

Saint Patrick Parish Council of Catholic Women Minutes- September 19th, 2017 Meeting

The first general meeting and potluck of the 2017-2018 year was held on September 19th at 6:00 in the social hall.

Board Members in attendance:

President: Beverly Marion
Vice President: Nicole Loch
Treasurer: Mary Shafer
Secretary: Jenny Cernohous

Several women were in attendance and enjoyed a wonderful potluck to begin the meeting.

Opening Prayer: The meeting was started with the traditional opening prayer.

Calendar/Volunteer Connection mailing: A newsletter outlining this years many events will be in the mail by September 19th. Nicole Loch had several of her students help out with the stuffing of the envelopes. We were told they thoroughly enjoyed this.

Treasurer's report- Mary Shafer. Mary went over what was spent and earned over this past year. We will also discuss later in the meeting about future donations and fundraisers taking place this year.

Woman of the Month: The CCW has begun a new tradition of honoring one woman each month from our parish that has demonstrated exceptional selfless giving of her time to the Church and Community. Over the summer, Judy Bauer, Emily Wagner and Mary Jo Harden were nominated and honored at the meeting with a flower and a gift.

Extreme Faith Camp: Tricia Pieper shared with us how the CCW's donation of \$500.00 for their bus benefited the kids. She even mentioned that a second bus was almost needed due to the high enrollment this summer. Trish went on to share pictures of the kids on the bus and well as telling us some of the highlights experienced by the kids at camp.

Fundraisers: The board discussed suggestions for fund raising this year. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed around to participate in working at the Brat Stand and the Bake Sale. Suggestions for new fund raising ideas was discussed.

Approval to purchase Chrome book for CCW members. Beverly Marion, our president discussed in detail the need for using a Chrome book. Some uses would be to

manage signing up for upcoming events, and the importance of keeping minutes and notes in one place. The Chrome book would also help a great deal with communication between members. Mary Jo Harden made a motion to purchase the Chrome Book and Katie Waldal seconded the motion. It was voted and approved that the CCW could budget \$300.00-\$500.00 to purchase a good quality Chrome Book.

Box of Joy: Mary Shafer and Jenny Cernohous presented a new way for women and families to get involved and work together as a parish. Mary and Jenny came across the idea for the Box of Joy during their time in Dallas at the NCCW Convention in September. The Box of Joy is a great way for Catholic Children in Third World Countries to receive a present at Christmas. Both of them went in to detail on how to assemble a Box of Joy and a time has been set a side at the October meeting to begin pulling some boxes together. 50 Boxes of Joy were ordered at no cost to the CCW.

Hurricane Harvey Donation: The board asked the women at the meeting if they would be interested in making a donation to go towards those effected by the Hurricane. It was decided that a donation would not be made at this time since the Church has already had several opportunities for parish members to make their own donations. It would be brought up at the next meeting if a donation would be made to Catholic Relief Services.

Kris Kringle and Bake Sale- December 2&3, 2017. It was decided to continue with the tradition of holding Kris Kringle Corner. A volunteer sign up will be created in November. The goal this year is to incorporate more involvement from the Middle School and High School youth and have them work along side the other women of the parish.

Sunday Coffee Social- October 15, 2017. It was decided to hold a Coffee Social and Fall bake sale on October 15th after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed around. It was decided to just send out one message to drop of baked items, jarred items and pies off in the social hall on Sunday morning before mass.

Highlights from NCCW Convention in Dallas, Texas: Jenny Cernohous and Mary Shafer highlighted their experience at the Convention in Texas. They shared great ideas of ways to improve attendance at meetings and ways to make the women feel needed and involved in community service ideas. The Box of Joy was again discussed as a wonderful way for the women to be involved in helping needy children. Mary and Jenny mentioned that there was a \$9.00 fee to help with shipping with \$2.00 going to the parish priest of that country. A motion was made by Mary Jo Harden to approve the CCW to contribute \$4.00 per box to assist with the shipping expense. Carol Landry seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved that the CCW would contribute a maximum of \$400.00 to help fund the expense for shipping the Box of Joy.

The Next CCW meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Closing Prayer- A Hail Mary was said at the closing of the Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Thank you for coming!

Minutes submitted by Jenny Cernohous