

CCW Meeting April 11, 2024

20 members were in attendance at our April meeting. Two new members attended Nancy Horscman and Lisa Torcia.

Welcome and call to Order by Ruth Zemba.

Meeting was opened with an Easter prayer and the Pledge

Roll Call by Ruth Zemba: Ruth Zemba, Mary Ann King, Karen Willey and Donna Testa were present. Mary Parsons and Pam Meinart, Barb McCarthy, and Maggie Wetherhold were excused

Ruth introduced the guest speakers from Saint Vincent DePaul and Off the Streets

Guest Speakers:

Steve King talked about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, its global history and its history at St. Joan of Arc. He explained their mission is to have an impact by visits to homes, prison, providing food, clothing, rent, guidance to improving lives, and help with utility bills. They are driven by holiness, humility, charity, and service to the poor and those in need. The St. Joan of Arc Conference was begun in 1992. Currently there are 13 members, and are always seeking new members.

MaryEllen May talked about Off the Streets. This organization works with the homeless population or those considered home insecure, including foster teens as they turn 18. The group was started by Deacon Mike. There are currently 12 chapters in the United States, who all act independently, but do interact with each other in quarterly zoom calls. Funding is from grants, fundraisers, and donations. This chapter is based at Seven Sorrows parish, but provides service throughout the Harrisburg area. They provide furniture, household goods, and help with security deposits.

Household goods were collected at the meeting and donated to Off the Streets.

Minutes A motion to approve minutes as distributed made by Peggy Schroeer and second by Dolly Juliano. Motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report Through April by for Mary Ann King

Current checking account balance: \$3340.20

Current savings account balance: \$33,399.4

Old Business

- Motion to match PTO donation of \$700 to the SJA school garden project led by Jessie Severs was made by Peggy Schroeder with a second by Donna Testa was accepted.
- Communion Breakfast is scheduled for April 21st with Sister Margaret Bender OFM as the speaker. Cost is \$12.00, and reservations due to Ruth Zemba or the Parish office by 4/18.

- Food Prep for the Festival and Communion Breakfast is scheduled for 4/12 at 3:30 and 4/13 at 8:00, and again 4/19 at 3:30 and 4/20 at 8:00. Donations for the CCW's Festival Italian baskets may be brought at this time.
- The Search Committee has had no luck in finding officers for the 2024 - 2026 terms, although between 20 - 25 women were asked. Ruth has contacted Father Al to discuss this issue. There was a discussion on options to make membership and meeting attendance more attractive, such as alternating between day and evening meetings, staggered terms so not all end at the same time, or Saturday morning meetings.

Correspondence: None

New Business

- Annual May expenditures will include \$3000 to Sr. Eileen for the school - motion by Candy, seconded by Adrian. Remaining \$12,500 of the \$20,000 to Fr. Al for completion of the school's third floor chapel - motion by K. Hill, seconded by MA King.
- Stuffing Festival envelopes will be done 4/17 at 1:00. All help is welcomed!
- This year's CCW retreat will be at Mount St. Mary's June 6/14 - 6/16. Information on this may be found at the back of Church.

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International Commission

- Ruth reminded all of the Easter Haiti Committee fund raising project, and that donations may be given throughout the year by noting Haiti Sister Parish on the donation.

Announcements

- Happy Birthday to Odette Berghof
- Thanks to everyone who made soup for the Souper Bowl Sunday Sale. It was the best ever.
- Peggy Schroeder won \$15.50 for 50/50 drawing and donated it to the CCW.
- Vocation Prayers will be after the 11:30 Mass on 4/21.
- Next Meeting is May 16th in the Parish Social Hall at 6:00 for our annual end of year covered dish.
- Meeting was adjourned with three Hail Mary's.