**SAINT JOHN PAUL II**

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**of**

**October 14, 2019**

**PRESENT**: Jill Scott, Karen Bach, Karen Trepanier, Margie Donoghue, Ann Wohl, Susan Porrovecchio, Gloria Greengard, Lucy McCrumb, Marianne Schroeder, Karen Panissidi, Valda Kuhlman, Sue Bradley, Judy Butterfield, Lynne Kleffner, Charlene Biedermann, Mary Lambert, Clara Tennant, Marie Whalen, Carol Halvorson, Mary Darvill, Sage Floyd, Julie Moffitt, Loree Martin

**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 warmly thanked our meeting’s hostesses – Lynne Kleffner and Karen Trepanier.

**INTRO OF NEW BOARD MEMBER** – President Scott acknowledged the resignation of Secretary Carol Endsley, wishing her well, and announced the appointment of Karen Trepanier as our secretary for the remainder of the 2019-2020 CCW year.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Following disbursement of funds per our allocations approval, notes of appreciation and gratitude have been received from the West Shore Food Bank, Sparrows Nest, Bigfork Food Bank, Divine Mercy Radio, Warriors and Quiet Waters, and Samaritan House.

**REPORTS**

**President**

The CCW-hosted Farewell Reception for long-time parishioners and CCW sisters Millie Mitchke and Ruth Hellen was very well attended on Sunday, October 6th. Thank you to all who decorated, served, cleaned, and to those who provided such lovely desserts. We’re grateful to Mary Lambert and Donna Danz for planning the reception. On behalf of CCW, Ann Wohl and Donna Danz spoke of Millie and Ruth’s heartfelt and consistent dedication to our parish and to our CCW. Millie and Ruth will be deeply missed.

**Secretary**

Minutes of the September 9, 2019, meeting were distributed prior to the meeting via email, with printed copies available today. After review by the membership, two corrections were identified: 1) Under *New Business/Scholarship Raffle*, it was noted there are four Waterford crystal champagne flutes rather than two; and 2) Under *Recommended Budget and Allocations*/4th paragraph regarding creation of a Ministry Outreach, the motion was seconded by Marie Whalen rather than Karen Trepanier.

With these two corrections, the September 9, 2019, CCW Meeting Minutes were approved and will be filed.

**Treasurer**

Copies of the Treasury Report (dated September 1-30, 2019), the Budget Income/ Expense Summaries (dated as of September 30, 2019), and the Approved 2019-2020 Budget and Allocations were distributed earlier via email, with printed copies available today. Treasurer Karen Bach reviewed each of the documents and clarified items. There being no corrections, each of these documents will be filed for audit.

Members are encouraged to bring their dues current; only half as many as last year have responded. Subsequently, forms and envelopes are provided at the back of the church.

**Diocesan CCW Retreat**

Ann Wohl gave an overview of the wonderful HDCCW-sponsored retreat that was held October 4-5 at the Flathead Lake Lutheran Bible Camp. Linda Dorrington, a Spiritual Direction/Retreat Director, and Floyd McCubbins, Deacon and Spiritual Advisor for all women’s organizations in the Helena Diocese, were excellent presenters at the retreat. This event was attended by 15 women, three from each of five parishes.

**Sunshine Committee**

Geneva Curran is Chair of the Sunshine Committee; members of the committee include Paula Gilman, Karen Panissidi, and Carol Halvorson. Geneva is currently out of town; President Scott reported Geneva has sent a birthday card to Father Bart (October 5th) so far this month. Carol Halvorson indicated she has sent cards this month to parish members on behalf of CCW as well. A report from this committee will be given at each of our meetings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ministry Chairs, Commission, Sign-up Sheets** – Sign-up sheets were made available for members to note the areas in which they would like to participate. In particular, it will be most helpful to have someone serve as back-up for funeral luncheons. Mary Darvill currently chairs the committee for requesting donations of salads, desserts, servers, and clean-up crew; she would appreciate someone to help.

**Outreach** – At our September meeting, President Scott asked the membership to think about ways to revamp our Outreach ministry which has been lacking in participation and recipients, currently down to only two. Discussion ensued with ideas of providing foods (meals, cookies, snacks); making visits only; providing sign-up sheets for the entire parish to participate, both in giving and receiving; offering rides to shopping, appointments, etc. In the final analysis, it was determined we would continue the current method (visiting recipients, bringing a meal once a month), but enlisting the help of our entire parish in this ministry by way of announcements before Mass and by putting a notice in the upcoming weekly bulletins. We will revisit at our November meeting.

