

# Saint Columba Parish Council of Catholic Women

## Meeting Minutes

7pm 1 October 2012

Becky Flynn Called the meeting to order. The meeting began with a prayer to Our Lady of Good Council. Regina Wolf read the minutes from the September meeting.

Nancy Ramhap proceeded to discuss the treasurer's report. We did not have any money at that point. We discussed opening a bank account at First Columbia Bank and Trust.

The council moved on to new business. The Council discussed the direction of the group. Spiritual goals were discussed and what the group could do to meet those goals. The council decided to recite a decade of the rosary every day for the month of October. Recitation would help us receive guidance for where the group would be led in the future. Another idea that was discussed but not decided upon was that of having an adoration hour once per month, instead of once per week, for those who could not commit to weekly. An additional idea was to create a Mother's group to create fellowship and dialog on Motherhood topics within the parish.

We discussed service goals for the group. Service goals would be that of our families, community, and on the international scope. Some of the things we discussed related to service but did not make a decision upon included, helping the parish with confirmation receptions, creating a club fair after mass to showcase the activities in the parish, sprucing up the church before holidays, operating a Samaritan's purse, organizing a "Jared Box" project, hosting "dollar dinner" for CCM, creating decorations and themes for soup kitchens, and initiating projects for the benefit of overseas soldiers. The group decided that we would implement a Thanksgiving Blessing card for parishioners and distribute on the Sunday before Thanksgiving at all masses.

The council went around the room and all individuals iterated what they hoped to gain from the activities of the club and what they wanted to do through the club.

Next, the group discussed the public relations function under the leadership structure. Regina committed to sending a notice to the Catholic Witness newspaper in the Harrisburg Diocese regarding the new club at St. Columba and its meeting times. The notice would be included in the October 12<sup>th</sup> publication. The council discussed providing notice to the Catholic Campus Ministry mass regarding the new club. The communication to Bloomsburg University students would potentially lead to the participation of young University women.

Father Lawrence led the council in the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned by President Becky Flynn. The next meeting will take place on November 5, 2012 at 7pm in the Maximillian Colby Room of St. Columba Parish.