

ICCCW Minutes 08.03.17

ICS cafeteria

The meeting began at 6:30 with the lighting of the candle.

Maggie began the meeting with the Memorare. There were 10 members, 2 officers and 3 new members present. (Angela Creed, Joyce Randle and Maryann Held.) Anna Bunton and Elaine Matlock-Kish have birthdays this month and Angela and Ed Hengel and Joyce and Adam Randle have anniversaries.

Members in need of get well cards are Donna Archambault and Anna Luth. We lost 6 sisters since our last meeting: Anna Mae Toon Johnson; Marie Chaudet; Betty Jean Schmidt; Laurine Mary Schroeder; Janet Siburt and Cecelia Toenjes. The Memorare was recited.

The minutes from the May meeting were emailed to members and hard copies were available at the meeting. This will save the time taken to read them during the meeting. No changes or revisions were made and Joanne Schilling motioned to approve the minutes and Judy Kinane seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Susie was not present to give the Treasurer's report, so Helen read the report. Activity from 05.04.17-08.03.17 was as follows: Starting balance: \$12,005.17. Income from funeral donations and dues totaled \$1,240.00 deposited. Expenses totaled \$1,759.31 and were comprised of orders of hosts for Masses, the end of year meeting at Aunt Maggie's, funeral cash to Judy K for meals, and Mass offerings. Ending balance is \$11,485.86 with \$4,147.93 of that in the Funeral Meals coffer. Ending balance for ICCCW is \$7337.93. Maggie announced that an executive decision was made to give Fr. Carl \$50 for his 70th birthday. Elaine Matlock-Kish motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Joanne Schilling seconded.

Communication: Maggie read an email from Fr. Carl, asking the ICCCW to consider making gift subscriptions of "The Messenger", perhaps to our college students enrolled in the KCKC program. The point was made that these students move each year and their addresses change. Maggie proposed gifting subscriptions to the area nursing homes and assisted living centers. The group thought this was a great idea and it was suggested that perhaps subscriptions can be given to newly married couples in the parish. Subscriptions are \$25 per year; Elaine Matlock-Kish suggested the ICCCW purchase 12 subscriptions and this was voted on and approved. Judy Kinane motioned to approve and Joyce Randle seconded. Maggie will contact the nursing homes and assisted living facilities to find out if any already receive The Messenger.

Committee and other Reports:

Funeral Meal: Judy Kinane reported that there have been 6 funerals since June 8th, serving 550 people. Feedback: Judy reported the expected number of guests rarely

match actual meals served. Side dish amounts are adequate, but they have come close to running out of chicken. Judy said she recently anticipated a larger number of guests, so she added a cooked ham to the buffet. She also has started having the ladies portion out the chicken. There were few leftovers. Angela Creed said she has several frozen hams she could donate. Terry suggested we store some frozen lasagnas that could be baked if needed. Judy said there were plans to purchase a freezer. A spot was saved for it in the kitchen when we built the church. Until we have the freezer and can have emergency food available, Maggie encouraged Judy to increase the chicken order as needed to ensure enough meat.

There was a proposed policy change to the Funeral Meals: Add the phrase (or are buried in the Immaculate Conception Church cemetery”, making the sentence read: “All parish families who have a funeral service in our church or are buried in the Immaculate Conception Church cemetery will be eligible for this service.” Angela Creed motioned to approve and Judy Bates seconded.

Maggie announced that Vicki Gallagher has resigned her position as Food Preparer Team Lead for the Funeral Meal program. Judy Kinane will assume those duties and her title will change to Program Director. It was suggested that a Thank You card be mailed to Vicki to recognize her efforts with the program. Joanne Schilling will do this.

Keeping College Kids Connected: Sign-up sheets were passed around for those who want a student to contact, and another to help hand out the bags during the blessing at the Masses on August 12-13. The bags for the students will be assembled after the meeting. Those who signed up for a student will receive the name and information at the September meeting.

Rosary Committee: the next Public Rosary Rally will be October 14th.

MEV/BDCCW/NCCW: MEV fall day of prayer is Thursday, September 21st at St. James parish in Millstadt from 8:30-2:00. The presentation will be “Who Do You Inspire? Living Life with Passion and Purpose” by Mr. Steve Kidd. The Gibault Liturgical choir will join us in worship. More information to come, but the cost is \$10 with the ICCCW covering \$4 of the \$10.

BDCCW convention is October 11th at St. Bruno in Pinckneyville; more information to come. A request was made to purchase \$20 worth of raffle tickets and Joanne Schilling motioned to approve and Joyce Randle seconded.

NCCCW convention is September 6-9 in Dallas TX. Maggie will be attending. Registration is open until Aug. 15.

Unfinished Business: Fall Mary/Marth Women’s Event: Judy Bates reported on all she has accomplished this summer; program, “save the date” cards, contacting churches in the area, all denominations, and showing the packets she sent the contact person at each church. Volunteers are needed to pass out the “save the date” cards after all

Masses the weekend of August 12-13. (Those who signed up to pass out the bags to the college students will do this as well). Maggie and Helen approved, as officer present, the Save the Date cards Judy designed and it was decided to print 400 of them. (Two on a page) Judy requested that Angie block out the whole day of September 13th for set up; if there is no funeral this should be acceptable.

