

Saint Columba Parish Council of Catholic Women
Meeting Minutes
7pm 4 March 2013

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 February meeting. The group approved the minutes. Next, Nancy did the treasurer's report. Nancy reported that she was able to access the bank account. Nancy reported that she paid for checks from the existing \$101 balance but had not confirmed the exact account balance due to very recently gaining access. Nancy checked the details of the Special Diocesan Activities Fund with the District treasurer. Nancy was told that every December, each chapter is to submit a donation for the SDAF Fund. We did not contribute in 2012 as the council was newly organized. For 2013, we will have to determine the amount of contribution and how to fund raise to support the donation.

We first discussed old business. Becky announced that the new membership cards are at all the church entrances and have been announced in the church bulletin. Member profile sheets were passed out to several members that had been absent from the last meeting.

We discussed our spirituality project; a lecture series on Catholic moral topics. Becky and Krista reported they have been getting things together for the first lecture on women's health: fertility and family planning. Regina had contacted Dr. Burke and his wife to speak. They had agreed to volunteer their time for our project. Regina provided information on NaProTechnology. Nancy provided an article on fertility and the Catholic perspective that could be distributed on lecture night. Becky asked Regina to check on dates that would work for the Burke's during the week of April 22nd. Becky's idea was to have the lectures during the same week as "Life make a difference day".

Next we moved on to discussing our community project, a Club fair. Nancy created the survey form for all of the organizations at the church. She brought envelopes and a list of contacts for the groups so we could send out the surveys. She wanted us to review the contact information as some of it was incorrect. Nancy and Regina stuffed envelopes at the end of the meeting.

For service to families we are welcoming new babies to the parish by providing a home cooked meal to the new parents. Rhonda offered to be the coordinator of this project. Other opportunities exist for members who would like to make blankets or other baby items as well. All officers are co-chairs for this project. The member survey forms have a question regarding volunteering for this project.

The 88th annual convention for HDCCW will be held April 15, 2013. Any member is invited to attend. There will be a Chinese auction at the convention. The Bloomsburg CCW would like to make a craft supply basket as a donation to this activity. Members are encouraged to bring any craft supplies to donate to the next meeting.

The date for our group to host CCM Dollar Dinner is set for April 17th. We will be making enough food to serve 40-45 people an entrée, side, and dessert. Volunteers are needed to help cook, set-up, clean-up, or all of the above. We will start working at 330pm at the Neumann House on Bloomsburg University campus.

We briefly talked about new business. There will be a brunch for graduating seniors in May or June after the 1030am Mass. CCW was asked to organize this brunch but our group will not be funding it. Possible dates include May 19th, June 2nd, or June 9th. Nancy spoke about a need for a St. Columba PCCW banner. We could take this banner to conferences to represent our chapter. Time was not permitting for discussing highlights from the District meeting. Monsignor Lawrence led us in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.