

**SAINT JOHN PAUL II  
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
of  
March 9, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Jill Scott, Cindi Biedermann, Karen Trepanier, Karen Bach, Ann Wohl, Pat Hawley, Mary Lambert, Donna Danz, Patti Wright, Valda Kuhlman, Susan Porrovecchio, Marianne Schroeder, Judy Butterfield, Linda Stewart, Clara Tennant, Shirley Lockard, Beverly McGrath, Mary Clough, Celeste Fisher, Gloria Greengard, Carol Halvorson, Jean Tegoli, Ann Holst, Mary Darvill, Julie Moffitt, Lynne Kleffner

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Jill Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER** – Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Recited by all

**THANKS** – President Scott, and all in attendance, enthusiastically thanked our hostesses, Mary Lambert and Pat Hawley, for a scrumptious breakfast buffet! Personally, my reaction was “Holy Smokes!”

**WELCOME** – President Scott introduced new parishioner and CCW member Patti Wright. We gave her a warm welcome to our Council.

## **REPORTS**

### **President**

Sunshine Committee Chair Geneva Curran is out of town indefinitely. Carol Halvorson will be the point person for this committee; she can be reached at 909-0753.

Together with long-time volunteer Debbie Urban, the new volunteers for the Prayer Line – Michelle Carlson, Char Biedermann, and Carol Endsley – have leapt right into this significant ministry and we are very grateful. President Scott noted, however, that their names and contact information have not been included in the bulletin where it is greatly needed.

### **Secretary**

Minutes of the February 10, 2020, meeting were distributed via email prior to this meeting, with printed copies available today. Also distributed via email and printed copies were the Amended Minutes of our January 13, 2020, meeting.

A minor correction in the February Minutes is noted: the email address for February’s guest speaker Linda Kiltz was incorrect. The address should be: lkiltz07@gmail.com. There being no further corrections or additions, these minutes are approved as presented and will be filed.

### **Treasurer**

Copies of the Treasury Report and the Budget Income/Expense Summaries were distributed prior to the meeting via email, with printed copies available today. Treasurer Bach reviewed the reports. There being no questions or corrections, the reports are approved as presented and will be filed for audit.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Shrove Tuesday** – Committee Chair Karen Bach reported a successful Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras event on February 25<sup>th</sup> and thanked everyone who so generously volunteered to pull it all together. About 55-60 people enjoyed a delicious pancake supper. The children loved the games and participation was full and fun. Though this event was free, we received \$134 in generous donations.

**24-Hour Adoration and First Friday Mass on March 5-6** – President Scott noted this was a well-received spiritual opportunity, complete with Father offering times for reconciliation.

Another 24-Hour Adoration is scheduled for Thursday/Friday, March 26-27, again beginning after 9:00 Mass on Thursday. The Parish Office will provide sign-up sheets, but we are encouraged to attend anytime during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It's just important to never leave Our Lord unattended.

**Farewell Reception for Gail and Tom Jenko** – Co-chairs Donna Danz and Pat Hawley reported about 100 parishioners attended the reception after 10:30 Mass on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who helped make it a lovely event for the Jenkos.

**Funeral Reception Protocol** – The revised protocol is being reviewed by the Parish Office staff. At first glance, Deacon Butts indicated to President Jill that he perceives the procedures we recommend to be quite detailed, but he and the staff will more fully review the document and get back to us.

**Outreach** – After publishing “It Takes A Parish,” which requested assistance for this ministry, and the subsequent availability of sign-up sheets for the parish, we have 6-7 volunteers who have signed up for each task – those providing food for meals and those willing to deliver the meals and visit. Also, five recipients have been identified. President Jill suggests this indicates we move forward with our Outreach ministry. However, an Outreach Coordinator is crucial. Until a volunteer for this position comes forward, Outreach will continue to be inactive. Prayers are requested. If you are interested, please contact Jill.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Lenten Soup Suppers** – Chairwoman Valda Kuhlman thanked everyone who participated in last Friday's Soup Supper. CCW will again host soup supper on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Valda suggests six soups are more than enough and kindly asked for volunteers to provide soup. Valda advises the soups be more varied. Last Friday's were all cream soups; it would be best to have perhaps a couple of broth-based soups. She will coordinate with those volunteering.

