

**Council of Catholic Women (CCW)**  
**General Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**November 30, 2009 at 7: 00 pm**  
**St. Francis Xavier Church – Basement**

**Members Present:**

Simone Brovege	Lois Pahl	Jean Carlson
Jean Bengston	Maxine Stemper	Joann Beilke
Judy Weldele	Sharon Kelly	Evelyn Sawatzke
Sandra Ostenson	Arvilla Hopkins	Del Ahlm
Sandy Cich	Bernie Larson	Arlene Lesser
Diana Chalupsky	Rosealice Hayes	Marlene Meyer

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm

1. **Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel read by all present**
2. **Welcome to all attendees**
3. **Secretaries Report:** read aloud by Simone Brovege

Approved: Marlene Meyer 1<sup>st</sup>; Arlene Lesser 2<sup>nd</sup>

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jean Carlson  
November 1, 2009- November 30, 2009  
Income \$3,266.52  
Expenses \$417.00  
Balance \$8,921.73

Approved: Bernie Larson 1<sup>st</sup>; Joanne Beilke 2<sup>nd</sup>

5. **Update on Recent Events:**
  - a. **Healing Mass-** Lois Pahl reported that the luncheon served following the Mass is not intended to be a 'money-maker' for the CCW. There was however, a basket for free-will offerings. Approximately 75 people attended the Mass and 54 people attended the luncheon.
  - b. **Baby Bottle Campaign for Respect Life Ministry-** October  
There are still 100 of the 400 baby bottles yet to be returned. Numerous notices have gone into the bulletin reminding folks to return the bottles; even empty as long as they are returned so as not to take away from the profits to be donated.

Expenses \$568.96  
Deposits \$3156.52  
Net Profit with 300 returned bottles \$2586.56

- c. **Respect Life** “Life Chain” on October 4, 2009  
Comments were made that there were more people participating in the Life-Chain; and specifically more children.
- d. **Unborn Baby Collection**  
More items were collected vs in the past.  
Person in-charge not in attendance.
- e. **Appalachia Mission Program**  
Per Arvilla Hopkins- 17 boxes were collected; boxes were to be divided between 2 parishes upon arrival in Kentucky.  
Per Evelyn Sawatzke –A lot of good things came in this year.  
Both ladies stated that in the future it may need to be taken over by some ‘younger’ gals.

## 6. **Upcoming Opportunities/ Events/ Functions:**

- a. **Deanery Day of Recollection**-Thursday, December 3, 2009  
This was posted in the Bulletin. The topic for the day will be ‘Jesus Conquers Fear’. Registrations are still being taken.
- b. **‘Dad’s BelgiumWaffle’ Breakfast**- December 13, 2009  
A sign-up sheet was sent around.  
Nancy Lenczewski, Sharon Kelly and Linda Robasse have agreed to do the decorating. The Parish Hall has been rewired to accommodate the many irons needed to prepare the waffles.  
Del Ahlm commented that it was a good idea to have the breakfast at the church so more folks are apt to stay. Joanne Bielke commented that in the past the ‘youth’ have assisted in serving. Jean Carlson will call Tim Stanoch regarding getting youth to help. Also talk of seating, regarding chairs that were to be purchased by CCW for this breakfast (and larger functions held at the church).
- c. **Dues Mailing**- December 2009  
Lois Pahl invited ladies to comment on the mailing.  
A motion was made to raise dues to \$10, but also a note to be included that suggested that if \$10 was not possible, then to give what one is able. Bernie Larson offered to assist with the mailing.

Approved: Marlene Meyer 1<sup>st</sup>; Char Lindquist 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 7. Disbursement of Funds/ Donation Requests:

\*Lois Pahl commented that the Archdiocese asks for a report as to what organizations the CCW donated to and how much was donated to each organization.

### a. **Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)**

Lois reported that our monies donated will stay in Minnesota. Rosealice Hayes reported on the local events she has worked at on behalf of the MCCL. Also, Pat Miller and Don Soupir, both STFX Parishioners are President and Secretary of the Local MCCL

### b. **Cradle of Hope...Motherhood Fund**

Per Del Ahlm-this organization cares for Mother's of unborn children during the pregnancy so the mothers are less likely to abort the pregnancy.

### c. **Birthright of Monticello**

Lois Pahl reported that the past amounts donated were based on the monthly rent. Lois report that the current months rent is \$485. Also, money donated to this organization primarily stays in Wright County

### d. **Pro-Life Across America**

The money donated is for Billboards state-wide.

Following each site being discussed specifically, conversation ensued regarding how to divide the money collected from the Baby Bottle Campaign. It was decided that the money would be divided evenly; \$650 per site for each site.

Approved: Bernie Larson 1<sup>st</sup>; Jean Bengston 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 8. **New Business:**

- Mary Buschel requested \$300 cash to be donated to the Jesse Tree. Del Ahlm asked if names were added later as the season goes on. Lois Pahl confirmed that, in fact, names/requests are added later.

Approved: Judy Weldele 1<sup>st</sup>; Sandy Cich 2<sup>nd</sup>

- There was a question regarding the Back Pack Fund that took place at the beginning of the school year 2009. \$235.94 was collected; the money collected was not just given to the children of St. Francis Xavier School, but distributed to all of the children in the parish.

- There was also a question/s regarding what costs from the budget have been approved, but not yet debited from the account. Jean Carlson discussed items that were approved at this meeting and costs that were to be debited (Dad's Belgium Waffle Breakfast; chairs for church) for upcoming expenses.

Jean Carlson and Simone Brovege (Food Shelf Co-Chairs for STFX and Co-Chairs for the Buffalo Food Shelf Gala-Silent Auction) requested a \$30-\$50 donation to purchase items to make a basket for the Silent Auction.

Approved: Diana Chalupsky 1<sup>st</sup>; Joanne Bielke 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Del Ahlm brought up wish to donate all money made at the Waffle Breakfast toward the purchase of an Elevator for the Church . Discussion ensued regarding the money made to be specifically earmarked for the Elevator Fund in the Church. Simone Brovege to email an article to the Parish Office, to be placed in the bulletin letting parishioners know of this.

Approved: Del Ahlm 1<sup>st</sup>; Evelyn Sawatzke 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Historian's for the CCW;** Sharon Kelly, Pat Miller and Rose Alice Hayes

#### 9. Next Meeting

Will be in the Parish Hall in February; date not set yet  
Lois Pahl asked ladies for 'day' and 'time' preferences for the next meeting. Ladies stated that 'Monday' works best.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:52 pm.  
Sandy Cich 1<sup>st</sup>; Bernie Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>

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\* Lois Pahl reminded ladies to sign-in for minutes