

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Teresa Sherman-Gach at 6:55 PM.

1. **Prayers:** Prayers were led by Maria Brown.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was led by Maria Brown.
3. **President's Comments:** President Teresa welcomed all to our new year and said if anyone has any concerns, questions or comments, contact her-phone, text or email.
4. **Secretary Report:** Lorraine presented minutes of the May meeting. Motion to approve made by Maria Brown, seconded by Chris Maniaci. Motion carried.
5. **Correspondence:** President read correspondence - thank yous from Amelia Bennett, scholarship recipient; Fr. Steve for the reception and plaque; and St. John Vianney for cash donation.
6. **Treasurer Report:** Sylvia presented the Treasurer's report for June, July and August, and also presented the revised Budget. Discussion held concerning changes to the budget. Motion to approve revised budget made by Jean Johnson, seconded by Sally Weatherwax. Motion carried. Motion to approve June, July and August report made by Cecilia McDonald, seconded by Jennifer Mikonczyk. Motion carried. Sylvia also explained the Penny Pot, which is used for Madonna Fund and Water for Life programs (National CCW programs).
7. **First Vice President Report:** Jennifer thanked the Board for hosting the meeting and asked for a volunteer guild to host in October. Our Lady of Snows guild volunteered. Jennifer also explained what a guild is.
8. **Second Vice President Report:** Karen stated 43 members were in attendance, including new member, Michelle Amberg. She stated 116 members have renewed, with 15 outstanding members who she has contacted. She mentioned that beginning renewal at the May meeting was very successful.
9. **Third Vice President Report:** Natalie was unable to attend - no report.
10. **Parliamentarian:** Lorraine Nemecek discussed voting and motion procedure to be followed. Members making a motion should state what line item in the budget the expenditure should be charged to; motions must be within the allotted budget amount; motions in excess of budget amount are improper and should be withdrawn or amended to an appropriate amount. Paper ballots required for motions in excess of \$500, and any member may ask for paper ballot for any motion. Written guidelines will be available at all meetings.
11. **Old Business:**
 - A. Monstrance replating. Motion to pay for monstrance replating in the amount of \$3355 was tabled from the May meeting. The final cost was \$3296.65. Brief discussion was held and voting by paper ballot was conducted. Motion passed.
 - B. Fr. Georges' welcome event. Teresa announced the Bishop will be installing Fr. Georges on Saturday, October 28th at the 4 pm Mass. The church office has asked us to host a reception following Mass (light snacks and drinks). Office will provide the food. Karen Marsh offered to donate food items. Teresa will ask for volunteers at the October meeting.
 - C. Euchre Tournaments. Teresa announced that this activity has been well-received and well attended. Next tournament is Sept. 21st. Sylvia Walton will prepare the crack chicken, Karen Thornton is providing the cookies; and Jennifer Mikonczyk and Teresa will be working. Anyone wishing to assist, please contact Teresa.

D. Scrapbooking. Jennifer Mikonczyk discussed preparations for this event. She'll be asking for donations and volunteers in October. We are sold out - with 82 registrations. She asked for donations of raffle baskets and two baskets prepared by Lorraine Nemecek were displayed for sample ideas. Direct baskets donations to Lorraine.

12. New Business:

A. Fall Bake Sale. Sale is scheduled for September 16-17, after the Saturday 4 PM and Sunday, 9 and 11 AM Masses. Donations of home-baked cookies, cakes, pies, breads, etc., are needed. A chair is needed. (Note: Alisa Wells volunteered.)

B. HR Dinner Auction. CCW has been asked to assist with raffle sales. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets. Event is Oct. 14th, beginning at 5 pm.

C. Pat Paris Scholarship. Teresa discussed there is a significant amount in this fund and we have not been successful in obtaining applicants. We will be advertising this scholarship in October and hope to attract more attention. Pat's husband, Paul, who recently passed away, previously indicated he wants the funds used in whatever way we want to, so we may use some funds for the high school senior scholarship. Teresa announced this scholarship can be used for any type of education, including continuing education, books, seminars, etc.

D. Ideas for 2023-2024. Teresa discussed some of the options the board was considering for the coming year, including a repeat of the wine tasting event, possible CPR training session, and Dueling Pianos. More information later.

E. Regional CCW Update. The Regional CCW Fall meeting is scheduled for October 12th, at Sts. Charles and Helena Church in Clio, beginning with Mass at 8:30 am, with refreshments, meeting, group activity and lunch to follow. This is a free event, but RSVPs are requested by Oct. 4th. Please see Sylvia Walton or the newsletter for contact information.

F. Monthly Donation. Teresa thanked all the members for the donation of school supplies to Holy Rosary School. Discussion held on cash donations to: St Jude's Hospital, Michigan School for the Deaf, Suicide Prevention, and other groups. Motion made by Jean Johnson, second by Jacqueline Jones to donate \$100 to Michigan School for the Deaf. Motion carried.

13. Comments from Members: Karen Thornton discussed a video Trip to the Holy Land at Goodrich United Methodist Church on September 16. Gerri Lajewski discussed women's bible study group called Walking with Purpose running every other week from Oct 4th to December 13th. Information in the bulletin. Karen Marsh discussed the Fall fundraiser for St. Francis Prayer Center on September 23rd at Flint Farmers Market. For October meeting, we will be collecting children's books for a to be determined charity. Please see newsletter for more details on these events.

14. Closing Prayer: Led by President Teresa

15. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Jennifer Mikonczyk, seconded by JoAnn Lubiato. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:07 PM.

NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2023