

**Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women
 Monthly Members Meeting
 April 4, 2019
 6:00 pm – 7:50 pm**

We began the meeting by reciting the Salute to the Cross and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Opening Prayer:

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

2. Roll Call:

Four (4) officers and eight (8) members were in attendance.

3. Special Events:

- a. Birthdays-No April Birthdays
- b. Anniversaries-No April anniversaries.

4. Members in Need of Prayers and Get Well Cards for April

- a. Continued prayers for Rebecca Cordes

5. Memories of Our Sisters in Christ:

- a. Lillian Kopec-DOB March 16, 1930...Died March 3, 2019
- b. Jeanne Wilde-DOB September 22, 1930...Died March 24, 2019

We recited the Memorare for Lillian and Jeanne and for all of our deceased members.

6. Approval of March Minutes:

There were no revisions to the March minutes; therefore, the minutes for March were approved as written. A copy of the March minutes will be sent to Hope Wienhoff to post to the ICCCW web page.

7. Treasurer's Report: 3/7/19 to 4/4/19

Beginning Balance:	\$ 4,584.37
Deposits: (See Details under Communications/Bills)	\$ 845.00
Less Expenses: (See Details under Communications/Bills)	(\$ 500.71)
Ending Balance:	\$ 4,928.66
Funeral Luncheon Balance	\$ 3,000.00
ICCCW Available Cash Balance	\$ 1,928.66

8. Communications/Bills:

- a. We received a thank you card from the family of Norma Hawickhorst's family for the funeral meal luncheon for their mother, Norma.
- b. We received a thank you card from the family of Lillian Kopec for the funeral meal luncheon.
- c. We received a thank you card from the family of Bob Koberlein for the funeral meal luncheon.
- d. We received an invitation from the Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, for their spring luncheon. The theme this year is Aprons and Pearls. The event is Thursday, May 16th, at noon, with a cost of \$12.00. Reservations are suggested. The deadline for making reservations is May 13th. Call the Church office at 618-476-1778 with the names of those attending. The price of the admission includes lunch. Wear your aprons and pearls...heels are optional!! Test your memory of old TV shows and programs.
- e. Income...We had \$10.00 in dues, we had a total of \$485.00 for Sunday Funday quilt chances, and we received \$350.00 for funeral meal donations, income totaling \$845.00.
- f. Expenses...There was a \$10.00 expense for the attendance prize winner, Judy Kinane. We bought twelve (12) purificators totaling \$75.39. We had funeral meal expenses of \$207.32 and ICC masses totaling \$10.00. We purchased candles from Vineyard Religious Supply Candles in the amount of \$198.00. Total expenses \$500.71

9. Committees and Other Reports:

a. Funeral Meals

- a. Two (2) funeral luncheons in April-Lillian Kopac and Bob Koberlein
- b. Number of people served at the April luncheons-74 guests.

b. KCKC

- a. Just a reminder that April is a mailing month for those spiritual mothers who are participating in the KCKC program. Notes, cards, prayer cards, small monetary gifts, letters, etc. should be sent out this month. If you need something to send your college student, please call Ginna Hamilton @ 618-792-8342. She has a basket filled with things that you could include with your letter.

c. Rosary Committee

- a. Our spring public rosary event will be held on May 11th @ noon in front of City Hall. Once again, Carrie Boser will be leading this event. We needed volunteers to lead the decades of the rosary. Elaine Matlock, Ginna Hamilton, Joanne Schilling, Kathy Ritter and Maggie Burns (volunteered by her daughter) have volunteered to fill that need.

d. Vocations Traveling Chalice Program

We received updates from Joanne Schilling...see below.

- a. Joanne Schilling mentioned that the Vocational Committee met and discussed that additional volunteers are needed to complete the month of April. Judy Bates, Ginna Hamilton and Joyce Randle volunteered to receive the chalice for the last three (3) weekends in April at the 9:00 am mass.

e. **MEV/BDCCW/NCCW:**

- a. **MEV:** 2019 Spring Day of Prayer will be held at St. Michael's Church in Paderborn, IL. on Thursday, April 25, 2019.
- b. **MEV:** 2019 Fall Day of Prayer will be held at St. Henry's in Belleville, IL. Date TBD.
- c. **BDCCW:** Nothing scheduled at this time. New information may be shared at the Spring Day of Prayer held at St. Michael's Church in Paderborn, IL
- d. **NCCW:** The 2019 Annual Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia – August 21-24, 2019. Early bird registration is \$300.00. Ginna Hamilton mentioned that she will not be attending this year. Also, Ginna read a letter from the NCCW regarding late term abortion, making it legal, in some states, to abort a fetus during the third-trimester. Several states have passed legislation that permits abortion until birth for any reason. Late-term abortion is a subject of political, moral, ethical and religious controversy. Please write your congressman regarding opposition to this heinous practice.

