

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 6, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Teresa Sherman-Gach at 7:17 PM.

1. **Prayers:** Prayers were led by Maria Brown.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was led by Maria Brown.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Prior to commencing the meeting, President Teresa introduced Maxwell Loxton, from Boy Scout Troop 215. Maxwell is working on his Eagle Scout Service project, which is a Free Will Library. He would like to place the library on the HR campus and plans to discuss this with the church office and Fr. Georges. In the meantime, Maxwell is looking for funding the construction of the library, along with book donations. The troop will maintain the library. He estimates the initial cost will be approximately \$200 and his deadline to complete the project is July, 2024. General discussion held.

3. **President's Comments:** President Teresa thanked all the volunteers for their assistance in our many projects, wished everyone a blessed Christmas season, and distributed decorated cookies which she made for the members.

4. **Secretary Report:** Lorraine presented the minutes of the November meeting. No changes were requested. Motion to approve made by Dianne Plumley, seconded by Maria Brown. Motion carried.

5. **Correspondence:** President Teresa read correspondence from Outreach, thanking us for our recent donation of non-perishable foods, and a thank you from Elizabeth Nemecek, thanking the members for all the lovely birthday cards she received.

6. **Treasurer Report:** Sylvia presented the Treasurer's report for November. Motion to approve made by Alisa Wells, seconded by Debbie Summers. Motion carried.

7. **First Vice President Report:** Jennifer thanked the Board for hosting the meeting, and requested non-guild member volunteers to host January's meeting. Joan Clark volunteered and will have others to help her.

8. **Second Vice President Report:** Karen stated 55 members were in attendance with one guest, Bernadette Gaultier. We have two new members-Colleen Joliat and Kathy LaPorte (who was present).

9. **Third Vice President Report:** Natalie had no report.

10. **Old Business:**

A. **Scrapbooking.** Jennifer Mikonczyk reported that the crop was a huge success again. She thanked all the ladies who volunteered to work - setting up, kitchen help, ticket sales, and donation of basket prizes. We had 51 baskets in total. We were sold out again and our total profit was \$4,655.68. Joan Clark also thanked all the ladies for kitchen help - either working or donating soups, desserts and other items.

B. **Euchre Tournament.** President Teresa reported no euchre for December, but we continue to do well with this function, making about \$250 on average each month. Price is raised to \$20 beginning in January. No complaints received so far, but she pointed out, if admission is more, the prize money will be more, too. Sign up sheet for volunteers for January was passed around.

C. **Cookie Walk.** Alisa Wells stated ladies can drop off donations beginning at Noon on Saturday, the 9th. They have sufficient volunteers to help at this time.

D. Wine Tasting. President Teresa gave an update and announced that Lorraine Nemecek had tickets available tonight - \$30 each. We will be selling after all Masses in early January.

E. Dueling Pianos. President Teresa gave an update and stated another committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

11. New Business:

A. Monthly Donation/Concert Funds. President Teresa stated that she was informed the \$150 we voted in November to give to purchase cookies was not needed and the funds were returned to us. Since the concert benefits will be going to Fr. Georges' mission - Divine Mercy Foundation, the Board is suggesting that the \$150 voted for cookies be given to the foundation along with the \$100 monthly donation for December. Motion made by Jean Johnson to give \$250 to Divine Mercy Foundation, second by Maria Brown. Discussion held. Motion passed.

B. Lenten Retreat. Gerri Lajewski gave a brief report on the retreat scheduled for March 2nd. It falls on the same day as a Mass for the World Apostolate of Fatima which is hosted by Holy Redeemer this year, so the Mass will be combined, and then the retreat registrants will move to the Hall for brunch, speakers and program. Theme is "Journey to Christ". Cost is \$10. More to come later.

C. Outreach Request. Julie Grandquist presented a request from Outreach to commence a rosary give-away program. They would like to distribute rosaries and prayer cards to persons coming to Outreach for food. For \$60, she can purchase 100 rosaries and 100 prayer cards and asked if CCW would underwrite this program. Motion made by Gerri Lajewski, second by Jane Frasier to reimburse Julie Grandquist for the purchase of rosaries and prayer cards in the amount of \$60. Discussion held, including comments from Fr. Georges with other alternatives, such as a Rosary Rally. Maria Brown offered to chair a Rosary Rally, possibly in the spring. Motion passed.

D. Priest/Deacon Gifts. President Teresa stated the board recommends giving \$150 to Fr. Bob McGraw, \$75 each to Deacon Ken and Deacon Omar, and to purchase various household items for Fr. Georges. Discussion held.

12. Comments from Members: Beth Clark has New Years Eve party tickets available - \$25 each, JoAnn Lubiato saw a baby crib on the side of the road and had her son pick it up. She will donate so we can use for future Christmas meetings for the Heartbeat gift items. Thank you JoAnn.

The Board provided a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer song, and games were played.

14. Closing Prayer: Led by President Teresa.

15. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Maria Brown, seconded by JoAnn Lubiato. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2024.