New Business: Sunday Funday will on Sunday, October 22. Doors will open at 12:30 and the event will run until 4:00. Sign-up sheets for selling raffle chances (at Masses, Columbia Market and Rural King) were passed around. ** **ACTION ITEM:** re-write the letter that goes to the women of the parish in the envelope with the raffle tickets. (Per Judy Bates request) There was a proposal to offer a family discount of \$15 per table. Judy Bates motioned to approve and Anna Bunton seconded.

Proposed By-Law Changes:

Article II: Remove the sentence “No officer may succeed herself.” Insert “In the event there are no successors for a particular position, an officer may be asked to serve a second term, or retain their position until a replacement can be secured. Time in one particular office should not exceed four years.” Motion made to approve: Judy Bates and seconded by Judy Kinane. Motion passed.

Article II: Change the Nominating Committee from “President and the two officers retired the previous year” to “President and two members”. Motion to approve: Joanne Schilling; seconded by Elaine Matlock-Kish. Motion passed.

Article III, Section 7: Add “Vice-President” as a member on the Board of the MEV. This is current practice. Motion to approve: Angela Creed; seconded by Carol Reichert. Motion passed.

Article V, Obligation of Members: Change “obliged to attend the meetings of the Council” to “are encouraged”. Change the sentence “The members are obliged at all times to work in harmony with their officers to promote all the activities of the Council for the Church.” to “Members are encouraged to support the activities of the Council for the Church.” Motion to approve: Judy Bates; seconded by Joanne Schilling. Motion passed.

Article VI, Benefits to Members: Remove the sentence “All members are encouraged to attend.” the Mass offered for deceased members. We don’t have a consistent way to keep up with this. It was decided to keep this as-is for the time being. Officers will look for a way to help members know when Masses are offered.

By-Laws, #1: Change the sentence by deleting “by the Spiritual Director or in his absence by the presiding officer.” The sentence will read, “The meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.” Motion to approve: Judy Bates; seconded by Elaine Matlock-Kish. Motion passed

By-Laws, #4: Remove “appoint a sponsoring committee to arouse interest in the Retreat movement”. Change the sentence to read, “The Council shall encourage its members to make an annual Retreat; i.e., Bible Study, Day of Reflection, ACTS, etc.” Motion to approve: Joyce Randle; seconded by Judy Kinane. Motion passed.

Other proposed changes:

Proposal to change the meeting start time from **6:30 to 6:00**. This will help us get our business done and have time to visit, getting out at a decent time. This was discussed and Judy Kinane voted to approve the change. Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion was seconded by Terry Hart. Motion passed.

Proposal to add a 2 minute spiritual segment to each meeting. The suggestion was made to have members sign up for the following meeting, similar to volunteering for desserts. Angela Creed motioned to approve this, all voted to approve and it was seconded by Terry Hart. Motion passed. **Anna Bunton** volunteered to take the September meeting.

Outings to Local Churches/Shrines: According to the surveys, there is interest in field trips to various local churches. Maryann Held is an experienced tour group coordinator and leader and attended the meeting to give us options. 1. Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis. There is a 12:05 Mass and tours are available for \$2 per person. 2. Shrine of St. Joseph in St. Louis. There is a first Friday mass at noon with a rummage sale after. Tours are available for a donation. 3. St. Francis de Sales in St. Louis. There is a Latin Mass on Wednesdays at 12:15. Maryann was not sure of tours, but believes they are available. 4. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox church in St. Louis. Tours are offered but Maryann is not sure of Mass times during the week. 5. St. Mary of Victories in downtown St. Louis. Maryann did not have information on this with her. If transportation with the Gibault shuttle bus does not come to fruition, Maryann suggested having attendees gather at ICC in the gathering space before leaving for the event and she will discuss the plan for the day, then volunteer drivers will transport to and from the event. Lunch can be box lunch back at ICC, potluck back at ICC or can be out at a restaurant. It was decided as a group to try for Friday, October 6th at the Shrine of St. Joseph for a tour, Mass and then lunch. Helen is waiting to hear from David Gregson at Gibault about the shuttle. Maryann will make the arrangements.

Proposal to manage a Vocations initiative: Would our group be willing to coordinate, or help coordinate, a program for the parish, whereby a chalice would be passed from family to family, or parishioner to parishioner, each weekend at Mass, who would pray daily for vocations. This would require a strong coordinator or team of people (May include the parish Vocations committee) who will consistently nurture the program. It would require recruitment of families and individuals, scheduling, reminders to return and more. The group present was very much in favor of this proposal. **Joanne Schilling** volunteered to be a communications person. Fr. Carl will be bringing this

proposal to his staff and perhaps Mary Beth can include this in her scheduling of other Mass ministers.

Other topics for New Business: Judy requested we find a way to recognize June & July birthdays, because we don't meet those months

The meeting ended at 8:05 with the reciting of the Hail Mary and the assembly of the College Survival Kits followed. Carol Reichert won the \$10 attendance teaser prize. Socializing and laughter continued until 8:45. Desserts for the September meeting will be brought by Carol Reichert and Terry Hart. Tonight's treats were brought by Maggie and Helen.

Our next meeting is September 7th, back in the Fellowship Hall (Lower Level), at **6:00**.