

The November meeting of the LCCW took place on November 9th, 2010 at St. Catherine's in the Centennial Room.

President Norma Stewart opened the meeting with the Prayer in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Mary Lou Mulligan read the minutes from the October meeting and, after some corrections, they were approved. Joan Langford gave the Treasurer's report. The opening balance was \$4913.10 and after deposits from dues and the rummage sale as well as a few expenses the closing balance was \$5281.28. The report was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary Lou had received three letters from Good Samaritan. Two pertained to our regular birthday parties at the Mary Jane Brown Home each December. We will continue those. The other letter asked us about doing another birthday party for the folks at the Poplar Creek and Oaks apartments. Sue Linebeck will discuss this with them to see if they are going ahead with it and to see if we can help them out.

OLD BUSINESS

Norma read a report from Mary Jo Nath regarding the Anointing Mass in October. She served 46 people a lovely egg bake lunch. Four people made use of the free bus ride.

The rummage sale chaired by Virginia Gerken was a success once again. There was some discussion about keeping it to one day in the future, probably on Saturday or afternoon/evening on Friday. The amount produced was over \$500.

NEW BUSINESS

Jen Honek gave an interesting report on the Saint of the month, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She happens to be Jen's patron and her feast day is on Jen's birthday, November 17. She was famous for her prayer and sacrifice for the poor. She established hospitals and is associated with miracles while she was still alive. She is the patron of Catholic Charities.

Sue Linebeck will report on a saint for December.

For Bingo at the Vets home in November on the 20th the volunteers will be Lila Bauer, Laura Luitjens, Donna Scholten and Connie Wieneke. The 7th graders may want to get involved also. Joan will drop the quarters off with Connie.

The December meeting will be the Christmas party and will be held on Dec. 7. We will again bring baby gifts and donations for the Helping Hands Pregnancy Center in Worthington. All can also participate in a white elephant gift exchange. Harveen volunteered to be in charge of the lunch.

Donna Scholten read a very interesting report from the Organizational Commission. It stressed being a welcoming group and regular surveys of wants and needs of members as well as spirituality being at the heart of our organization. People who want to make a difference in their community want to empower others to do the same. Everyone is encouraged to become more active.

Norma and Harveen reported on the excellent leadership conference held in Adams in October. It was interesting and they left it with enthusiasm for the work ahead. They wished that more people could have attended. Norma directed a brainstorming session which she had learned at the meeting, which could give us direction in future planning for LCCW over the next years.

Our annual birthday party at the Mary Jane Brown home will take place on December 9 at 2:15 PM. Mary Lou will chair that event. Joan, Sue L., Mary Pike, Laura and Lila Bauer all volunteered to help.

We need a chair for the Christmas project for shut ins. A list was passed for volunteers to help.

Sue Buffington, who could not attend, gave Mary Lou information on a fund raiser for Helping Hands Pregnancy Center to be held in Worthington on Nov. 16 at the American Reformed Church. It will be a banquet with an excellent speaker. She also had a newsletter with the name of the new administrative assistant, Mary Leiting. Babies born to HHPC clients from June through September were 5 boys and 10 girls.

The Christmas project of giving poinsettias to the families of deceased will be chaired by Mary Lou. LCCW will pay for the plants.

Pat Scheidt will again chair the Cookie Sale at Winterfest on December 4. Connie Wieneke reported that letters have been sent to members to supply 6 dozen Christmas cookies or a large plate of candy. Pat has a list of volunteers from previous years who will assist her.

Connie also reported that she is very happy to say that Laura Luitjens will take over the job of Coordinator of Circles. She helped Connie with a lot of the work this year.

Our next Fun Day will be December 14 at noon. It will be a potluck and all invited to bring a dish to pass. Jill Willers gave a report on all of the activities in the sewing ministry. They are very busy. They have made packets of materials for quilting and fabric for those who might be interested in making any part of quilts at home. All are invited to work on Tuesdays with the group or gain entry from the office on other days. Norma said she would be willing to be there one Wednesday a month during Faith Formation for mothers of students who might need an activity while they wait for their children. Jill be gone to babysit with her grandchildren in Seattle and she asked for volunteers to drive supplies to SxFs. Lila said she goes there every Monday, Norma goes there 4 days a week, Harveen is there 3 days a week and Laura said she has a pickup and can take things. Harveen asked everyone to approach women in the parish who might be able to take over Norma's position next year. They could work with her the rest of this year and be ready to handle the job in September. Father Tom asked if we were prepared for the Recognition Sunday on November 21. We hope to have our new banner by then. Father lead the closing Hail Mary and we all blessed Harveen for her trip to Washington DC the next day for the national convention.

After we adjourned we enjoyed a nice lunch prepared by Donna and Mary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Position-Vice President of LCCW

November 10-13 NCCW Convention in Washington, DC

November 21 LCCW Recognition Sunday

December 4 Winterfest Cookie Sale

December 7 LCCW Meeting Commission reports: Respect Life by Sue Buffington,
Family Concerns by Barb Spartz and Katie Baustian

December 9 Mary Jane Brown Birthday Party

Christmas Shut-ins project needs a chair

January 22 Worthington ACCW meeting at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake at 10 AM