

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women
Monthly Members Meeting
December 6, 2018
Annual Christmas Party @ Aunt Maggie's
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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

1. Opening Prayer:

Our Lady of Good Council

After the opening prayer, we began the meeting with the presentation of the Parish gift from the ICCCW, to Father Carl. Unfortunately, Father Gary was unable to attend our annual Christmas party. He had some unexpected guests and time did not permit him to host his guests and attend our Christmas party. Ginna Hamilton and Susie Colbert-Curtis presented Father Carl with a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used at Father Carl's discretion for the Parish church and/or school. Also, we gave Father Carl and Father Gary a modest, monetary Christmas gift. As the presentation continued, Ginna mentioned to Father Carl that his leadership has been instrumental in our Parish and in our faith journey. His kindness, mercy and faith, along with his humor and wonderful homilies have taught us so much. Further, she said that Father Carl's model of generosity and love help shape us every day into better Disciples of Christ. She thanked him and presented him with the check. Father Carl was very grateful.

2. Roll Call:

Four (4) officers and sixteen (16) members were in attendance, plus Father Carl.

3. Special Events:

- a. Birthday-Lucy Hollman celebrates her birthday on December 27, 2018
- b. Birthday-Florence Beatty celebrates her birthday on December 23, 2018.
- c. There were no wedding anniversaries in December.

4. Members in Need of Prayers or Get Well Cards for December:

- a. Prayers for Glenda Sexaeur

5. Memories of Our Sisters in Christ:

- a. Pearl Mueller- DOB May 12, 1922...Died November 2, 2018

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

6. Approval of November Minutes:

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

7. Treasurer's Report: 11/2/18 to 12/5/18	
Beginning Balance:	\$ 8,689.79
Deposits:	\$ 1,210.50
(Funeral donations, dues & gift cards for retired priests)	
Less Expenses:	(\$ 4,878.36)
Ending Balance:	\$ 5,021.93
Funeral Luncheon Balance	\$ 3,000.00
ICCCW Available Cash Balance	\$ 2,021.93

Treasurer's report was approved by Helen Csik and 2nd by Joan Johns. Please note that Susie mentioned that the treasury is down approx. \$3,000.00 from this same time last year.

8. Communications/Bills:

- a. We received a thank you note from the Calvin Fries family for the funeral luncheon.
- b. We received a thank you note from Laurie and Mike Conrad for the funeral luncheon for Linda Rippelmeyer.
- c. We received a thank you note from Becky Pegorelac and family for the funeral luncheon for Charlie, her husband.
- d. Thank you card from Maggie Burns for our participation in BDCCW Convention hosted by ICC.
- e. We had \$1,027.56 in funeral luncheons. There was a \$10.00 expense for a mass for Pearl Mueller, expenses of \$171.80 for the hosts and \$469.00 for wine. We gave donations and Christmas gifts to Fr. Carl and Fr. Gary in the amount of \$3,200.00.

9. Committees and Other Reports:

a. Funeral Meals

- a. Two (2) funeral luncheons in November-Charlie Pegorelac, Pearl Mueller
- b. Number of people served at the November luncheons-205 people.
- c. Please note...From January 12, 2018-November 9, 2018, there were 20 funeral luncheons, of which we received \$3,770.00 in donations and \$3,656.78 was spent in food purchases for the funeral meals.

b. KCKC

- a. Just a reminder that December 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 no later than next week; as, the college kids will be returning home for the holidays.

c. Rosary Committee

- a. Ginna mentioned that we need additional volunteers to be part of the rosary ministry. We pray the rosary ½ hour before each woman's funeral in our Parish. Ginna texts all volunteers when you are needed to pray the rosary prior to the funeral mass. This ministry is so important to the members of the families who need those prayers at such a difficult time.

d. Vocations Traveling Chalice Program

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

- a. We need prayers for the success of the Vocations Traveling Chalice Program.
- b. Participating in the Traveling Chalice Program is easy to do. Prayers are said daily for an increase in religious vocations during the week that you have the chalice.
- c. Currently, we are presenting the chalice at the 11:00 am weekend mass.
- d. Each weekly volunteer(s) pick up the chalice at the end of 11:00 am mass and returns it the following Sunday.
- e. The prayers for vocations are included in the box with the chalice.
- f. We need volunteers for the 11:00 am mass for the weekends of 12-16-18, 12-23-18, 12-30-18, 1-6-19 and 1-13-19.

e. MEV/BDCCW/NCCW:

- a. **MEV:** 2019 Spring Day of Prayer will be held at St. Michael's Church in Paderborn, IL.
- b. **MEV:** 2019 Fall Day of Prayer will be held at St. Henry's in Belleville, IL.
- c. **BDCCW:** The next meeting for the BDCCW is February 20, 2019, in Nashville, IL. Member's dues for the BDCCW are \$30.00 paid by the ICCCW.

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. We will be visiting the Hincke-Sense Home for retired priests on Thursday, December 13, 2018. We will meet in the lower parking lot at the church @ 10:30 am to carpool. We will be attending mass at 11:30 am, lunch at noon and afterwards we will present small gifts to the priests and we will complete the afternoon by singing Christmas carols. Also, we brought steaks and shrimp, along with \$25.00 gift cards to Applebee's restaurant for the priests to enjoy for their Christmas holiday. All items were donated anonymously. In addition to those items, candy and boxes of Kleenex were given to the priests as well.

11. Spiritual/Service Segment:

- a. The December Spiritual segment was waived until the January, 2019 meeting.
- b. Judy Bates mentioned that she has scheduled Catie Evans to speak at our January meeting to fulfill our January Spiritual segment. Catie was the interrupter who attended the trip to Guatemala and we have invited her to speak to us and share her experiences. We are looking forward to all she has to share about the trip.
- c. Judy will reach out to Laura Whelan for assistance in having someone from the Youth Group who attended the trip to Cairo, IL, attend our February 7th meeting and speak to us about their experiences from the Cairo trip.

12. Other:

- a. Kathy Ritter and Susie Colbert-Curtis volunteered to bring desserts and snacks to the January meeting.
- b. Judy Bates asked all members to bring a friend to the January meeting to hear Catie Evans' Guatemala presentation.

- c. Maggie Burns mentioned that regarding asking all members to bring a friend to the January meeting...Maggie reminded us that the theme of this year's BDCCW Convention was "Build the City of God." Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done in this city. Together, we can do great things, as great things are brought about through the efforts of many hands.
- d. Judy also mentioned that she sent out 19 thank you notes to all the extraordinary women who volunteered from the ICCCW at the BDCCW Convention, hosted at Immaculate Conception Church. These women worked tirelessly to help make this event a huge success.

13. New Business:

- a. There is no new business to discuss at this time.

14. Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 3, 2019, @ 6:00 pm, In the Garden Level in the church.

15. Closing Prayer:

Hail Mary

The winner of the \$10.00 attendance prize was Terry Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully, submitted by Judith M. Bates, secretary.