

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & WOMEN
HOLY APOSTLE'S PARISH
Meeting Minutes August 1st, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by the President. Janice led everyone in prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayers were requested for several people. Linda shared this quote with the ladies: "I don't pray because I am holy, but because I want to become holy and I need Jesus to teach me."—Briega McKenna

Reports:

Secretary's report was read by Tammy Messing. A motion to accept the report by Marilyn Klee and seconded by Delores Roggenbuck .

Treasurer's report was read by Linda in the absence of our treasurer, Tiffany Messing. A motion to accept the report by Sandy Kramer and seconded by Donna Emming.

Vice President's report: Nothing to report.

Fr's report: Linda asked Fr. Bob if we could hold the installation of new members in September instead of October, due to our meeting schedule change in October. He will check his schedule. Fr Bob shared that an Anointing of the Sick mass will be held on a Friday at 10:30 am in late October at St. Mary's in Parisville. Watch your bulletins for the mass date. He also mentioned that on August 15th, a holy day of obligation, mass will be held at 9am at St. Patricks and at 7pm at SSPP. Fr Bob shared that the tree in front of church was taken down due to poor health, and the other 2 maple trees in front of the rectory also had dead areas or concerning areas of instability. The wood was sold. Some of the trees on the west side of the rectory driveway have carpenter ant issues, and 1 or more of those will be taken down in the fall. He also said that the rectory breezeway project is on hold until winter due to unavailable carpenters right now, and that Maurer Electric is installing LED lights in the church and is noticeably brighter.

Communications from NCCW/ERCCW: (www.nccw.org)

- **NCCW Spirituality Commission:** by Kim Padam, Spirituality Commission Chair. Sometimes it feels like the world is falling apart. As Catholics, let us pray for a return to holiness and virtue in our country.
- **NCCW Leadership Commission:** by Liz Schiavone, Leadership Commission Chair. The commission undertook suggesting a membership challenge. The goal of the challenge is to increase individual members. Please reach out. Be inviting. Be welcoming. If members have left, how do we get them back? Thank you for helping the NCCW legacy.
- **NCCW Service Commission:** by Yvonne Pygatt, Service Commission Chair. We encourage you to visit the [Walking with Moms in Need website](#) to receive the monthly newsletter. This newsletter shares testimonials from across the country of effective programs which can help these mothers by sharing our time and talents and most of all, our prayers.
- **The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:** by Rita Maher. No report
- **ERCCW** The next **East Region Council of Catholic Women** will be held October 4th, 2023, at the K of C Hall, Ruth. Pre-registration details will be available in all the surrounding parishes bulletins soon. Registration for this event is \$10. Help is needed on Tuesday night, Oct. 3rd, at the K of C hall, to set up for this event. Please consider volunteering. A circle will provide the meal for this event and Linda asked if any circles would like to volunteer. She will contact a few circles to work together so no one circle gets to overwhelmed. The mass location is undecided yet.

Birthday Luncheon: Luncheons are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next luncheon will be held on August 8th at 11:30am at [the Firehouse Grill](#) in Minden City. Please consider attending, as it is always an enjoyable gathering. Birthday greetings extended to all those celebrating birthdays in August.

Correspondence: A thank you was received from the Dan Kramer family and the Marvin Volmering family for their loved ones funeral luncheons. The Travis Volmering Family sent a thank you for the baby quilt given to them at the birth of their daughter.

Committee Reports:

- **May Crowning:** Nothing to report.
- **Fundraisers:** Nothing to report.
- **Baby Quilts:** Donna Emming delivered a baby blanket to Adam and Jessie Maurer at the birth of their son, Oliver James; and a baby blanket to Joseph and Jackie Braun at the birth of their daughter, Emerson Ann. Donna also read a few excerpts from an inspirational article about how to find your angel.
- **Baptismal Bibs:** Nothing to report.

- Senior Graduation: **(Chairperson position still open.)** Nothing to report.
- Work Crew Lunches: **(Chairperson position still open.)** Nothing to report.
- Easter & Christmas Outreach: Nothing to report.
- Greeting Cards: Sandy sent out 3 cards in June.
- Mother's Day/Father's Day: Nothing to report.
- Rag Rugs: None were sold at the July craft show so we still have approximately 15 one hand.
- Funeral Dinners: None were held since last meeting.
- Washing Purificators, Altar clothes and Altar Candles: Joanne expressed a need for a volunteer to wash the altar server cassocks every other month. She suggesting asking a parent of an altar server. Gail Maurer volunteered to take on the task. Thank you Gail. Also ordered were more green ropes for the cassocks. Joanne also reported that the fans for church were received but are the wrong size. Larry Maurer is searching for the correct size but has been unsuccessful so far in finding some. Joanne also wondered if we could possibly purchase a shampoo rug cleaner. Discussion was held but nothing concrete was decided.
- Mama Ruth Queen: Janice shared that everything is progressing positively towards the crowning of our Mama Ruth Queen in August. Linda shared a sample of the sash we give our queens and she hopes to find a nearby retailer to make any/all the future sashes.
- Raffle Ticket Donation: Nothing to report
- Facebook page: Nothing to report.

**Chairpersons are still needed for 2 committees. If interested, please contact Linda Schumacher.

Old Business:

- Christmas in July fundraiser—The CM fundraiser held at this event was a huge success. 24 cookbooks were sold and a large amount of baked goods. Linda let us know that there are books in the back of church on the history of our church, as well as postcards featuring our church, that are available and free for anyone. Please feel free to grab one.

New Business/Additional Ideas:

- Father asked if a list of names could be compiled of the home bound so he could visit them and take communion for them. Linda suggested checking with Kim on how it was done in the past, and a list can be started as well using some if those listed on past lists. If you'd like a name added to the list, please contact Verna Booms.
- Father would also like to compile a parish business directory so those in the parish offering any kind of service could be contacted first when a need arises.
- Officer Election— Linda read a note compiled from information received from Rita Maher and information taken directly from our by-laws. This will be used to aid us in electing officers correctly. Linda has accepted the nomination for President but asked if there were any other nominations. None were received, so a vote was held and all voted in favor of accepting Linda as our new President. Our new president is Linda Schumacher. Congratulations Linda! The office of secretary is available and there were no nominations received, so those in attendance were asked for nominations. Gail Maurer accepted the nomination for secretary. A vote was held and all were in favor. Our new secretary is Gail Maurer. Congratulations Gail! Installation will be held at a possible September mass.
- Revise Circles/Constitution—Concern was shared by Linda that there are only 3-4 women per circle that are capable of participating during a need, hence the project to revise them. Revising them will likely take place late October, early November. A few volunteers have offered to help with it. Marilyn Klee will oversee this task.
- Gail Maurer mentioned that a Football Forum gathering hosted by Nathan Marks and Janis Stein will be held here on September 2nd at 12:30pm in the parish center. Gail asked if we could provide finger foods for this event. Discussion was held and snacks will be provided by several ladies. Gail will be the chairperson for the food. She also wondered if some light cleaning could be done. It was suggested she check with Florence Wolschleger.
- **Other Business:**
- The Mama Ruth Picnic is Sunday, August 27th, at the K of C hall. Mass will be held in church at 10:30am.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00pm. No meeting in October as we will be setting up for the ERCCW meeting October 3rd, with the meeting being the following day, the 4th. Marilyn Klee made a motion to close the meeting at 9:19 pm and Delores Roggenbuck seconded it.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy A Messing, Secretary