

CCW OPEN MEETING DECEMBER 28, 2023

The meeting began with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Spiritual Commissioner Nancy F. reported that the book review/discussion of Ethical Excellence is ongoing. The Advent Wreath sale did very well, that was held the last weekend of November and first weekend of December, netted \$536.

Service Commissioner Nancy D. stated that the next CCW Social will be held Jan 28, with Mary Shafer and Sharon Gernes heading up the Social. Future socials will be Feb 25 and April 28.

Treasurer Nancy S. shared that the St. Nicholas Giving Event netted \$975.00.

The CCW Bake Sale on Dec. 9/10 netted \$1,162. Current checkbook balance is \$9,220. The CCW received a check from Jenny C. for \$1,740 for the cemetery watering that was done as a service for families that requested help with watering pots at their relatives' graves.

Secretary Leigh W. thanked the group for all the wonderful baked goods that were donated for the December Bake Sale. She stated that it is a very easy way to make money for the CCW since the goods are all donated with almost no expenses associated with it. The next Bake Sale will be held in the Spring, April 28.

President Barbara G. gave an update on the breakfast that will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2024, honoring our Patron Saint. It will be geared towards families with a French toast menu. The St. Pat's KC's will be involved also.

Barbara explained that the Board is looking for new officers for the 2024 – 2026 term. Anyone interested should contact one of the current Board members.

The speaker for the meeting was Sean Kinsella, director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for St. Croix County.

"Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of St. Croix County is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that provides a voice for abused and neglected children under the court system's legal protection. We are caring adults, just like you, who know our community is stronger when we take care of our children. We envision a future where every child has a voice and a hopeful future. And with the [support of the community](#), we make this future a reality by providing best-interest advocacy for abused and/or neglected children with the goal of a safe and permanent home."

Mr. Kinsella gave a brief overview of the program. CASA is looking for more adult advocates and monetary donations.

The meeting continued with Christmas hymns, scripture readings and a Christmas related trivia game. Cookies and tea were served and prizes given for the trivia game winners.

Respectfully submitted,
Leigh Weiss, Secretary

