

The January meeting of the LCCW was held on January 4, 2011 in the Centennial Room.

President Norma Stewart led the prayer in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel to open the meeting.

Mary Lou Mulligan read the minutes from the December meeting. They were corrected and approved.

Joan Langford gave the Treasurer's report. The opening balance was \$6932.38. She read a list of additions and purchases which included the purchase of a new stove for the kitchen. The ending balance was \$6351.10. Her report was accepted as read.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

We received thank you notes from Jackie Wieneke for her Christmas gift and from Irma Dreckman for her gift from our Christmas shut ins project.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Norma thanked Joan and George for buying the stove.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mary Jo Nath read two short pieces about November saints. The first was St. Elizabeth Ann Seton whose feast is January 4. She is the first saint saint who was born in the USA. She was a wife and mother of five children. When her husband died she converted to Catholicism. Later at the direction of the Bishop of Baltimore she began the first Catholic school. The second saint was St. Genovena Torres Morales of Spain whose feast day is January 5. She was orphaned as a child and helped raise a younger brother. As a teen she had an injury that necessitated the amputation of her leg and she used crutches and suffered pain for the rest of her life. She was asked to organize a religious community for poor women. She died in her 80's in 1956.

Sue Buffington will research a saint for February.

We will do bingo at the Vets home on January 22. Connie will receive the money from Joan and her helpers will include Delores Mulligan, Neva Clausen, Jen Honek and her family.

Harveen Gluf gave a presentation of her trip to Washington, D.C. in November for the national convention of CCW. One of the highlights was a Mass at the Basilica at the National Shrine. Theodore Cardinal McCarrick presided. They had many programs on subjects such as Ethics, Catholic Leadership, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Family Life, Human Trafficking, Theology of the Body and proposals for interesting younger women in our work. An award was received by a woman known as the "Can Lady" who decorated cans in which to collect change for fund raising activities. The national convention for 2011 is scheduled for November and will be in Chicago.

Cleaning the kitchen will take place on January 18 from 6 PM until 9 PM. Jen Honek and Laura Luitjens will chair the event. They want to have the cooperation of the KC's and all of the other groups who use the kitchen so that they will not have to worry about misplacing anything that belongs to others. Mary Jo Nath mentioned that the accumulated buckets of oil might be able to be recycled in Magnolia.

Mary Jo Nath and Sue Buffington will furnish treats for the February meeting.

Norma asked for suggestions from our brainstorming posters for the February meeting. Chair massages and yoga were discussed. Norma will arrange those activities for the next meeting.

Mary Pike gave us an update on the Mission Center. Jill Willers is out in Seattle now for 2 months. Mary told us that they will have some things ready for the Furniture Mission and Volunteers of America in Sioux Falls later this month. Norma said she can deliver them as she is over there Monday through Thursday. Norma will staff the Mission Center along with Mary on Wednesday night, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 630 PM until 830 PM. Neva Clausen said she could be there on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Norma suggested moving our outing meeting to April because we usually have a heavier agenda in May and we also have the Mother/Daughter banquet that month. She requested that we consider options for our outing to discuss at later meetings.

Sue Buffington said that the Baby Bottle collections for the Helping Hands Pregnancy Center in Worthington will take place the weekend of January 22/23. Sue and Laura Luitjens will collect on Saturday while Joan Langford and Harveen Gluf will collect on Sunday morning.

Norma adjourned the meeting with the Hail Mary. We enjoyed delicious desserts prepared by Neva and Laura.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Position --- Vice president of LCCW

January 12 --- WDCCW in Albert Lea 830 AM

January 18 --- Fun Day from 100 until 400 PM

January 22 --- Worthington ACCW at 1000 AM in Heron Lake at Sacred Heart Church

February 1 --- LCCW Meeting at 700 PM International Commission report by Harveen Gluf