat Paris scholarship. Discussion held on whether to award the scholarship to both applicants, assuming they meet the qualifications as determined by the judges. Motion made by Chris Maniaci, seconded by Jacqueline Jones, to award two \$1000 scholarships upon review and approval by the judges. Motion passed.

G. Audit committee - Committee has been formed and Sylvia will make arrangements to turn over the books to the committee chair (Barb Butler) in mid-June.

H. Altar Server Albs - Motion which was tabled at the April meeting was opened for discussion and voted on. Motion passed to pay the entire cost of \$831.61.

12. New Business:

A. Monthly Donation - Sylvia Walton reported May is Deaf Awareness Month and Mental Health Awareness Month. Suggested charities are: Michigan School for the Deaf and National Alliance on Mental Illness Suicide Hotline. Jane Fraser moved to donate \$100 to the Suicide Hotline, second by Debbie Summers. Discussion held, motion passed.

B. Year End Activity Report - Sylvia presented a list of our activities for the past year.

C. 2023-2024 Budget - Treasurer Sylvia distributed a proposed budget for the coming year, but stated it will now have to be revised due to the pending motion to pay the entire cost of the Monstrance (we would be immediately overbudget if that motion passes in September). Sylvia also discussed that the board was looking into transferring some of our funds into a certificate of deposit since the interest rates are improving. Discussion held concerning pending expenditures and possible amount of CD. Lorraine Nemecek moved to transfer \$5000 to a certificate of deposit for one year with a minimum of 4% interest and give Sylvia discretion to select the financial institution. Second by Carol Popadich. Motion passed. Motion to approve amended Budget made by Sue Fox, second by Pat Corlew. Discussion held, motion passed. Sylvia will revise budget for distribution at September meeting.

D. Bulletin Ad - President Teresa has purchased a larger CCW ad for the bulletin at a cost of \$900.

E. Ideas for Next Year - Teresa discussed the various activities we planned for this year and indicated the board would like to repeat some of these, such as Wine Tasting and monthly Euchre tournaments. Discussion held on possible events for next year included: Dueling Pianos, Beer Tasting, Wine Tasting with Valentine's Day theme. She asked that any ideas be sent to her.

13. Comments from Members: Theresa Ballenberger gave a report from Laura Fulco on her idea to present Fr. Steve with a wood plaque made from a piece of an old pew with a wood engraving and showed the proposed drawing. This would be done at no cost by someone who Laura knows from Holy Family Church.

Carol Popadich talked about how she is now serving in the adoration chapel for her mother's original hour and encouraged people to sign up for an hour.

Maria Brown announced the CCW Women's Retreat at St. Patrick's Church in Brighton on September 9th.

Gerri Lajewski announced the Catholic Charities May Crowning on Friday, May 12th, and other upcoming event, including May 24-25 at WoJo's Nursery in Davison. If you mention Catholic Charities on those two days when purchasing your items, a donation will be sent to Catholic Charities.

14. Closing Prayer: Led by President Teresa

15. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Lorraine Nemecek, seconded by Natalie Butler. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:22 PM.

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2023