

Christian Mother's & Women Meeting Minutes

Holy Apostle's Parish

September 5th, 2023

Our evening was started with a prayer service lead by Fr. Bob at 7pm in church welcoming our 5 new members and installation of our new officers, President Linda Schumacher and secretary Gail Maurer. The new members received blessed Christian Mother badges. The meeting followed in the Parish Center being called to order at 7:20 by Linda. Linda presented Tammy Messing, our outgoing secretary, with a beautiful cross for her years of service. Thank you so much Tammy for your faithfulness of 4 years of note taking.

- Opening Prayer – Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Linda in absence of our vice president. Linda shared this quote : "Being Catholic is a way of life that is kind, compassionate, and wholesome." Jim Rives
- Prayers for Family and Friends: Members mentioned those who are sick and need prayers.
- Secretary Report: was read by Gail Maurer. A motion to accept the report by JoAnn Messing and seconded by Marilyn Klee.
- Treasurer Report: was read by Linda in the absence of Tiffany. It was noted that we will need to keep certain bank accounts active in order to keep from being assessed a fee. A motion to accept the report was made by Delores Roggenbuck and seconded by Donna Emming.
- Vice-President Report: Nothing to report.
- Fathers Report: Fr Bob shared that he will be saying Mass at the October 4th ERCCW that will take place at the K of C Hall. He also shared that the Anointing of the Sick will take place at St. Mary's in Parisville on October 20th with Mass at 10:30 am.
- Communications from NCCW/ERCCW www.nccw.org

NCCW Spirituality Commission: by Kim Padan, 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, SDCCW President

SDCCW Annual Conference: Saturday, September 9, 2023, Center for Ministry, Saginaw.

All women of the Diocese are invited. Speakers: Fr. Adam Maher & Erin Looby Carlson.

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$10 for members; \$12 for non-members (in advance). RSVP: 989-635-7072!

ERCCW: The next East Region Council of Catholic Women will be held October 4th at the KC Hall, Ruth.

● Birthday Luncheon – The luncheon is September 12th at 11:30. at the Firehouse. September Birthdays are celebrated by Pat Vogel and Nancy Vogel. Happy Birthday to all those celebrating. Also, the October birthday luncheon will be held October 10th at 11:30 at the Firehouse. Other locations were discussed for the November luncheon.

● Correspondence: None

● Committee Reports:

o May Crowning: Joann Messing Nothing new to report.

o Fundraisers: Patt Maurer Many fundraisers were discussed and planned. Our first fundraiser is making and selling homemade apple pies. September 15th we will be making the pie crusts and on September 16th we will be peeling apples, rolling our crusts and filling the pies. Both days to begin at 8:30 am. Please bring your rolling pins. We will be making 50 pies. They will be 8"pies and sell for \$13.00 per pie. Patt will be getting the ingredients and Marcha Messing will be pricing the lard and pie tins at Costco. The apples were generously donated by Don Maurer. Thank you Don! Other fundraisers that were discussed were a wine and cheese tasting event. Patt will be contacting local wineries to talk

about the details of such an event and get back with details at the next mtg. Another idea was to have an informal Mother and Daughter Tea in the spring. Possibly in April or near Mother's Day.

o Baby Quilts: Donna Emming delivered a baby quilt to Ashley and Danny Weber on the birth of their daughter Pearl Elizabeth. Two other recent births were mentioned and Donna will be getting those babies their quilts. She has 2 girl and 5 boy blankets on hand. Donna shared an interesting piece on Mysteries that she wrote herself.

o Baptismal Bibs: Linda Schumacher and Marilyn Klee. Nothing to report.

o Senior graduation: (Chairperson needed) Nothing to report.

o Work Crew Lunches: (Chairperson needed) Nothing to report.

o Easter & Christmas Outreach: Tiffany Messing. Nothing to report.

o Greeting Cards: Sandy Kramer (989.864.3752) Nothing to report.

o Mother's Day/Father's Day: Marilyn Klee Nothing to report.

o Giving Tree: Michelle Seidl We will be doing this again this year.

o Rag Rugs: Vi Mixter Nothing new to report.

o Funeral Dinners: Marilyn Klee, Florence Wolschleger and Julie Meissner. There have been no funerals but Marilyn reported that Julie Meissner has a list of the food items that we need for each funeral and she has it figured for 100, 125, 150 people and so on. She has the list arranged with Rick of Sandmann's so that she just has to text him the number of people and he will be able to fill the order much easier. He has bigger hams so we will cut down on the number of hams so as not to have so much left over. Thanks for being so organized Julie!

o Washing Purificators, Altar Clothes and Altar Candles: Joann Messing Nothing

o Washing Cassocks: Gail Maurer. All the cassocks were washed for the Labor Day weekend. They will be washed for the Christmas holidays.

o Mama Ruth Queen: Janice Vogel Congratulations to Millie Kaufman, our lovely Mama Ruth Queen.

o Raffle Ticket Donations: Carol Gentner. Nothing to report.

o Facebook page: Tiffany Messing Nothing to report.

● Old Business

---The Football Forum that was organized by Nathan Marks and Janice Stein was a wonderful success. We served light refreshments for them and they really enjoyed the homemade cookies. Joann Messing thanked Gail Maurer for organizing and making the Parish Center look nice. A donation of money for the food was given to Linda in the absence of the treasurer. A bill will be coming from Sandman's soon for the food.

New Business/Additional Ideas:

---Revise CM&W circles/Constitution – Marilyn and Linda will have the new circles organized by the Nov meeting.

---ERCCW – October 4th at the KC Hall Set up for the upcoming ERCCW meeting will be October 3rd with time to be determined. The day begins with registration at 9am, 10:45 is the rosary followed by Mass at 11:00. Lunch after Mass with a short business meeting after. Our parish is the host this year. The meeting travels from parish to parish and occurs spring and fall. All are welcome. Our group pays an annual fee to belong. Julie is heading up the food and going to meet with Linda to plan the menu. If you would like to donate food or help please contact Julie at 989-670-3457.

---Anointing of the Sick Mass will be October 20th at 10:30 with a luncheon to follow. This is a joint venture between the 2 parishes and we split the cost of the meat. A sheet was passed around to sign up for desserts and to help that day.

● Other Business:

---Donna is waiting for notice of the date for the Rosary of the Fatima. It is a country wide event and is meant to be said in public, for example outside in front of church. She will let everyone know when she gets the notice.

---Linda talked about possible organizations that we could donate to at Christmas. She had made a number of suggestions and that we should be thinking about any other possibilities. And she touched on different ideas for our Christmas party. We welcomed our new members with an applause and look forward to seeing them at the next meeting!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm. No meeting in October as we will be setting up for the ERCCW meeting October 3, with the meeting being the following day the 4th. Marilyn Klee made a motion to close the meeting at 8:29 and was seconded by Vi Mixter. **CM&W meeting: December 7th will be our Christmas party.**

Respectfully submitted by Gail Maurer, Secretary