

**St. Paul Parish CCW Meeting
September 7, 2023**

St. Paul's CCW met Thursday, September 7, 2023 in the Church Social Hall following a 7:00pm Mass by Fr. Samuel Perez for the Intentions of the Deceased and Living members of the CCW.

President, Leah Eischen, began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayers. Roll call was taken and the Secretary's Report from June 1, 2023 Executive Board meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurer, Lori Schumann, reported the balance on hand was \$1,253.57. We received \$100.00 from the Viola Watkins family, \$120 in dues, and \$80 from the free will offering & sale of rolls. Expenses since our last report were \$139.50 (Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts/Baptism gifts). Balance on hand is now \$1,414.07. We have a \$45.02 check that was not cashed by Martha Fredin that will be added back in to the account next month. It was also decided to donate \$25 to the Sausage Dinner General Raffle and \$50 to go towards Sausage Dinner Expenses.

The National CCW Convention was held in Salt Lake City, Utah August 23-25 and Marianne Schotzko, Our Spirituality Commission Chairman, attended. The theme was "Path of Renewed Encounter" and Marianne wishes everyone could attend – it is definitely a time of renewal and getting excited about what the women of the Catholic Church are accomplishing. The liturgies, fellowship, and information gleaned definitely renew the spirit. In 2024 the convention is going to be held August 15-17 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Marianne also attended the Deanery 1 Summer Board meeting held in Wabasso on July 18, 2023.

Respect for life Sunday is October 1st. Discussion was had about what can be done. We have a banner that can be put out and Judy Augustin will do a reading before Mass regarding Respect for Life.

Service Projects were discussed – both International and Local Projects. The Madonna Plan is a International project that has supported Catholic Relief Services Child Survival Project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which works with pregnant women and women with children under age 5. The Water for Life Program works to make safe and clean water available to women and their families in villages throughout Africa and Latin America. Another International Service Project is Fr. Bruno's Water for India and Community Service project is any organization of choice. A local service project talked about was a Breast Cancer support group. M/S/C Leah/MaryAnn S. on what & who to contribute to.

October 8, 2023 is CCW Sunday and our Phantom Bake Sale kickoff that will go until the end of October. A reading will be read before and after Mass and there will be rolls and a muffin assortment with coffee and juice served for a Free Will Offering in the Church Hall.

Shepherd of the Field – 7 Sisters Apostolate was discussed.

The Deanery 1 Fall Gathering is at St. Raphael's in Springfield on September 19, 2023 with registration at 4:30pm. The speaker is Mary Warner, "Little Dresses of Africa".

At our October 5, 2023 meeting as a fun project, we are going to paint "Kindness Rocks." Discussion was had to challenge New Hope Church Youth Groups and /or businesses to add on to our "Henry the Hungry Caterpillar" we are going to start with our "Kindness Rocks".

Meeting was adjourned about 8:45. Prayer Partners were exchanged.



Secretary,
Sue McMullen

St. Mary's Circle serves/helps with the next funeral.

Next meeting is at 7:00pm with Fun Project of painting "Kindness Rocks"!