

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women
Monthly Members Meeting
February 7, 2019
6:00 pm – 7:40 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 Council

2. Roll Call:

Three (3) officers and eight (8) members were in attendance.

3. Special Events:

- a. Birthday-Ginna Hamilton-February 18th and Terry Hart-February 24th.
- b. Anniversaries-No February anniversaries.

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

- a. Prayers for Joan Johns
- b. Prayers for Anna Bunton
- c. Prayers for Sharon Nealon

5. Memories of Our Sisters in Christ:

There were no funerals for our Sisters in Christ during the month of January; however, we recited the Memorare in memory of our past deceased members.

6. Approval of January Minutes:

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

7. Treasurer's Report: 01/3/19 to 02/7/19

Beginning Balance:	\$ 4,512.63
Deposits: (See Details under Communications/Bills)	\$ 90.00
Less Expenses: (See Details under Communications/Bills)	(\$ 801.80)
Ending Balance:	\$ 3,800.83
Funeral Luncheon Balance	\$ 3,000.00
ICCCW Available Cash Balance	\$ 800.83

Note: Ginna Hamilton summarized the expenses and income for the ICCCW for 2018.

We had income of \$11,829.30 and expenses of \$14,769.94...please note that this does not include the funds from the beginning balance for 1/1/18; however, the results brought up some discussion points. See below.

Ginna discussed the following points:

- a. Ginna reminded us of our commitment as a ministry; we purchase all things related to the altar for use at all Masses, including weekday Masses at the school which includes purchasing the hosts, wine, altar candles and other items necessary for the altar.
- b. We have committed to purchasing the entrees for the funeral meals. Donations from the families are used to support this commitment. This ensued a discussion from the members about our commitment and the difficulty we may have in the future continuing to purchase the entrees; as donations have decreased over the past year. Judy Kinane tracks the purchases against the family donations and reported that we are close to breaking even. At this time we will continue to keep the \$3,000.00 in reserve for the funeral meals. This issue requires further discussion.
- c. Each year we should review our known expenses and budget them accordingly.
- d. Map out our spending plan and forecast which months may be tight and which ones you'll have extra income, i.e. income from annual dues, spring and fall Sunday Fundays, quilt raffles, funeral donations etc. vs. outlay of cash for such items as...donations to the Newman Catholic Center, training expenses, gifts for the Women's Weekend, sponsoring Gibault students for prolife trip, Christmas donation for the parish, etc.
- e. We should discuss and determine a dollar amount for monthly and/or annual purchases and/or events used with discretionary funds for donations, purchases, etc.
- f. Briefly discussed having additional fund raisers so that we can accommodate all requests for donations and have additional funds to continue to grow our ministry.

8. Communications/Bills:

- a. We received a thank you from Catie Evans for the gift card that we presented to her as a small token of our appreciation after she attended our January meeting and spoke to the ICCCW members about her trip to Guatemala.
- b. We received a thank you card from the Newman Catholic Center for our purchase of raffle tickets for their fundraiser for a trip to the Smoky Mountains.
- c. We received a letter from Maggie Burns, President of the Metro-East Vicariate, regarding current members considering an officer role in the Metro-East Vicariate Council of Catholic Women. Please submit your name to Maggie Burns @ jmburns@htc.net if you are interested in submitting your name or nomination. Please do so by April 1st. Also, Maggie included a blurb to be placed in our bulletin for the next 2-3 weeks.
- d. Income...We had \$90.00 income for ICCCW annual dues.
- e. Bills...There was a \$10.00 expense for the attendance prize winner, Faith Clark. We paid \$100.00 for the NCCW dues, we paid \$10.00 to the City of Columbia for our license for the Sunday Funday raffle, we paid \$171.80 to Contemplative Sisters of Good Shepherd for the hosts, Ginna Hamilton received \$35.00 cash for the starting change for the raffle box for our spring Sunday Funday quilt raffle.
- f. Donations:
 - i. Gibault Prolife trip-\$300.00
 - ii. Newman Catholic Center... \$25.00 for raffle tickets for the Smoky Mountain trip.
 - iii. Donation to the quilters for the spring quilt-\$150.00

9. Committees and Other Reports:

a. Funeral Meals

- i. Two (2) funeral luncheons in January-Charlie Hopkins and Robert Naumann.
- ii. Number of people served at the January luncheons-156 guests.

