

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish CCW

Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2011

- I. Opening Prayer:** The meeting was opened with a prayer service.
- II. Welcome & Introductions:** President Regina Plummer called to order the regular meeting of the Council of Catholic Women at 6:30 PM on September 1, 2011 in the parish meeting room. She welcomed all in attendance and introduced herself as the new CCW President and Peg Wagaman as the new Secretary.
- III. Attendance:** The following women were in attendance: Jean Fleagle, Barb Niedenthol, Karen Manderson, Marie DiGiammarino, Betty Powers, Audry Milho, Carmen Krawczak, Jo Spigler, Ginny Ingels, Angela Rocks, Regina Plummer and Peg Wagaman.
- IV. Mission of Council of Catholic Women:** *The St. Andrew Council of Catholic Women, under the guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel, acts to support, empower and educate its members in spirituality, leadership and service. The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the church and society in a constantly changing world.* Regina explained each mission of the Council. They are listed below along with the planned activities for the coming year:

A. Spirituality –

- a. Marion Day at St. Ignatius Parish, Buchanan Valley, Sat., Oct. 1
- b. Blessed Virgin Mary Birthday Celebration
- c. Women's Retreat in Annunciation Parish, McSherrystown, Sat, Oct. 22
- d. Evening of Reflection
- e. Pilgrim talk on Medjugorje, Date TBA
- f. Bible Study / Book Discussion Group, ongoing in the parish
- g. Family pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, each Sunday. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at 1:30pm followed by confession, adoration, and devotions for pilgrims, closing with Benediction in the Basilica.
- h. Annual Diocesan Convention in Harrisburg, date TBA

B. Service & Leadership –

- a. Operation Shoe Box (presentation at the October 4 meeting)
- b. Prayer Shaw Ministry meets the 4th Monday of each month to knit and crochet prayer shawls that are blessed and given to the sick, infirmed and elderly of the parish, as well as baby blankets.
- c. Card Ministry is sending cards to the sick and shut-ins of the parish

- d. RCIA reception is held the weekend after Easter to welcome the new Catholics.
- e. First Holy Communion Luncheon is for families of First Communicants.
- f. Father/Son Breakfast is a Father's Day event to honor the men of the parish
- g. CROP Walk, Sunday, Oct. 2nd & Social Justice Activities
- h. Pro-life Activities

C. Fellowship –

- a. Adult Game Night November 4 – Chairperson is Elaine Sneeringer.
- b. Progressive Dinner and Gift Exchange in December
- c. Mother/Daughter Tea is a Mother's Day event to honor the women of the parish
- d. Family Bar-B-Q is a family picnic event which will be held in February
- e. Fellowship evenings, to be announced
- f. Cooking with Father Bateman, dates to be announced. Father Bateman graciously teaches us different cooking methods and shares delicious recipes which he prepares for us.

D. Fundraising –

- a. Annual Yard Sale – co-chairs are Ginny Ingels and Jo Spigler

Display boards were placed around the room representing each mission and included the various offerings in each area. A sheet was provided for the ladies to sign up if they had an interest in a particular activity or if they wanted to be part of a committee to plan the activity. Once a committee is formed, they can meet separately from the regular meeting and information can then be submitted for the event. This will eliminate some of the monthly meetings and afford more time for fellowship and spirituality offerings. Some of these offerings are already planned by other ministries of our parish or in surrounding parishes. We will take advantage of interesting retreats and spiritual activities offered throughout the Harrisburg Diocese, the Seton District CCW, as well as some being offered in nearby Arch-Diocese of Baltimore. Regina also suggested having speakers for our fellowship evenings and asked for suggestions from those in attendance. All meetings and events will not be held on the same evenings (ie: Thursdays, as in the past,) but will be scheduled on different evenings so that more women may be able to take part in the events.

V. New business

- a) Jo Spigler made a motion to continue the Yard Sale and the motion was seconded by Karen Manderson. The motion was unanimously passed. In regard to the Yard Sale, the women suggested having all those working the floor to wear t-shirts that would easily identify them as workers. It was decided that the women would wear bright pink shirts and the men would wear neon green. This will be helpful to those customers who have questions during the sale.
- b) Annual dues of \$5. were collected from those attending.

- c) Jo Spigler spoke about the women's retreat held at Mount St. Mary's in August. Jo attended and had a wonderful experience. We will share the date for next summer's retreat when it is advertised.

VI. Adjournment

Regina Plummer adjourned the meeting at 7:07PM. After closing prayers, the ladies enjoyed an Ice Cream Social.

Minutes submitted by: Peg Wagaman, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Regina Plummer, President