

Holy Redeemer Council of Catholic Women
General Meeting in Carlin Hall following the 5:30 Mass
Monday, October 26, 2020

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Board Members Present: Joyce Strootman, Leanna Olsem, Sheryl Kaiser, Janet Trost, Evonne Seivert, Pat Drown, Karla Antony, Paula Boerboom, Paula Meyer, Cindy Vogt, Lori Timmerman, Janet Vandendriessche

Guest Speaker: Fr. Tony Stubeda

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Janet welcomed the people present at this general meeting. Special thanks to all who attended.

Fr. Tony spoke to the group. He was previously here from 1985-88, back here after 35 years. It has been a somewhat difficult transition because of Covid circumstances, however interesting in that he is now marrying children of couples he married when he was here last time.

Fr. Tony shared that there are three groups of people who shaped the person he is today: his parents, Bishop Lucker and the Spanish speaking people of the Diocese of New Ulm. Wonderful stories were shared that both entertained and brought tears.

Additions to the Agenda

2. Opening Prayer – Evonne Seivert – Julian of Norwich Body Prayer

3. Secretary's Report – Paula Meyer – September minutes were approved via email and will be posted on the parish website.

Correspondence - none

4. Treasurer's Report – Janet Vandendriessche – Checking: \$3,237.53 Savings: \$21,041.77. Janet went over the budget with the group. Janet would like to process dues received thus far on November 4 at 1 p.m. in Carlin Hall if available. An invitation given to those present to help with this.

5. President's Report – Janet Trost – The Deanery II meeting was held last Thursday. Deanery II is still looking for 3 board members – Scholarship, treasurer and vice president. Sheryl Kaiser is the president. Spring gathering is set to take place in Ghent on April 13. The Diocesan convention will be held April 23 and 24 in Marshall – postponed from last Spring due to Covid. We are looking for nominations for Woman of the Year to be awarded at the Diocesan Convention. The 2020 award will be given in addition to the 2021 Woman of the Year.

With Covid, people in parishes may be feeling isolated. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to people you may not have seen in a while. Send a card or give a call. Perhaps a visit if the conditions are acceptable.

Commission Reports

Spirituality

Church Commission – Evonne Seivert – She is happy to be part of the CCW. She has been an avid worker in Catholic Daughters and is looking forward to being on this commission.

Legislation Commission – Joyce Strootman – The novena for the election has been in the bulletin every week. This coming Sunday will be the last before the election. Be sure to get out and vote.

Reverence Life – Lori Timmerman – The baby crib will be out until the end of the month. It will be taken to Birthright after this week.

Service

Family Concerns – Leanna Olsem – First Communicants received their gift of a magnetic book mark from CCW. A public square Rosary was also said early in October at Holy Redeemer School. Crosses are given to newly married couples in the parish per guidelines.

Community Concerns – Cindy Vogt – Meals on Wheels sign up is going on for the month of November for CCW. There are several openings at the end of November. Call her if you are able to help.

International Concerns – Paula Boerboom – Friends of San Lucas in Minnesota held a fundraiser held in late September. Thirty-two people went together to donate \$100,000 that would be matched if Friends could raise that amount. The money did come in from about 250 people throughout the diocese. A third person (within the Mission) has passed away from Covid. The mission is still distributing food and building houses, providing health care and doing distance learning. They also continue to export the Juan Ana coffee which our parish purchases and then resells. Consider giving some as a Christmas gift!

Scholarship – Patricia Drown – No report.

Leadership

Organization Commission – Sheryl Kaiser – Holy Redeemer has been assigned two priests to pray for: Rev. Fr. Aaron Johanneck who has resigned from Gaylord and is taking a leave of absence. Please pray for him. The other is Rev. Fr. Lawrence Hanson, retired. He lives in Media, Pennsylvania. We are asked through the Diocesan CCW to keep them in our prayers.

We will be taking nominations for the 2021 Woman of the Year award for the diocese. If anyone can offer some suggestions. Sheryl will make the application available once we have it so nominations can be made.

We were made aware at the Deanery II meeting by the Diocesan scholarship chairperson only 7 out of 31 parishes donated to the Scholarship fund. There is concern that the funds will run out before long. The Deaneries will work a little more to promote donations to the Scholarship fund. Within our parishes, we should also make an effort to attend and promote events that raise funds for this.

Correction was noted for the letter that went out with dues requests – we have only donated to the Men’s and Women’s Emmaus once – it’s not a regular donation on the budget.

Vice President – Karla Antony – No report.

Historian – position open.

Old Business

- Dues notices were mailed out in early October. Thank you to all who have sent in a dues payment already.
- CCW Recognition Sunday was last weekend. We appreciate Fr. Tony helping making announcements regarding CCW.

New Business

- NUCCW Spring Convention in Marshall (April 23-24). More information will be coming once the date approaches. We are hoping to have the same speaker who was scheduled this past year.
- Christmas Cookie Walk is scheduled for Dec. 12th. Latiefa Bentz is present and is planning on being one of the chair people. Concerns were shared regarding holding this event. Ideas were shared about what it would look like. Motion made to hold it as a drive-thru this year. Price to be determined based on containers found. Seconded. Motion passed.
- CCW and CDA Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 7th this year. CCW is responsible for hosting. We will not be able to do a potluck, so a discussion held as to what it would look like to serve food. Suggestion made to form a small committee to plan the event. Leanna offered to be on the team as well as Cindy Vogt, Janet Trost, Jackie Doom and Lori Timmerman.
- CCW 2020 National Convention – Arlington, VA (August 25-28) – if anyone is interested in going they should be sure to apply for a scholarship.

Closing Prayer – Evonne Seivert

Next General Meeting will be the joint CCW/CDA Christmas party on December 7, 2020.

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.