b. KCKC

- i. Just a reminder that February is a mailing month for those mothers who are participating in the KCKC program. Notes, cards, prayer cards, small monetary gifts, letters, etc. may be sent to your adopted college student.

c. Rosary Committee

- i. Our spring public rosary event will be held on May 11th at noon at City Hall. Once again, Carrie Boser will be leading this event. We will need volunteers to lead the program/decades. Signup sheet for volunteers will be available at the next meeting.

d. Vocations Traveling Chalice Program

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

- i. We need volunteers for the 9:00 am mass for the month of March.

e. MEV/BDCCW/NCCW:

- i. **MEV:** 2019 Spring Day of Prayer will be held at St. Michael's Church in Paderborn, IL.
- ii. **MEV:** 2019 Fall Day of Prayer will be held at St. Henry's in Belleville, IL.
- iii. **MEV:** St. James CCW presents An Afternoon in Hollywood (Hooray for Hollywood), Wednesday, April 10th @ noon, located at 405 West Madison, Millstadt, \$12.00 per person includes lunch, bingo, raffles for quilt and gift basket, and the Lollipop Shoppe where delectable treats may be purchased. Call Christy Lehr at 618-210-0042 for tickets.
- iv. **BDCCW:** The next meeting for the BDCCW is February 20, 2019, in Nashville, IL. beginning @ 9:00 am.

10. Unfinished Business:

- i. Preparations for April 28th Sunday Funday
- ii. Volunteer Sheets were passed around for selling raffle tickets, volunteers to help at the Pancake Supper held on Ash Wednesday, sponsored by the Knights, volunteer to work at the Fish Fries during Lent or support this event by attending the Fish Fries and/or donating a dessert, sponsored by the Knights. We will continue to get more volunteers.

11. New Business:

- i. We are looking for a new treasurer for the ICCCW. This position is a two (2) year commitment. Please call Ginna Hamilton @ 618-792-8342 if you are interested or would like a copy of the job description.
- ii. Women's Weekend-May 4-5, 2019 after all the weekend masses. Looking for ideas.
- iii. Joyce Randle, VP has implemented a method of managing time and monitoring the meeting agenda. She brought a stuffed Elmo. ELMO stands for enough, let's move on. We'll see if Elmo can keep us on schedule and limit discussions.

12. Spiritual/Service Segment:

- i. Judy Bates spoke about Growing in Holiness. Judy gave a brief introduction and then provided some suggestions as to how you can grow in holiness and become closer to Jesus. She got the idea from the BDCCW Convention where Fr. Deters from St. Clair in O'Fallon spoke on the same topic. If you were not able to attend the February meeting and hear Judy speak, please consider one of the following suggestions to grow in holiness.
 1. **Silent Prayer**-Sit quietly for 15 minutes and just talk and (then listen) to God.
 2. **Morning Offering**-Start each morning offering the day to Our Lord...give him everything...the good and the bad.
 3. **Spiritual Reading**-Set aside 15 minutes each day for spiritual reading.
 4. **Holy Mass and Communion**-Try to rearrange your schedule to add a weekday Mass.
 5. **Confession**-Set a goal to go to confession at least 4 times a year...possibly monthly.
 6. **Holy Rosary**-15-20 minutes is all it takes to contemplate the lives of Jesus and Mary. If this is new for you, start with one Decade per day.
 7. **Brief Examination of Conscience at Night**-Before bedtime, pause for a few moments and think about what you have done that may have offended God or others that day. Are there things that we neglected to do? Pray the Act of Contrition, recognizing God's healing mercy, and asking for the graces to do better.
 8. **Participate in the Vocations Traveling Chalice Program**-Pray daily for an increase in religious vocations for one (1) week.
- ii. Our Spiritual Segment for March will be Tom Braun speaking to the members about how we can help the Prison Ministry.

13. Other:

- a. Rebecca Cordes volunteered to bring a sweet snack and Terry Hart volunteered to bring a salty snack to our March meeting.

14. Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 7, 2019, @ 6 pm in the Garden Level of the church.

15. Closing Prayer

Hail Mary

The winner of the \$10.00 attendance prize was Joanne Schilling.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully, submitted by Judith M. Bates, secretary.