

CCW OPEN MEETING MAY 1 2025

The meeting began with the Mother of Good Counsel prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The speaker, Toni Olson – Master Gardener, gave a presentation on Marian Gardens. She explained the significance of the different flowers that can be planted to honor Mary, along with the legends and history of this garden. Toni explained how the garden can be created outside in a large area or a simple arrangement inside one's home.

A salad supper was provided, with bread and desserts following the presentation.

Secretary Leigh W. read the last open meeting minutes from October, 2024 and was approved by the attendees.

A spring bake sale was held the weekend of April 26 and 27 and a profit of \$540 was made. That same weekend a coffee social was hosted by the CCW and \$111 were made in tips.

Treasurer Nancy S. gave an overview of the current budget, with suggestions of just a few increases for the upcoming year. A motion was made by Katie W. to increase the cost of producing and sending out the annual volunteer forms to \$1,200. It was seconded by Heidi Giebel. Motion passed. A motion was made by Bridgette A. to increase the expense of the annual St. Nicholas Giving Event to \$600. Seconded by Jan R. Motion passed.

Current Checkbook balance: \$18,032.25

New business for the Good of the Order:

Katie W., Deanery President, spoke on the need for a lady to step into the office of President-Elect for the upcoming term.

Leadership Commissioner and Superior Diocese President Bridgette A. announced the 75th annual Diocesan convention to be held at Holy Family Church in Woodruff, WI, July 31 and August 1. Pax Christi nominees will be introduced, along with the winner being announced. Young women from our Diocese that won the Golden Rose award will also be introduced. The theme for the convention will be "Opening the door to women of faith".

Parishioner Lois Freiermuth presented a suggestion for our CCW to sponsor a Bethany Breakfast. Young Catholic ladies would be invited and nuns would promote and explain the process of entering religious vocations. This event would be combined with other Catholic churches in the St. Croix County area. Discussion followed and the event will be researched.

President Anne K. gave a brief recount of the latest Parish Council meeting. The Diocesan program of Maintenance to Mission has progressed to Mission. Various expenses/upgrades related to the physicality of the church were announced as well as suggested continued contact with parishioners after First Communion, Confirmation and weddings.

The "What's in Your Purse" game was played by the attendees. Names were drawn for door prizes of annual flowers.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Leigh Weiss
CCW Secretary