

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2024

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Teresa Sherman-Gach at 6:45 PM.

1. **Prayers:** Prayers were led by Teresa Sherman-Gach .
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was led by Teresa Sherman-Gach.
3. **President's Comments:** President Teresa introduced our speakers for the evening; Sr. Rachel and Sr. Christina from St. Mary's Mission in Flint. They each spoke on their activities sharing their faith with the residents of the east side of Flint by praying for and with the people they encounter and working with the youth to provide a safe environment for them.
4. **Secretary Report:** Lorraine Nemecek presented the minutes of the December meeting. No changes. Motion to approve made by Monica Howe, seconded by Pat Corlew. Motion carried.
5. **Correspondence:** Pat Corlew read thank you notes from Deacon Ken and Deacon Omar for our Christmas gifts to them, and thank yous from Heartbeat of Flint and Carriage Town for our December donations.
6. **Treasurer Report:** Sylvia Walton presented the Treasurer's report for the month of November. Motion to approve made by Betty Ponziani, seconded by Chris Maniaci . Motion carried.
7. **First Vice President Report:** Jennifer Mikonczyk thanked the non-guild members, led by Joan Clark, who hosted the meeting. St. Theresa's guild will host the February meeting.
8. **Second Vice President Report:** Karen Thornton stated 35 members were in attendance and welcomed new members Colleen Joliat and Kathy LaPorte.
9. **Third Vice President Report:** No report as Natalie Butler was unable to attend.
10. **Commission Reports:** No reports were given this month.
11. **Old Business:**
  - A. Wine Tasting. The committee is preparing for the January 20<sup>th</sup> event and tickets are still available.
  - B. Euchre. President Teresa passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers for the January 18<sup>th</sup> euchre tournament. Price will raise to \$20 beginning January.
  - C. Cookie Walk. Joan Clark announced a profit of \$865 which was less this year, possibly due to the lack of advertisement after the Masses. President Teresa will be addressing the issue of announcements with the Pastoral Council to try to improve communications.

D. Dueling Pianos. President Teresa has finally received the contract from the company and will be planning another committee meeting very soon.

E. Scholarship. Donna Borges and Emily Arthur prepared a great bulletin insert on our scholarship programs. President Teresa will coordinate with Emily as to when we can arrange the insert.

**12. New Business:**

A. Monthly Donation. Sylvia Walton listed a few options for our cash donation. Monica Howe made a motion to give \$150 to St. Mary's Mission. Gerri Lajewski amended the motion to \$200, second by Colleen Joliat. Motion carried. Tangible donations for this month were household items for St. Francis Prayer Center.

B. Lenten Retreat. Gerri Lajewski reported on the committee's progress. Flyers were on the tables and tickets are available.

C. February Bake Sale. Joan Clark volunteered to chair the bake sale on February 10-11th after 4 pm Saturday and 9 and 11 am Sunday Masses. Focus on Valentine's Day and Super Bowl items.

D. Rosary Project. President Teresa needs to contact Julie Grandquist and confirm that the rosary and prayer cards have been purchased, and that there will be a sign stating this program is courtesy of CCW. She will also check with Maria Brown on a possible rosary rally in the Spring.

E. Other Business. (1) The Eagle Scout program discussed at our previous meeting needs to be approved by Fr. Georges. Once the program has been approved, President Teresa will put a possible donation on an agenda, but this is on hold pending all approvals. (2) Gerri Lajewski announced that Catholic Charities will be hosting a fundraiser for Fr. Georges' Mission on April 27<sup>th</sup>. (3) Gerri Lajewski also announced that Catholic Charities will also be hosting an Alpha course. Details in the bulletin.

**13. Comments from Members:** None.

**14. Closing Prayer:** Led by President Teresa

**15. Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth Mannor, seconded by Chris Maniaci. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:41 PM. White Elephant Auction was held immediately after adjournment.

**NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2024.**