

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Teresa Sherman-Gach at 7:02 PM.

1. **Prayers:** Prayers were led by Sue Slater.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was led by Sue Slater.
3. **President's Comments:** Teresa thanked the members for their generous donation of books to the Boys and Girls Clubs Reading Program, and said the board looked for a charity which would place books directly into the hands of children.
4. **Secretary Report:** Lorraine presented the minutes of the September meeting. No changes. Motion to approve made by Alisa Wells, seconded by Betty Ponziani. Motion carried.
5. **Correspondence:** Pat Corlew read correspondence from Holy Rosary School thanking us for our generous donation of snacks and school supplies.
6. **Treasurer Report:** Sylvia presented the Treasurer's report for September. Motion to approve made by Jean Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Accardo. Motion carried.
7. **First Vice President Report:** Jennifer thanked hostesses -Our Lady of the Snows. November's meeting will be hosted by Our Lady of Fatima Guild. Jennifer made brief comments on the activities of Our Lady of the Snows Guild.
8. **Second Vice President Report:** Karen stated 41 members were in attendance, plus one guest - Ursula Robinson. Karen stated the new membership books are available. One correction to Page 18 - Kimberly Cannon's email is butterflylvr63@comcast.net.
9. **Third Vice President Report:** Natalie apologized for emailing an incorrect date for tonight's meeting, and asked if anyone would like to have the newsletter emailed, rather than mailed, to please let her know.
10. **Commission Reports:** No commission reports were presented this evening.
11. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Bake Sale.** Alisa Wells reported that profits were \$647 and thanked all who helped set up, sell and donated baked goods. She said we could have used more baked goods donations.
 - B. **Euchre.** President Teresa announced next euchre night is October 19. She thanked all for volunteering to work the event. Menu for October 19 - TBD.
 - C. **HR Auction.** Beth Clark announced that she has tickets with her to sell tonight (\$25), and that there are some wonderful raffle prizes and it's going to be fun! She said they could still use some volunteers.
 - D. **Scrapbooking.** Jennifer Mikonczyk announced that Joan Clark will be chairing the kitchen and asking for volunteers and donations. She also stated that sign up

sheets are being circulated for volunteers and food donations. Joan Clark stated she is continuing the soup and salad/sandwich for lunch and is working on the dinner menu. She's asking for soup donations. Joan also thanked Karen Thornton and Sylvia Walton and Lorraine Nemecek for their many years' work on the scrapbooking event and presented them with a mum plant.

E. Fr. Georges' Installation. Teresa is sending a sign up sheet for volunteers to work this event which is immediately following the October 28th 4 pm Mass.

12. New Business:

A. Pat Paris Scholarship. Teresa said she is attempting to get a bulletin insert or video announcement about this scholarship to clarify and explain the types of costs which can be covered by this scholarship.

B. Altar Items. Teresa stated the office has requested our assistance on the cost of two items: (1) Corporals - 12 are needed at a cost of \$23 each (\$276), which would come from the Altar Linen budget. Motion made by Joan Clark, second by Cheryl Elizondo, to pay \$276. Discussion held. Motion passed. (2) Cintures - new cintures are needed as we now have several younger (smaller) altar servers and smaller sizes are needed. Motion made by Jean Johnson to pay \$250 from Other Altar Needs budget, second by Karen Thornton. Discussion held, motion passed.

Fr. Georges joined the meeting at this point and spoke briefly about how happy he is to be here and thanked us for welcoming him and gave a short inspirational talk.

C. Closet Update. Teresa stated we now have a second closet to store our items. Lorraine Nemecek has organized the closets - one for regular, monthly items used at meetings, and the second stores various decorations and items used for special functions. Before purchasing items for various committees, please check with Teresa to see if currently stored items could be used instead of purchasing new. Also, a large supply of placemats and plastic tablecloths, along with some linen tablecloths are available.

D. Cookie Walk. Teresa announced the date of Cookie Walk is Dec. 9-10th. Alisa Wells volunteered to chair along with Joan Clark.

E. Wine Tasting. This event is scheduled for January 20th, and Teresa sent a sign-up sheet around for volunteers to serve on the planning committee.

F. Dueling Pianos. Teresa is scheduling this event for May 4th and has sent a sign-up sheet around for volunteers to work on this committee. She explained what the event is and said we could potentially make \$5000.

G. Veterans Dinner. Lorraine Nemecek announced that the K of C has requested 4-5 ladies to assist with registration and selling raffle tickets at the November 4th dinner, immediately following the 4 pm Mass. She now has all volunteers needed.

H. CPR Update. Teresa checked with the Red Cross and the cost for training would be approximately \$2500 for about 20 people. Due to the expense, she suggested putting this on hold for now. Joan Clark stated she might know of someone who could do this and will check on it.

I. Monthly Donation. Sylvia Walton reported on the board's suggestion of Cyber Smiles, which is an anti-online bullying organization. Lorraine Nemecek motioned we give \$100 to Cyber Smiles, second by Joan Clark. Discussion held. Motion passed.

13. Comments from Members: .

JoAnn Lubiato commented that we could use more of a presence at funerals for our members. Discussion held on the medals which can be worn for a deceased members'

funeral. Monica Howe suggested that members who are in attendance get the medals and gather whichever members are present and then return medals to their storage drawer in the sacristy. Teresa will check into how to better organize this.

More corrections to the membership book: Thao Paris - phone number is 810-877-1032. Mary Woodruff email is: marywoodruff@ymail.com Jana Lamb's email is:

Gerri Donnelly made a motion for \$500 for her Guild to shop for the Outreach Christmas family. Second by Sylvia Walton. Motion passed.

14. Closing Prayer: Led by President Teresa

15. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Alisa Wells, seconded by Monica Howe. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2023