

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Teresa Sherman-Gach at 6:50 PM.

1. **Prayers:** Prayers were led by Monica Howe.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was led by Monica Howe.
3. **President's Comments:** President Teresa commented that, although we have been very busy with lots of activities, the purpose is to increase our visibility in the parish and she stated she certainly did not expect members to participate in all of our functions, but to do whatever they are comfortable with. Teresa believes the focus on more activities seems to be working as we have added 17 new members since September.
4. **Secretary Report:** Lorraine presented the minutes of the January 4, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve made by Lorraine Accardo, seconded by Carol Williams. Motion carried.
5. **Correspondence:** President Teresa read correspondence from Fr. Kalinski - thank you for the Christmas gift, and Rita Birchmeier - thank you for get well prayers.
6. **Treasurer Report:** Sylvia was not present. Report to be presented at March meeting.
7. **First Vice President Report:** Jennifer thanked hostesses from St. Theresa's Guild and President Teresa made a brief statement about the activities of the guild, which includes working at the Young at Heart luncheons, which were recently brought back. Jennifer asked for non-guild members to host the March meeting.
8. **Second Vice President Report:** Karen stated 44 members were in attendance, including new members: Jana Walser, Megan Walser, and Gerri Lajewski.
9. **Third Vice President Report:** Natalie had nothing to report.
10. **Commission Reports:**
 - A. **Right to Life** - Julie Grandquist - absent
 - B. **Anti-Pornography** - President Teresa gave a brief report on resources which are available to help fight against pornography.
 - C. **Anti-Human Trafficking / Domestic Violence** - President Teresa mentioned that February 8th is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking and led a prayer from the US Council of Catholic Bishops to St. Josephine Bakheta.
11. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Wine Tasting** - President Teresa reported this event was lots of fun and very entertaining and was well received by the 30 attendees, and she would like to do this again next year.
 - B. **Euchre Tournament** - President Teresa reported the January 12th event was well attended and our profit was approximately \$250. The next Euchre Tournament is scheduled for April 13th and she stated the K of C would like to do this monthly, if possible.
 - C. **February Bake Sale** - Cheryl Elizondo and Natalie Butler are co-chairing and asked for volunteers to help set up, bring baked goods to sell, and to assist with selling after the Masses. Sign up sheets were distributed.
 - D. **Scholarship** - Donna Borges reported that application forms for both scholarships are available in the church office.

E. Lenten Retreat - Karen Thornton gave a brief update and said registration was available tonight for \$10. Price will increase to \$15 after Feb. 26th.

F. Fashion Show - Karen Thornton gave an update on the Fashion Show and stated St. Rita's Guild volunteered to handle centerpieces and sign up the models. The date is May 6th and will include a brunch. More information from Karen after the retreat.

G. President Teresa updated the members on the day trip to Our Lady of the Woods shrine in Mio, Michigan. Maria Brown is chairing this which is scheduled for May 13th. Bus transportation will be arranged and we will have Mass, lunch and a trip to the gift shop at the shrine. Non members, spouses and other adults are welcome to join us. More information later.

H. Fr. Steve's Retirement - We will co-host a pancake breakfast with the K of C on June 25th after the 9 and 11 am Masses. We will provide pastries, muffins, etc., and serve and greet. K of C is also interested in co-hosting some type of welcome event for the new priest.

12. New Business:

A. HR Family Fun Day - Beth Clark discussed this fund raiser scheduled for June 4th from Noon -7pm, at the pavilion, which will include dinner from Tia Helita's, craft vendors, kids' games/concessions, and bake sale. CCW is asked to host the bake sale and will help the K of C with a euchre tournament as well. More information later. Beth said we will still have our October auction, but it will be a dinner, rather than Taste of Holy Redeemer. Purpose of the fund raiser will be to install air conditioning in the Ministry Center.

B. Funeral luncheons - Joan Clark asked for more volunteers to assist with serving funeral luncheons.

C. President Teresa mentioned that we have been asked to prepare and serve a dinner for one of Fr. Steve's Lenten series - March 16th. They are requesting soup, salad and bread to be served at 6 pm for 100-200 people (estimated). Volunteers are needed. Please contact President Teresa if you can help.

MONTHLY DONATIONS - In honor of Random Acts of Kindness month, we are taking up a free will offering to be donated to St. John Vianney school auction. They have a benefactor who will match all funds raised up to \$50,000. Our \$100/monthly cash donation - Lorraine Nemecek made a motion to pay \$100 to be given to assist a client of Outreach for perhaps an expense other than food - such as utility bill, etc. Discussion held. We will contact Deacon Omar to select the recipient. Motion seconded by Jane Fraser. Motion passed.

13. Comments from Members: Cecelia McDonald discussed the Powers High School fund raiser involving purchases at certain local restaurants with a portion to be donated back to Powers. Restaurants include Panera, Panda Express and Buffalo Wild Wings She has vouchers available.

14. Closing Prayer: Led by President Teresa

15. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Natalie Butler, seconded by Jennifer Mikonczyk. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING – MARCH 8, 2023