

## **Saint Columba Parish Council of Catholic Women**

Meeting Minutes

7pm 1 April 2013

**Members Present:** Rhonda Dougherty, Becky Flynn, Theresa Krasucki, Beth Laubach, Nancy Ramhap, Krista Troiani, Regina Wolf

### **Minutes:**

Becky Flynn called the meeting to order. The meeting began with a prayer to our Lady of Good Council. Regina read the minutes from the March meeting. The group approved the minutes. Next, Nancy did the treasurer's report. Nancy reported that the checks she had purchased last month cost \$21. The club received a \$200 donation during the month of March. The account balance is at \$280.

We first discussed old business. Member profile handouts were given to all members however only 5 were returned so far. These sheets will help our club know the interests and strengths of our members. The group will need to have more returned before we can utilize the information and see the benefits of the profile handouts. We gained one new member through the sign-up cards that Becky placed in the church.

We discussed our spirituality project; a lecture series on Catholic moral topics. Becky has been in contact with the Burkes and is waiting to finalize a date with them. The date will likely be in May instead of April. Becky spoke with Tammy Barbush at The Center for Women's Health at Holy Spirit Hospital. Once we have a date finalized with the Burkes, Tammy will try to coordinate a speaker from the Hospital's FertilityCare program to present on the same date, if available. At the very least, Tammy noted that she will provide informative literature about the services they provide.

Next we moved on to discussing our community project, a Club fair. Nancy reported that she received many surveys back from other clubs and organizations in the parish. While we wait for more to be returned, we need to decide how best to compile the information to make it useful to members of the parish. The group discussed making a long and short version for presenting the information. Potential ideas include: making a book to be kept in the front office that includes all details of the organizations; updating the parish website; and a shorter packet with key points of each organization to be mailed out to new parishioners and passed out at the club fair. In the mean time, Nancy will need help compiling the information into Publisher documents.

For service to families we are welcoming new babies to the parish by providing a home cooked meal to the new parents. Regina will be including a message about this service in the monthly meeting reminder in the bulletin. In this way, any women in the parish who would benefit from this service could contact us for help. Knowing that some women may feel uncomfortable asking for our help, CCW members should also keep their eyes and ears open for parishioners who are expecting or just had a baby. Let Rhonda know their contact info so we can reach out to them.

The 88<sup>th</sup> annual convention for HDCCW will be held April 15, 2013. Bloomsburg CCW is making a craft basket for the Chinese auction at the convention. The proceeds of which will support a HDCCW scholarship. Theresa donated \$25 to help buy the craft items. Krista will be making the basket this week. The baby item collection is still ongoing in the church vestibule. Items will be collected until the weekend before the convention. Nancy brought the St. Columba CCW banner she designed and had made at Staples. It was made at a cost of \$10 and is indoor vinyl.

The date for our group to host CCM Dollar Dinner is set for April 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be making enough food to serve 40-45 people baked ziti, salad, garlic bread, and sheet cake. Beth and Theresa volunteered to buy the sheet cake. Volunteers are needed to help cook, set-up, clean-up, or all of the above. We will start working at 3:00pm. The students will have Mass at 5pm and dinner at 5:30. All activities will be at the Neumann House on Bloomsburg University campus. We will be saying the blessing before dinner and talking briefly about our group. We will then need to clean up and will likely be done around 7pm.

There will be a brunch for graduating high school seniors on May 19th after the 10:30am Mass. We will be inviting 48 seniors and their parents. Nancy made an invitation and RSVP cards. The RSVP cards will be collected through the collection baskets. We discussed a menu for the brunch. The menu ideas included breakfast casserole (savory egg and sweet French toast), donated bagels, coffee, tea, juice, fruit salad, and yogurt. We will be asking members to prepare and donate the menu items other than bagels. Becky will be coordinating a slide-show of pictures of the graduates.

No new projects were started. Monsignor Lawrence led us in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

**Submitted by:**

Regina Wolf, Secretary