

The April meeting of the LCCW was held on **April 5, 2011** 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 March meeting and they were approved as read. Joan Langford gave the Treasurer's report. The opening balance was \$5879.44. After paying the church \$3000 for new carpeting and some other expenses and donations the closing balance was \$5355.29. This was also approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE MCCL sent information on a fundraiser organized around Mother's Day. Vets Home sent another thank you for helping with the monthly Bingo game.

NEW BUSINESS Our CCW banner that we ordered months ago finally arrived. Harveen Gluf had a used brass pole on which to hang it. We passed a motion to purchase the pole from WDCCW for \$50.

Norma Stewart had researched St. Maria Magdalen of Canossa, whose feast day is May 8. She was born in 1774 and expressed her desire to become a cloistered nun at 15 years of age. She later chose to work among the needy especially delinquent and poor girls. She started an order of sisters called the Daughters of Charity, which still continue her work. She died in 1835 and Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1988.

Cheryl Hartman, a parishioner, works in the Blue Mound Learning Center that is located in our classrooms. She explained that the SWMN Service Coop set up the learning center as one of 4 in this 18 county area. There is one teacher, two paras and 8 students at the present time. The service coop has specialists who are utilized to assist special needs of the students. Most of the students have problems, which prevent them from functioning in a typical classroom. They have access to counselors, speech therapists, physical education teachers, physical therapy and other specialists as needed. The hope is that the students will gain confidence and skills that will enable them to return to their regular school. She said that the thing that she needs every day in her job is patience. She took the job for the challenge and it has definitely been that.

Mary Peterson gave a report for the Church Concerns Commission. She talked about Perpetual Adoration and an article from the Courier. Our parish will celebrate the 9th anniversary of our chapel in July. She also read a short piece from the Matthew Kelly book REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM.

Patty Evans reported for the Family Concerns Commission. She said that we should make every year a year of the priest by praying for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. She also mentioned that some of the soldiers from this area will be deployed again this year and that we should help with the Yellow Ribbon Campaign and any other ways of assisting families as we have before.

Mary Schutz will research a May saint. Connie Wieneke said she would try to be a volunteer for Vets home Bingo on April 16 and again on May 21. Donna Scholten will help both times. Dee Buss will help as will Delores Mulligan. Connie told us that the last Fun Day of the year will be April 28.

Mary Lou asked if LCCW could fund the purchase of a cart for the Fair Trade items that we store in the sacristy. The motion was made to pay for it.

Harveen will chair the reception for RCIA on Holy Saturday, April 23. Laura Luitjens

will call one of the circles to bring precut bars for this function. Sue Linebeck, Mary Schutz and Dee Buss will assist.

The ACCW meeting on Tuesday, April 26, will be held in the Gathering Space at 7 PM. Mary Lou and Joan will chair it. We discussed different ideas about what to serve. No decision was reached. Those offering to help were Sue Linebeck, Mary Jo Nath, Norma and Laura Luitjens.

Harveen purchased 4 aprons for LCCW members to wear for name recognition as we serve different functions. We made a motion to have Harveen purchase 8 more.

Our next meeting is to be May 3. It will be an outing to Sioux Falls. We would like to take a tour of the newest SF church called St. Catherine Drexel and then have a meal together.

Mary Lou asked Mary Aaker if she and her assistants would want to chair the Salad Luncheon on June 9. She said she is still trying to see if they want to do it again and will get back to us on that.

Jill Willers and Mary Pike reported on Mission Sewing. They had examples of the beautiful work that has been done there which included graduation quilts as well as other quilts, baby hats, scrunchies and sundresses. They would still like to have a person to volunteer to take a key and open the place when they cannot be there.

Connie will have the Easter baskets for shut-ins in the Gathering Space on Thursday, April 14. There will be an announcement in the bulletin regarding this. The Care Ministry cannot deliver all of them. So all are invited to help.

Donna Scholten is attempting to organize a trip to see several Catholic sights in October. The trip would probably include 2 nights and visits to Rochester, Winona, La Crosse, WI and Caledonia. She will need to fill a bus, which means 47 people, to get the best price. Father Tom would join us as our guide.

Norma led us in prayer to adjourn the meeting. The officers served a dessert and we enjoyed fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open positions: Vice president of LCCW

Area CCW Meeting, Tuesday, April 26 at 7 PM

Co – chairs Joan Langford and Mary Lou Mulligan

Salad Luncheon June 9

Chair

Area CCW Meeting, Tuesday, July 26 at Sherburn