

ICCCW Minutes 09.07.17

The meeting began at 6:05 with the lighting of the candle and the prayer for increased membership, chosen by Ginna H. There were 11 members and 2 officers present plus Fr. Carl. There were no new members, but there was one returning member, Doris Ling. Due to the absence of Maggie B, Ginna H ran the meeting.

Fr. Carl attended the beginning of the meeting to talk about Mass stipends. Questions have come up repeatedly, wondering why ICC does not announce for whom the Mass is offered as other parishes do. Fr. Carl stated that there are no church guidelines for this; it is up to Pastoral preference. Fr. Carl has 3 reasons why he does not, and will not, state these names: 1. Theological 2. Liturgical 3. Pastoral preference. At one time, churches sold redemptions, or indulgences, to pay for the new church buildings. (St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, for instance.) These indulgences meant spending less time in purgatory. Spiritual things should not be looked at as a commodity. (It is for this reason that Fr. Carl has not allowed the ICS Parents and Friends group to auction off the front pew for Christmas Eve.) The Mass is offered for all people; we remember the dead in the Eucharistic prayer. The primary person of the Mass is Jesus Christ. Fr. Carl shared some "horror stories" from the past in regards to announcing the names: the wrong name is said, the name is said wrong, or the name is forgotten. He shared one story of someone who had written in his will to give \$10,000 to the church for Masses; he wanted to make sure he got to Heaven; giving to get something. Fr. Carl also said that, with 4 Masses a weekend, plus 5 weekday Masses and with grade schoolers reading the intentions, it would be cumbersome. There were no questions from the group.

There were no September birthdays but two wedding anniversaries: Ginna on the 18th (46 years) and Carol Reichert on the 26th (47 years). Members in need of prayers and cards are Karen Lundy and Dennis Kish. Joyce Dressler's sister is in need of prayers. The Memorare was recited for Helen Marquardt and all our deceased members.

The August minutes were approved with no changes; motion made by Mary O. and seconded by Joanne S. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Helen read the report due to the absence of Susie C-C. The starting balance from 08.03.17-09.07.17 was \$11,485.86. Income from donations for funeral luncheons totaled \$600. Expenses totaled \$563.91, leaving an ending balance of \$11,521.95. The Funeral Luncheon balance is \$4647.93 with the CCW ending balance of \$6874.02. Judy B motioned to approve the report and Mary O seconded.

Communication and Bills Helen read Thank you notes from Fr. Carl and Mary Schroeder. Ginna circulated a sign up for the Fall Day of Prayer.

Committee and other Reports

Funeral Meal: There were 2 funerals since our last meeting, feeding 245 people. For the **Schumaker** (SP??) funeral, the law firm of the widow paid for all food.

KCKC- 32 bags were distributed during Masses on the sendoff weekend, down from last year. If possible, an earlier weekend would result in more students, caught before leaving for school. There have only been 3 students signed up for the program. Joanne S volunteered to make calls to the parents individually reminding them of the need to re-register their students; she will wait until after this weekend's bulletin notice of the reminder. Since September is the month that students receive their Welcome letter from the CCW and the first mailings, we need more names ASAP. Carol R took Jay Hollman and Joanne S took Melissa Kiplinger. (**Maggie-Ginna did not bring up your question about what to do with the items left from the unused bags)

Rosary: Anna and Helen were the only members present that have taken a decade in the past for the public rosary at City Hall.

MEV/BDCCW/NCCW

MEV The Fall day of prayer at St. James in Millstadt is September 21st. The cost is \$10 and the ICCCW will cover \$4 of the \$10.

BDCCW A sign-up sheet was passed around to attend the convention in Pinckneyville IL on October 11. The ICCCW will host in 2018.

NCCCW Maggie is currently at the convention in Dallas.

Unfinished Business:

Fall Women's Event: Judy B gave the update. The programs are finished and the tablescapes are finished. Everything needed for each table, from the decorations to name tags, will be in a Ziploc bag, one for each table. There are 131 women signed up to attend, so 12 round tables and 8 long tables will be decorated. There will be 2 tables for cake and 1 for all drinks. A water pitcher and cups will be at each table. There are 5 men from the KCs who will help, with Pat McDermott in charge. If there is no funeral luncheon that day, workers can arrive as early as 10:00 to begin preparations. Helen C, Doris L and Ginna H offered to help Judy B with the set up. At the event, Helen C will collect the attendance prize tickets; the tablescape centerpieces will be the prizes.

Father Carl's appeal for the Messenger: The plan for sending subscriptions for the Messenger to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities was reviewed and all approved. Rebecca C motioned to approve and Stephanie B seconded.

Sunday Funday: Ginna passed around the sheets to sign up to help sell raffle tickets and members took their envelopes and wrote their names down on the sheet.

Tour of Local Churches: The itinerary was presented for the trip on October 6th to the Shrine of St. Joseph. The Gibault bus will not be available that day due to the golf team using it to travel to their event. Ginna passed a sign-up sheet for those wishing to attend and asked those willing to drive to mark that next to their name.

Laura G-F also passed around the sheet to sponsor Fr. Carl's team at the Life Walk on September 16th.

New Business

The Chalice program initiative was updated. The ICCCW will be coordinating the program with the ICC Vocations committee. Joanne S will attend their next meeting occurring this month.

Spiritual Segment-Anna B had to leave the meeting early, but Laura G-F had new prayer cards: "A Prayer to Saint John Paul II, the Pope of Life" which was read as a group.

Next meeting: October 5, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall

As a group, we decided to have Anna B as the leader of the Spiritual segment at the next meeting.

Laura G-F was the winner of the \$10 attendance teaser.

Doris L and Ginna H will bring dessert in October.

The meeting closed at 8:00 with the Hail Mary. Socialization followed until almost 9:00.