

The December meeting of the LCCW took place in the Centennial Room on December 7, 2010. President Norma Stewart opened the meeting with the prayer in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Before we began the business part of the meeting we enjoyed the delicious holiday treats prepared by Jen Honek and Harveen Gluf. Then we each chose a Christmas conversation starter card which focused on holiday memories.

Mary Lou Mulligan read the minutes from the November meeting which were approved as read.

Joan Langford gave the Treasurer's report. The opening balance was \$5281.38 and after deposits from the cookie sale and other additions and subtractions the ending balance was \$6932.38. It was approved as read.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Harveen read a thank you note from her for our monetary support of her trip to the National Convention.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Sue Linebeck will chair the Christmas gifts for shut ins project. She has quite a few helpers. She will set a date for preparing the gifts.

Mary Lou will chair the birthday party at the Mary Jane Brown home on Dec. 9. Several ladies have volunteered to help. She will also chair the Poinsettia project for families who have suffered a loss this year.

Sue Linebeck called Poplar Creek to see if they are continuing to start the same type of birthday party that we do at MJB. She received no response. She will call them again.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Sue Linebeck read a biography of Blessed Miguel Pro who was a Jesuit priest in Mexico. He was martyred in 1927 because the Mexican government was persecuting the Catholic church. He died on November 23 which is his feast day. Laura Luitjens will research a saint for the month of January.

Connie Wieneke will chair bingo at the Vets home on December 18. Her helpers will be Jen Honek, Lara Luitjens and Delores Mulligan.

Mary Lou talked about the need to clean the kitchen. We will talk about that again after the holidays. She also mentioned that the stove was in need replacement. After some discussion Joan volunteered to take George with her to Sears and purchase a new electric stove for which LCCW will pay.

We discussed and approved paying half of the donation to the Goedtke Family Advent concert. This amounted to \$200.

Neva Clausen and Laura Luitjens volunteered to prepare lunch for the January meeting.

Sue Buffington gave a report for the Respect Life Commission. She stressed that we have parishioners and others that we know who now reside in nursing homes here in town and that they would all enjoy visits from anyone. We should try to work visits to the elderly into our lives.

Barb Spartz made a report for the Family Commission. There were several good articles in the Columbia magazine last month on the subject of marriage. She read portions of some of these. One of the points made was that happy marriage is still a top life goal for most people in our country.

Brainstorming posters were again on the wall and Norma invited all of us to add any of our new ideas to them.

Harveen will speak next month on the subject of the national convention that she attended in November.

Mary Pike gave a Mission Center update. She had a sample of the new design diapers made out of old T-shirts.

She showed the packets that have been put together for people to take home and make tops for quilts. She showed a beautiful Christmas quilt wall hanging that may turn into a silent auction item. We had some discussion about having the sewing center open during Faith Formation on Wednesday evening. Norma volunteered to sit there the first time probably on January 12.

Then we had our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

We still have an open position for Vice-President of LCCW

Mary Jane Brown birthday party - Thursday, December 9 at 215 PM

Fun Day – Tuesday, December 14 Potluck at noon

LCCW meeting – Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7 PM in Centennial Room

Worthington Deanery ACCW – Saturday, January 22 at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake at 10 AM