

Holy Redeemer Council of Catholic Women
General Membership meeting in Carlin Hall
Monday August 24, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Janet Trost, Sheryl Kaiser, Lori Timmerman, Joyce Strootman, Karla Antony, Janet Vandendriessche, Paula Boerboom, Pat Drown and Paula Meyer.

Call to Order

Opening Prayer – Janet Trost – “A Prayer of Hope”

Secretary’s Report – Paula Meyer – M/S/P to approve the minutes from June meeting. We received a thank you from Birthright for our \$200 donation.

Treasurer’s Report – Janet Vandendriessche – Checking balance is \$4,516.98. Savings balance is \$21,021.86. Budget discussed. See below.

President’s Report – Janet Trost – We are not sure how things are going to look this year with COVID. We welcome Lori Timmerman who has agreed to fill our Reverence Life position.

Commission Reports

Spirituality

Church Commission – position open. Karla will reach out to someone she knows of who may be willing to fill this position. A couple of responsibilities include getting birthday and Christmas cards to parish priests. They are also responsible for getting Shepherds of the Fields information shared with parishioners. We are checking to see if this position also lines up people to say the Rosary for wake services.

Legislation Commission – Joyce Strootman – Dorothy Vandendriessche was invited to speak at our board meeting on the upcoming election. See below under New Business.

Reverence Life – Lori Timmerman – No report.

Service

Family Concerns – Leanna Olsem – absent. No report. Sheryl brought up that not every couple who was married in the parish over the summer received a crucifix that CCW donates to the newly married couple. Also, need to figure out who got a crucifix and discuss who needs to make the connection with the couples. They are given to couples when one of them was a member of Holy Redeemer, their parents are members and they are getting married at Holy Redeemer Church.

Community Concerns – Cindy Vogt – absent. We will continue to do the last two weeks of November for Meals on Wheels.

International Concerns – Paula Boerboom – No report.

Scholarship – Pat Drown – No report.

Leadership

Organization Commission – Sheryl Kaiser – Deanery II update; Scholarship info will be coming soon from Sandy Jerzak. She presented the information to the Diocesan board earlier in August. She is working with Barb Mathiowetz, president of the board. The Diocesan board has determined that there will be no fall gatherings due to COVID for the Deanery boards. They are leaving it up to individual parishes with their spiritual advisors what, if anything, would be handled on the local level. They hope to have Spring gatherings, but that will be determined at a later date. The National Convention will be in Washington, DC in August 2021. The year after that, it will be in Minneapolis in October or November. The Diocesan board also asked for prayer for the group selecting our new bishop.

Vice President – Karla Antony – No report.

Historian – Position open.

Old Business:

2020-2021 budget – Janet went over her budget findings. Some of the fundraising areas were of concern due to COVID and how we would be able to make them work or how well they would be attended.

M/S/P to approve 20-21 budget.

Calendar: Reviewed the calendar for the 2020-2021 year. Changes were made after discussion. M/S/P to approve with changes.

New Business

Legislative Commission – Dorothy Vandendriessche is the Diocesan Legislative Commission Chair. Joyce & Dorothy will be meeting with Fr. Tony to see what his feelings are on sharing information on the upcoming election and with Rachael to discuss getting things in the bulletin as appropriate. A novena for the election was used in the St. Eloi bulletin. We are looking to see if this can be used in our bulletin and/or put on our website. People are encouraged to register and get out to vote in the November election. Joyce also shared some literature she found on voting including Catholic perspective and prayer cards.

Dorothy spoke about voting in our country. Of the 85-95 million Christians, 25 million did not vote. Ideas to encourage people to get out to vote were shared with the board. Studio I, radio and newspaper usually do something to get candidate views shared with the public.

Deanery II information: Information shared above in Organization Commission by Sheryl Kaiser.

Diocesan projects: Tanner's Team is a local program (state of MN). The International project is called 'Least' which is an organization for elder care in San Lucas in Guatemala.

General Meeting Food Prep:

October – Spirituality (Joyce, Lori, Paula)

March – Service (Leanna, Cindy, Paula B., Pat)

May – Leadership (Janet T., Karla, Janet V., Sheryl)

Closing Prayer led by Janet Trost, Hail Mary.

Adjournment

NEXT Meeting: September 28th following Mass in Carlin Hall.

Dare to Be a Disciple

As Disciples of the Lord, we strive to strengthen our Catholic faith by deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ through Love, Prayer and Service.