

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women
Monthly Members Meeting
March 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 of St. Teresa of Avila

2. Roll Call:

Four (4) officers and eleven (11) members were in attendance.

3. Special Events:

- a. Birthday-Laura Feltz March 1, Joanne Schilling March 21, Judy Kinane March 30.
- b. Anniversaries-No March anniversaries.

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

- a. Prayers for Helen Csik's brother, Mike and Helen's family.
- b. Prayers for Kathy Ritter's mother, Ann.
- c. Prayers for Sharon Melching
- d. Prayers for Florence Beatty
- e. Prayers for Agnes Stuckmeyer
- f. Prayers for Sharon Nealon
- g. Prayers for Rebecca Cordes

5. Memories of Our Sisters in Christ:

- a. Jayne Bellm-DOB September 27, 1953...Died February 6, 2019
- b. Norma Hawickhorst-DOB September 8, 1936...Died February 9, 2019

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

6. Approval of February Minutes:

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

7. Treasurer's Report: 2/8/19 to 3/7/19

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3,800.83
Deposits: (See Details under Communications/Bills)	\$ 1,688.00
Less Expenses: (See Details under Communications/Bills)	(\$ 904.46)
Ending Balance:	\$ 4,584.37
Funeral Luncheon Balance	\$ 3,000.00
ICCCW Available Cash Balance	\$ 1,584.37

8. Communications/Bills:

- a. We received a thank you card from Mira Todd and the Gibault students for our \$300.00 donation for the March for Life trip.
- b. We received two thank you cards from the family of Robert W. Naumann for the funeral luncheon for their father.
- c. We received a thank you card from the family of Evelyn Hopkins for the funeral luncheon.
- d. We received a thank you card from the family of Jim Schaffer for the funeral luncheon. Janet Schaefer and her family were especially appreciative; as the family came from out of state.
- e. We received an invitation to the Metro-East Vicariate Spring Day of Prayer that is being hosted by St. Michael's Catholic Church, Paderborn, on Thursday April 25, 2019. The event begins at 8:30 am with registration in the parish hall, followed by mass, a speaker, a short meeting and the event ends at 2:00 pm with the 50/50 & attendance prize drawings and closing reflections. There will be a presentation of "How does our risen Jesus come alive to you as an individual?" The speaker is Father Roger Karban, a licentiate in Theology from Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and did his Doctoral studies at St. Louis University. We have a tentative number of members that will be attending; however, we will continue to take reservations at the April 4th meeting. The event fee is \$10.00. The CCW will pay \$4.00 for your registration and each member attending will pay the \$6.00 for their lunch. Please contact Ginna Hamilton @ 618-792-8342 if you need a ride. Typically, we meet in the lower level parking lot at 7:45 am and car pool.
- f. We received an invitation to the Spring Quilt/Cash Bingo event at St. James Parish in Millstadt, on Sunday, March 24, 2019. Doors open at 10:30 am and bingo begins at 1:00 pm. In addition to the bingo, they are having a bake sale, basket boutique and raffle. If you bring a canned good item you will receive one free bingo card per tally.
- g. Letter from Maggie... 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. This was discussed at the February 7th meeting
- h. Income...We had \$1,158.00 in dues paid through the annual church envelope collection and we received \$530.00 for funeral meal donations, income totaling \$1,688.00.

- i. Expenses...There was a \$10.00 expense for the attendance prize winner, Joanne Schilling. We paid \$343.60 to Contemplative Sisters of Good Shepherd for the purchase of the hosts. We had funeral meal expenses of \$520.86 and IC masses totaling \$30.00, expenses totaling \$904.46.

9. Committees and Other Reports:

a. Funeral Meals

- i. One (1) funeral luncheons in March-Norma Hawickhorst
- ii. Number of people served at the March luncheon-40 guests.

b. KCKC

- i. There are no required mailings in the month of March.

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 need volunteers to lead the program/decades. Signup sheet for volunteers will still 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 masses for the month of March. Joanne has volunteers through March 17, 2019.

e. MEV/BDCCW/NCCW:

- i. **MEV:** 2019 Spring Day of Prayer will be held at St. Michael's Church in Paderborn, IL. See Section 8, e. for additional information.
- ii. **MEV:** 2019 Fall Day of Prayer will be held at St. Henry's in Belleville, IL. Date TBD.
- 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:** Nothing scheduled at this time
- v. **NCCW:** Nothing scheduled at this time.