**40 Days for Life** – This year, St. John Paul II is participating as a parish and is sponsoring the two days of Saturday, March 14, and Monday, March 30, providing continuous, full-day prayer vigil (6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in front of All Families Healthcare in Whitefish where abortions are performed. Sign-up sheets for these two days are available in the vestibule of the church. More information and other days/times to sign-up can be found at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/whitefish/>

Valda Kuhlman reminds us that this is a prayer vigil! It is not a protest, not confrontational; and we are not “required” to hold a sign. Too, the more people praying at any given time is better than being alone. Feel free to stand/walk in front of All Families Healthcare any day, any time, for as long as you can during these 40 days. God hears our cry! Asked what to say/do if someone approaches us for information on options, Valda explained information cards are available; she will learn how to get some.

**Rags to Riches** – Co-chair Mary Lambert reported that nearly all department chair positions have been filled. The event is Friday-Saturday, May 15-16. Help is needed Sunday, May 10, after donuts & coffee, to bring up all the Rags to Riches equipment from basement storage and to set up tables in Brady Hall. Donations will be received from 9:00-3:00 each day beginning Monday, May 11. Announcements and advertising are in the works. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available soon.

**Parish Directory** – After discussion, it was decided CCW would tackle this assignment! Gloria Greengard and Jill Scott fearlessly accepted the co-chair positions. After some gentle arm-twisting, Mary Lambert, having worked on the last directory, said she would be glad to consult.

**Nominations Committee** – As required in our bylaws, a Nominations Committee must be formed at our March meeting to recruit officers for the coming year. A slate of officers is to be presented at the April meeting; nominations are open until voting at the May meeting. Jill Scott and Mary Lambert are this year's committee. We ask that you prayerfully consider serving on our CCW Board.

Donna Danz introduced the need for a new commercial-grade coffeemaker for the kitchen. One of the large coffee pots had been used for hot chocolate but was never emptied, thus it was filled with mold which required it to be tossed. **Pat Hawley moved we authorize \$200-\$300 for purchase of a new stainless steel, 100-cup coffeemaker. Gloria Greengard seconded the motion. Motion carried with majority vote.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Scott informed us of a message received from Monica Mordja of the Kalispell Deanery, that all officers are needed for the coming year. Without more participation, it is looking more plausible all the time that the CCW Deanery may become obsolete. Should you feel called to serve on the Deanery Board, please contact Monica (406-260-3850) or Marie Whalen (406-471-0388).

After talking with Patti Nelson's sister Janae, Karen Bach gave an update on Patti's status and suggested she may be asked to orchestrate a meal train calendar for Patti and Mark. Karen will follow up with us when she has more information from the family.

Immediate prayers are requested for Cindi and Dave Biedermann's great nephew, Jacob, who is only two years old and undergoing surgery at this very moment to remove a tumor on his brain. Lord, guide the surgeon's hands.

Donna Danz, representing the Quilters Guild, acknowledged their use of Brady Hall each month. As a way to thank CCW for our efforts in keeping the kitchen and Brady Hall in good shape, which the quilters appreciate, a gift of 21 beautifully quilted potholders were given for our kitchen. "Out with the old; in with the new," says a delighted Donna.

Ann Wohl suggested carpooling for the Catholic Women's Conference in Helena in April. If interested in traveling together, please contact Ann.

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Led by Spirituality Commissioner Gloria Greengard.

**ACTIVITY** – Following adjournment, the Prayer Shawl Committee initiated the making of a new supply of prayer shawls. After setting up cutting, sewing, and knotting areas and giving instructions, our CCW sisters began praying the rosary while working.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Trepanier*

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Secretary

### **Website Resources:**

**St. John Paul II:** <https://www.saintjp2.org/ccw>

**National CCW:** <https://www.nccw.org/>

**Diocese of Helena:** <https://diocesehelena.org/>