

Sacred Heart CCW Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

The quarterly CCW meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with an opening prayer, "Mary's Yes." The secretary's report was read and a motion was made by Judy Anderson and seconded by Joanne Waldron to approve the report. Motion passed.

Carmen gave the treasurer's report stating a balance of \$7264.10 as of June 30, 2016. The following bills were presented: Hy-Vee \$10.98 and Fareway \$10.97 for ice cream bars and napkins; Hy-Vee \$87.56 for WACCCW refreshments; Expressway \$378.70 for ice cream bars; WDCCW dues \$450 (150 ladies x \$3) Motion was made by Joanne, seconded by Rhonda Damm to pay these bills. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on contributing to any of the WDCCW entities and the decision was made to make our contribution to the Sacred Heart Foundation instead. Motion was made by Barb Hussong and seconded by Elaine Stenzel to donate \$2000 to the Sacred Heart Foundation. Motion passed.

Sara Bartosh, DRE, asked if SHCCW would be willing to donate funds to purchase a flat screen tv/blue ray player to be housed at the rectory for use by the Confirmation program. A motion was made by Elaine Stenzel and seconded by Carmen Rasche to provide the funds for this purchase. Motion passed.

Commission Reports

Leadership-Organizational Services: JoAnne Waldron volunteered to replace Leanne Salentiny for this post. Collette presented this month's report, emphasizing that we should be praying for our priest and provided a prayer to use. And that we should be promoting our CCW with pictures and getting the word out as well as praying for our church and CCW.

Service-Community/Family Concerns: Eva Rostomily reported about the tragedy of people having such hate for one another. Jesus died for us all, no matter the color of our skin. Certain sins are deadly to the sinner. We all need to make choices that lift one another up every day. Eva took part in the Jackson County Relay for Life. \$30,960 was turned in at the end of the night.

Service-International Concerns: Elaine talked about the "Million Works of Mercy", the need for more diapers and making them with ties rather than Velcro, using a casing and ties rather than elastic on the pillowcase dressed, making the list of items for Haiti Missions available at the back of church, the truck for Mary Jo Copland is about full, but need pickup and driver, a list of items for birthing kits, and how to make plastic bag mats. Elaine is collecting items to take to the fall WDCCW meeting at Fairmont in October.

Spirituality-Legislative Concerns: Celia reported that there has been a decrease in abortions. The numbers are as low as in 1973. A report is out that states birth control drugs are not totally absorbed by women's bodies. Evidence of them being excreted and eventually ending up in water supplies, causing feminization and infertility. 80% of water samples are contaminated with drugs. Supreme Court members are changing. Changes may affect law to protect women and children. Snapchat—young women are lured into sharing nude and semi-nude pictures thinking they'll be destroyed in 10 seconds. Not the case. A new app called Kik promotes that message will disappear after it is read, but it really doesn't. Parents, guardians, etc. need to be very vigilant about monitoring their children's smart phone/internet use.

Spirituality-Church Concerns: Barb shared with us info on Saints Mary Magdalene and Maria Goretti.

Unfinished Business

Church cleaning—13 women participated and only scrubbing of the kitchen floor and sweeping of the storage areas were not completed.

Baccalaureate—Only 2 kids took part. 32 plates and 3 pans of bars were used.

Summer ice cream is going well.

Confirmation Mass will be Sunday, October 16th, 10:30 a.m. at Sherburn

Year of Mercy Mass will be held at Sacred Heart, HL Sunday, October 16th, at 2 p.m. St. Bernadette's guild will be in charge of serving light refreshments after Mass. Father suggested bars/cookies, punch coffee. Plan for 150.

New Business

Mass changes in October: Brewster 5 p.m. Saturday; Heron Lake 8:30 a.m. Sunday; Windom 10 a.m. Sunday.

Annual Parish Directory—any changes need to be reported to Collette by September 15th. St. Claire's Guild—ladies need to ask to be put in this guild, we do not assign them to it.

CCW Sunday will be celebrated October 2nd with women doing the liturgy roles and serving coffee and rolls.

WDCCW Fall workshop, October 8, Fairmont—CCW will pay registration fee of anyone willing to go. See Collette for registration form.

SHCCW members can sign up on the diocesan website to receive "Connecting Catholic Women" on line.

Individual membership to NCCW applications are available if anyone is interested.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving planning meeting will be held September 22nd, 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church. All are invited to help plan this service. Some changes will be discussed: having it at Sacred Heart each year, having it on Sunday rather than Wednesday evening, as well as the actual planning of the event. Sacred Heart will be in charge of the lunch this year.

Bonnie Henkels requested that we look at the Angel Tree Program Registration form and make any recommendations on how it could be improved. All present felt that it was adequate as is, but made the recommendation that exchange receipts be included to facilitate returns if size wasn't right, etc. Also discussed wrapped vs. unwrapped and felt it was more in the spirit of Christmas if the gifts were wrapped and a surprise to the recipient.

Other new business—Elaine was wondering if the wall behind St. Joseph could be covered until it is repaired. It is a disturbing eyesore as is. We will need to approach parish council and Mary Mathias about this. Elaine is also totally out of quilting material. CCW agreed to help with purchase of material on an as needed basis.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, October 8th—WDCCW workshop at Fairmont

Sunday, October 16th—Confirmation @ Sherburn 10:30 a.m.; Year of Mercy Mass at Heron Lake 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25th—WACCW meeting 7 p.m. Adrian

Tuesday, November 8th—SHCCW meeting, lunch by St. Ann's

Officer/Guild Chair changes need to be in to Collette by September 15th or they will remain the same as 2015-2016.

Meeting concluded with saying the prayer for our priest.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Hussong and Collette Diemer