10. Unfinished Business:

- i. Preparations for April 28th Sunday Funday
- ii. Pick up your envelope before you leave tonight's meeting which includes your member's letter and two (2) sheets of raffle tickets. If you see someone's envelope that you know, do not hesitate to take their envelope and deliver it to them. Let's try to save on postage.
- iii. Place all donations and/or gift cards in an envelope marked "Sunday Funday" and place the envelope in the collection basket.
- iv. We still have openings for selling raffle tickets and for volunteers to work at the Sunday Funday.

- v. For those of you, who are attending, please bring a new or slightly used gift for the attendance prize drawings and/or a dessert for the buffet table. Thank you in advance.

11. New Business:

- i. Susie Colbert-Curtis is retiring from the position as Treasurer for the ICCCW. Joyce Randle will be stepping down from her current position as VP for the ICCCW. Joyce will be filling the position of Treasurer and Kathy Ritter has volunteered to accept the position as VP. Ginna Hamilton, current President, volunteered to stay on as President for an additional year, if necessary, during this transition. These changes will take effect after the May 2nd meeting. Congratulations to Joyce and Kathy and a special thank you to Susie for supporting the ICCCW for four years as Treasurer. We truly appreciate her contribution.
- ii. Women's Weekend-May 4-5, 2019 after all the weekend masses. Ginna brought several samples of small prayer cards to the meeting for the member's to review as a giveaway. The majority chose one of the prayers that Ginna suggested and further recommended that we incorporate that prayer into a bookmark that we will distribute at the Women's Weekend. We may need volunteers to help make the bookmarks; however, we will need volunteers to hand them out at all of the weekend masses. Ginna will get with Mary Beth Babcock to discuss and schedule the women's ministry roles at all of the weekend masses.
- iii. Ginna asked that all members bring ideas to the April meeting for making additional funds for the Council so that we can continue to support the Parish with their needs and all other organizations who depend on outside support from ministries like the ICCCW and other Parishes.
- iv. Due to Aunt Maggie's closing, the May ICCCW spring party and the December Christmas party will be held in the Garden Level of the Church. We discussed some preliminary plans for the May party; however, we will complete and share our plans for the party at the April meeting. Please consider attending the May 2nd event and bring a friend or two!

12. Spiritual/Service Segment:

- i. Kathy Ritter will fulfill our Spiritual Segment at the April meeting.
- ii. This month, Tom Braun spoke to the members at our March meeting about the prison ministry and the Kairos Retreat that is held at the Menard Prison. Tom explained that the Kairos program begins with a three-day Kairos Retreat which brings together screened and trained Kairos volunteers with residents of the prison. The retreat program leads, step by step, through a series of talks and activities, each day's program building on the previous day. The goals of the Kairos program are:
 - 1. To change hearts and transform lives by sharing God's love, grace and mercy with those who feel forgotten.
 - 2. To encourage involvement in small groups where participants can be uplifted and loved.
 - 3. To provide continuing mentoring for discipleship to those who are new in Christ
 - 4. To minister to prison employees as well as the incarcerated.
 - 5. To support the prison chaplain.

Tom mentioned that he was so grateful for our help last year with the Kairos Cookie Program and would appreciate our support for their upcoming retreat. Ginna Hamilton will receive the "Cookie Guidelines" from Tom and the dates that the cookies are needed for the retreat. Ginna will share that information with all ICCCW members. Tom and the officers of the ICCCW would appreciate your support. Lastly, Joyce Randle will be reaching out to Friends and Family through Facebook for volunteers from ICS.

13. Other:

Joyce Dressler volunteered to bring a sweet snack and Helen Csik volunteered to bring a salty snack to our April meeting.

14. Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 4, 2019, @ 6 pm in the Garden Level of the church.

15. Closing Prayer

Hail Mary

The winner of the \$10.00 attendance prize was Mary Ann Held.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully, submitted by Judith M. Bates, secretary.