10. Unfinished Business:

a. **Sunday Funday**

- i. Preparations for April 28th Sunday Funday are in work.
- ii. Ginna Hamilton mailed the remaining member's letters to those members who did not pick up their envelope in the gathering space at church.
- iii. Helen Csik volunteered to make the sign to track the gift cards for the popsicle stick game.
- iv. We still have openings for selling raffle tickets and for working at the Sunday Funday.
- v. Please send in raffle tickets, gift cards and/or donations for the event. Place all funds in an envelope marked Sunday Funday and place in the collection basket before April 28th or drop your envelope off at the parish office before Friday, April 26th.

b. **Spring Party**

- i. May 2nd is the ICCCW Spring Party.
- ii. This year the Spring Party will be held in the Garden Level of the church.
- iii. The ICCCW will be providing fried chicken. We're asking all members who are attending to bring a dish. Please call Judy Bates @ 314-775-5438 if you would like to attend and let her know what dish you will be bringing.
- iv. Sign-up sheets for the side dishes were passed out at the meeting.

c. **Women's Weekend**

- i. The annual Women's Weekend will be held the weekend of May 4-5. This event will be celebrated at all of the weekend masses.
- ii. All women will be receiving a gift after mass in appreciation for all that they do to support our church community.
- iii. We need help assembling the gifts. Wednesday, April 10th, in the Garden Level, at 10:00 am has been determined to assemble the gifts.
- iv. We still need someone to lead the rosary at the 7:00 am mass. Any volunteers??

11. New Business:

- v. Ginna asked that all members bring ideas to the April meeting for raising additional funds for the Council so that we can continue to support and meet the needs of the Parish and all other organizations who depend on outside support from ministries like the ICCCW and other parishes. The following ideas were discussed:
 1. Have a women's night out filled with shopping, wine and cheese, and camaraderie with members of the ICCCW, friends, neighbors, daughters and don't forget your girlfriends. The suggestion of calling the event Excess Baggage Boutique was made. The event would be comprised of gently used or new, donated shoes, purses, jewelry, hats, gloves, scarves and other accessories for women to purchase and an admission fee was also considered.
 2. Many versions of a fashion show were discussed, including wearing clothes from outside vendors where a discount would be offered to the attendees, wearing slightly used clothes that may be purchased at the event, funny costumes that would simply entertain the attendees, were some of the suggestions. Possibly, lunch was suggested to be included at the events.
 3. Add more things to the current agenda for the spring and fall card parties to raise additional funds i.e. gift basket raffles, etc. Susie Colbert Curtis reviewed the income from the last four Sunday Fundays.
 4. Have several quilt raffles during the year.
 5. Have a gift basket event where you would purchase the gift baskets or have a silent auction.
 6. Create a Fund a Need Campaign where you would ask the parish for donations to continue to support the needs and obligations of all things altar i.e. wine, hosts, candles, etc. by the ICCCW.
 7. Bake pies for the Labor Day picnic for those parishioners who donated the pies made by Aunt Maggie's now that the restaurant has closed and charge for that service.
 8. Some members suggested that we simply scrutinize our discretionary funds more closely.
 9. Have the gift card or Popsicle stick game at this year's Labor Day picnic.
 10. Review the funeral meals policy of purchasing the entrée for all funeral luncheons by considering asking for \$2.00 per person to pay for the entrée for the number of people that the families estimate will be attending the funeral luncheon. Oftentimes, we are given an estimate that is so much greater than the actual number of guests for the luncheon; therefore, too much food is ordered.

12. Spiritual Segment:

This month, Kathy Ritter shared a wonderful prayer with us entitled, Holy Women of God, Pray for Us! The prayer came from Catholic Relief Services. It was a beautiful prayer that we all recited at the end of our meeting. There will be no individual Spiritual Segment for the month of May; as our Women's Weekend will fulfill our May requirement.

13. Other:

No desserts are required at the May meeting due to the spring party event.

14. Next Meeting:

Our next member's meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm when we will have our spring party in the Garden Level of the church. All attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

15. Closing Prayer

Hail Mary

The winner of the \$10.00 attendance prize was Judy Kinane.

The meeting had a bit of a late start...6:15 pm and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully, submitted by Judith M. Bates, secretary.