**Updated CCW Roster** – Treasurer Karen Bach requested that everyone review their contact information on the updated roster and get back to her with any edits. She also asked members to let her know if they need a printed copy rather than an email version.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Scholarship Raffle Update** – Treasurer Bach updated us on the raffle that will benefit our St. Matthew’s Scholarship Fund. We will be raffling three Swarovski Christmas Ornaments (3 winners), four Waterford crystal champagne flutes (2 winners of a pair each), and a beautiful Family Bible. Tickets are 1 for $5 or 5 for $20. Tickets are placed in the “gift box” of the desired prize. It was agreed the winners will be chosen at the Parish Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 8th, rather than at the CCW Christmas gathering on December 1st.

**Feast Day Party** – Tuesday, October 22nd, is the Feast Day of St. John Paul II. Father Bart would like a simple celebration after 9:00 Mass that morning and has requested CCW to host. Margie Donoghue generously offered to chair this lovely event.

**Lenten Soup Suppers** – With Program for Lay Ministry sessions completed, our parish is back to having soup supper every Friday during Lent. This means CCW is again on tap for hosting two of the suppers. Because we will have just hosted the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, President Scott suggested we not take the first Lenten supper, but perhaps the second and last Fridays. This was met with complete agreement. Jill will alert the Pastoral Council before they prepare the assignments.

**National CCW Convention** – **August 26-29, 2020, Washington, DC**. Ann Wohl, in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the National Council of Catholic Women, researched travel and lodging arrangements for a group of eight to attend the convention next August. Four members have already expressed interest, but the less expensive flight and lodging rates won’t last long, so reservations need to be made. If more than eight want to go, Ann will look for a bigger VRBO. The more the merrier, but time is of the essence. Ann provided copies of her research information for members to review.

**CCW Deanery Meeting** – President Scott announced the Deanery meeting to be held Saturday, October 26th, at St. Richard’s in Columbia Falls. The Director of the Bigfork Food Bank is the guest speaker at this meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**New Parishioners** – Chairwoman Valda Kuhlman advised us of the Newcomers Dinner being held on Tuesday, November 5th, at 6:00 in Brady Hall. All members joining our parish over the last year (approximately 40) have received written invitations to the dinner, and all parishioners are invited (sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church). From this initial welcome dinner, the individually hosted get-acquainted gatherings will commence over the next several months. If you’d like to host a small gathering, please sign up and indicate how many, including yourselves, you can accommodate.

**Funding Request** – Mary Lambert alerted us that some of the round, green tablecloths are in need of being retired because of stains and tears, but replacements may not be available much longer. **Ann Wohl moved we authorize funding, approximately $140, to purchase four round, green tablecloths. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**PROGRAM**

President Scott welcomed guest speaker Fred Woelkers, Coordinator/Director of

CYRO – Catholic Youth Rural Outreach. Fred shared with us the fantastic culture of

youth we enjoy within the Diocese and within our own Flathead Valley. Each parish has a youth minister who serves with the week-to-week youth ministry, but the diocese developed a plan to bring something more to smaller communities, to bring together the youth of several parishes enriching their group of peers. By way of retreats, bible studies, and other events, our youth gain a greater sense of belonging and understanding of our faith. Fred gave many examples of his work, answered a multitude of questions, and acknowledged suggestions for greater inclusion of our youth. It was an enlightening exchange and we thoroughly appreciated Fred’s efforts.

**ACTIVITY**

Prayer Partners – Attending members were paired to discuss the questions and prayer requests they completed at the beginning of the meeting.

This activity was vigorously approached, but it divided the group as a whole. Therefore, we were remiss in ending our meeting with a prayer and a motion for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

**Karen Trepanier**

Secretary

***Website Resources:***

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

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

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

**US Conference of Catholic Bishops**: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**The Vatican**: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

**Catechism of the Catholic Church**: <http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM>

**Compendium of Social Doctrine**: <http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/>rc\_pc\_justpeace\_doc\_20060526\_compendio-dott-soc\_en.html