

ICCCW Minutes from 11.2.2017

The meeting began at 6:00 with the lighting of the candle and the prayer for Increased Membership, chosen by Maggie. There were 9 members and 4 officers present. There were no new members, although Delores Deleveski attended for the first time in ages. There was one November birthday, Joyce Dressler and one anniversary, 25 years for Steve and Judy Bates on the 21st. Someone needing prayers, but not an ICCCW member directly is Joyce Dressler's sister. We lost one sister in Christ since our last meeting Diane Tharp. The Memorare was recited for Diane and all deceased members. The Mass will be on Thursday, November 9th at Noon. If anyone can participate in the rosary at 11:30, please come.

The October minutes were read individually. Maggie asked that an addition be placed in the section on the Mary/Martha event, stating that the budget for the event was \$1000 and Susie and Judy B were thrifty and thoughtful shoppers and spent only \$800.43. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Susie read the report: On 10.6.17 the account balance was \$10,829.62. Income totaling \$2754.00 was deposited, coming from dues, funeral lunch donations and the card party. Expenses totaled \$1407, leaving an ending balance on 11.2.17 of \$12,176.62. Of that total, the Funeral Luncheon balance is \$4797.62, leaving an ending balance of \$7378.69. Susie then reported on the Card Party finals: Deposits totaled \$2324 and expenses totaled \$229, leaving a profit of \$2095. This total was down roughly \$200 from the spring card party and down roughly \$160 from the Fall of '16 party. Donations and quilt raffle chances were down but the gift card booth was up, somehow.

Communications and Bills: Helen read one Thank you note from the family of Mardell Pelch for the funeral luncheon provided. There were no bills.

Committee and other Reports:

Funerals: there were no funerals since our last meeting.

KCKC: Joanne Schilling was able to contact 2 returning students and have them sign up for this program. Maggie distributed the unused gift cards from the send-off bags to the "spiritual Moms" and donated the rest to the Card Party game. November is a typical mailing month, so please mail your student something by the end of the month.

Rosary: 40 people assembled to participate in the Rosary Rally on October 14th. We were one of 21,570 recorded groups assembled across America for this "America Needs Fatima" campaign.

MEV: We will host the fall meeting for the MEV here at ICC on Thursday, December 7 at 9:30. All are welcome to attend; it will give you an opportunity to meet

ladies from other parishes and catch up on BDCCW news. We will also start the initial planning for the 2018 BDCCS convention to be held here at ICC.

BDCCW: 155 women from parishes throughout the Diocese gathered at St. Bruno's in Pinckneyville for the convention on October 11th. Ginna, Stephanie, and Maggie attended. Our parish will host the convention next year on October 10, 2018.

NCCW: invites all to participate in the Day of Prayer and Fasting to end world hunger on Thursday, November 16th. It is suggested that the money that would be spent on food be donated to CRS. The 2018 National Convention in Pittsburgh PA August 29-September 1. Maggie will attend.

Soaps for Prisoners: A total of 1519 individual and hotel and full-size items were collected. (The collection ends tonight. Update: 49 more items were added for a grand total of 1568 items!!!) Father Chris will find out if the prisons have found other sources for these necessities and will update us.

Field trip to the Shrine of St. Joseph: 12 people attended, including 3 from Millstadt. Those who attended stated that the trip was well worth it and all recommended planning another somewhere else.

Unfinished Business: At last month's meeting, Maggie brought up the idea for the ICCCW to purchase something needed by the retired priests at the Hincke-Sense Home. There are 11 priests residing there and the best thing to do is visit in person to find out what is needed. Susie Colbert-Curtis proposed spending \$300 and Joanne Schilling seconded. The motion passed. Maggie, Ginna, Anna B and Judy B will visit on Tuesday, November 7th.

New Business:

The Traveling Chalice program begins this weekend. Joanne Schilling reported that the first two weekends are filled but need more parishioners for some of the following weekends. For 3 months the Chalice will be offered at the 11:00 Masses; as of now there are only 5 parishioners signed up for 12 weekends.

Christmas party at Aunt Maggie's: December 7th with a **5:30** start time. Terry Hart volunteered to help plan the party and will corral Carol Reichert to assist.

Gift for the Parish: last year the ICCCW made a \$3,000 gift to the parish at the Christmas party/meeting. Maggie asked if we could increase that by 10% this year and asked if the gift should come solely from the main fund or if a portion can come from the Funeral meals kitty. There were some concerns about taking monies from the luncheon funds. The group was reminded the luncheon funds really are not separate. Our initial goal for listing them separate was to determine if we could expand the program to supplying the meat/entrée for the family. The group felt it was beneficial to keep listing them separate as a way to easily see if the program continues to fund

itself. However, should the program run into financial difficulties, the ICCCW promised to subsidize. The program is too important to the parish community. All agreed to donate a portion from the Funeral meals kitty and revisit next year. A motion was made by Anne Luth to donate \$3500 to the parish with \$420 of that coming from the Funeral meal money and Ginna Hamilton seconded. The motion passed. In addition, the yearly Christmas gift to the priests was discussed; the ICCCW has given \$50 to each priest at our holiday party. Rebecca Cordes motioned to increase that amount to \$100 per priest and Terry Hart seconded. The motion passed.

Judy Kinane mentioned that the Funeral Meals committee is tasked with bringing food and members to the Fellowship Gathering after 9:00 Mass on December 3rd if anyone can make it.

There were no other topics for New Business.

Spiritual Segment: Rescheduled for the January meeting since we needed to convene for Mass. Terry Hart will present her topic of the Jehovah's Witness faith.

The next meeting will be December 7th at Aunt Maggie's at 5:30.

Rebecca Cordes won the attendance prize.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 with the praying of the Hail Mary, followed by Mass for All Souls Day.

Respectfully Submitted by: Helen Csik, Secretary