

Immaculate Heart CCW
September 9, 2021

1. The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Betty S. at 9:15
2. Opening Prayer, Our Lady of Good Council was recited by the members
3. Roll call of officers: Present were President, Betty S; Vice-president, Pam C; Secretary, Mary D; Trustees, Rosemary S & Joan Johnson. Absent were trustee Lisa P and Treasurer JoAnn Baxter.
4. New attendees were Ann G, Rosie R and Shelly B
5. Sick Call: Prayers were requested for Fr Drew, Tim K, Sheila S and Joy M. A Hail Mary was prayed for their intentions.
6. The minutes of the August meeting were read aloud by Secretary Mary D. There was one correction that Kathy M instead of Betty K was to provide refreshments for the September meeting. A motion to approve was made by Pam C, seconded by Jeanne C and carried.
7. In JoAnn B. absence, Betty S presented the treasurers report. The treasurer's report was approved in a motion by Mary K and seconded by Rosemary S. Motion carried.
8. The communications included a thank-you note from Paula F. for her retirement gift and a note of appreciation from Kathy O'Donnell's family that included a contribution to the Blind project. There were several requests for financial support.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Funerals – New Group 2 is up next, but the future of funeral lunches is in limbo as more COVID restrictions may prevent them.
2. Sunshine – Joan J. reported that 10 cards were sent. Please keep her and Diane L informed with names of those who should be acknowledged.
3. Welcome bags - Betty K had no new report.
4. Hygiene Bags – Rosemary S. reported that wash cloths are still needed for the bags. She will purchase them. She asked for volunteers to help fill the bags on Thursday, October 7 at 9:00 am.
5. Refreshments - Thank you Kathy M and Sue D. Refreshments in October will be provided by Bev B and Anita B.

SERVICE:

1. Birthing Kits – Anita B. reported the committee has completed 30 kits! They can always use more towels, soap and onesies.

COMMISSION REPORTS

SPIRITUALITY: Church and legislations

1. MCCL News - Mary reported that the State MCCL staff will be presenting a program at IHC on Sunday, October 24 at 2:00.
2. NCCW news - There is a need for women to be officers at the National level.
3. Legislative news - Joan J said Paul Gazelka, has announced his bid for governor. Dr Scott Jensen is also a candidate. They are both staunchly pro-life.
4. The Deanery CCW convention will be held in Brainerd on September 25. Registration forms were made available to members.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 5TH Sunday Coffee? After discussion, the members agreed to sponsor refreshments on the 5th Sunday of the month when it occurs except for the 5th Sunday in May. We have been asked to report our intention to Weezy and/or Karen G. 2 weeks in advance of the Sunday. The next 5th Sunday occurs on October 31. A motion was made by Joan J, seconded by Dodo and carried. Joan J agreed to chair this first one and will need 6-8 volunteers. Pam C agreed to chair future 5th Sundays.
2. Social Hall Blinds: Betty S reported that we have a bid and need approval of the members to go forward with the project. A motion to approve was made by Jeanne C, seconded by Rosemary S and carried.

A committee of Mary K, Pam C, Jeanne C and Shelly B was formed to proceed with the project. A suggestion was made to create a fund drive to include a large poster and thermometer to record the progress of the fund.

3. Blood drive. After research, it was discovered that the By-laws do NOT specify we serve a lunch at one blood drive per year. A motion was made by Anita, seconded by Sue D to continue, as a courtesy, to provide a lunch at one blood drive a year as is stated in our list of activities. The parish will continue to host Red Cross blood drive other times throughout the year.
4. Sue D and Kathy M designed and presented the basket for auction at the BDCCW meeting.
5. Support Sunday mailing. Thank you to Sue, Kathy, Pam, JoAnn and Kas for help with this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Support Sunday. Betty S and Anita will represent the CCW on Saturday, Sept 18. Mary D and Pam will take Sunday's duty.
2. Drawing for the quilt prizes will be held on Sunday, September 19th JoAnn B and Betty S will decide how to best proceed.
3. Diane L approached the group for help in setting up for the dinner formerly known as the *Endowment Dinner* to be held on Saturday, Dec 4th.
4. Rose R described the pantry that is held in conjunction with the annual dinner. She asked for donations and gave numerous ideas for offerings. The pantry could still be held even if the dinner were to be cancelled.
5. The parish kitchen needs a deep cleaning. Rose R requested help with this project set for Wednesday, Sept 15 morning.
6. Scholarship. Betty S spoke to Hank S who suggested the award be increased. This will be discussed further at a future meeting when more information is gathered.
7. Members were asked for input regarding additions to our annual charitable giving. Mary D suggested we support the Guiding Star Project and Cross Catholic Outreach that funds Fr Meaux's Haiti mission.
8. Christmas Party. After discussion, the members expressed a desire to go forward with plans for the Christmas party in a motion by Mary K and seconded by Rosie R. This is "the social event of the year!" A committee co-chaired by Sue B and Sharon K was formed to go ahead with plans. Others serving on this committee are Betty S, Jeanne C and Joan J. If COVID regulations should prevent the party, it will be cancelled.
9. Senior Expo: Mary H requested volunteers from CCW to help with the parish booth at this event on Saturday, September 25 at the Log Church.
10. Addie expressed her appreciation for all the help at the recent Bake Sale. The money has not yet been counted, but donations were great and the volunteers were wonderful!
11. Sue S said there has been some discussion regarding a liaison between Emily CCW & IHC CCW.

Dates to remember:

Sept 18-19	Celebrate CCW support Sunday
Sept 25	BDCCW Conference at St Andrew's Church in Brainerd
Oct 2-3	Parish retreat – Feast of St Faustina
Oct 16	Public Square Rosary

The closing prayer for the opening of the school year was read by Nanci W.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joan J, seconded by Pam and carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dischinger, secretary

Attendees: Pam C, Betty S, Addie B, Susan D, Sharon K, Jeanne H, Mary K, Joan J, Dodo F, Sue S, Rosemary S, Diane L, Shelly B, Nanci W, Betty K, Susan B, Anita B, Mary D, Jeanne C, Helen F & Delores R.

