

## MINUTES OF THE PCCW MEETING

April 25, 2023

The St. Wenceslaus PCCW meeting was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:10 pm in the Church Basement with 41 members present. Officers present: Vickie Phillips – President, Karen Hines – Vice President, Kristen Nagle – Treasurer, Sue Mach – Secretary, Fr. Eickhoff – Spiritual Advisor. Circle Chairs present: Marie Konecky & Liz Garrish - #1, Kelsey Baumert - #2, Becca Lanik - #3, Jessica Pearson & Liz Barry - #4, Carmen Sullivan & Sandy Sullivan - #5, Emily Kreikemeier - #6.

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Eickhoff led the group in an opening prayer and a “Hail Mary”.
2. Officer Introductions – Each of the officers briefly introduced themselves.
3. PCCW Overview
  - a. Karen Hines spoke on the mission of PCCW and the role of women in the life of the Parish. All women 18+ years old registered in the parish are automatically members of PCCW. We serve wherever there is a need for a “womanly” touch in the parish.
  - b. We will hold our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 4 times a year: January, April, September & November.
4. Approval of minutes – there were no previous minutes since our Parish PCCW has been inactive for a couple of years.
5. Treasurers Report – Last report was July 2021. Kristen Nagle reported that we currently have a balance of \$2405.00. Income from this spring included six Lenten Fish Fry Dessert sales - \$1249.35, and Coffee & Rolls in February, March & April - \$913.66.
  - a. The St. Wenceslaus PCCW dues are currently \$2 per member. The funds raised go for gifts to our priests, seminarians, and sisters, provide scholarships for Totus Tuus and CCD, financial help for those going on mission trips, providing dinners for visiting priests for Reconciliation services and Confirmation and more. We usually take in ~\$600/year in dues. We are required to pay \$1.00/member to LDCCW, 52¢/member to *Our Lady of Good Counsel Burse* and a \$50 annual donation to the *Bishop’s Project*. Kristen reported that in 2023 these donations amounted to \$971.12. The officers suggested that dues be raised to \$5/member. There was discussion among the group about the dues cost with many members not realizing that there were dues required of PCCW members. It was also suggested that members over 80 years old not be required to pay dues. Sarah Fritch moved that dues be raised to \$5 per member beginning in 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Chall. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. There was discussion of how PCCW could promote the organization and the good works we do. Suggestions included putting cards such as the prayer cards given out at the meeting in the pews, having someone talk from the pulpit prior to the September meeting, and being involved in the upcoming Stewardship Fair.
  - c. It was suggested that we try to find other ways for members to pay dues other than by check, such as Venmo or PushPay and reminding members when sending out Circle announcements that they should pay their dues.
  - d. It was moved by Jessica Pearson to accept the Treasurer’s Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Vech. Motion carried.
6. Old Business – none
7. New Business
  - a. RCIA Confirmandi Introductions – Bobbie Freeborn & Jancye Corrigan were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on 4/8/23. They were introduced to the membership and presented with a gift from the PCCW. Welcome Ladies!
  - b. Circle Chair Introductions – Each of the Circle Chairs were introduced. They were thanked for their contribution in getting Coffee & Rolls and Fish Fry desserts restarted, and for their help with the Confirmation Retreat brunch.
  - c. Coffee & Rolls –
    - i. Vickie noted that the officers have decided that Coffee & Rolls will be held in the Church Basement going forward. There is less of a burden for the Circle Chairs to have to haul

everything over to the school's multi-purpose room and we felt that parishioners were more aware of the event happening when held within the Church.

—Communication to circle members – Postcards will not be the main way we will ask for help and donations for Coffee & Rolls. Chairs are asked to use sign-up genius for those who are familiar with it, and to find out the best way to communicate with all the rest of their members – i.e., phone call, postcard, etc.

—It was suggested that we include an announcement in the bulletin a few weeks before each Coffee & Rolls Sunday stating what Circle will be in charge and listing the Circle Chairs and their contact info so members could contact them with how they'd like to help.

—The process of how new parishioner's names are assigned to a Circle was discussed. This database is difficult to keep current due to constant changes in people's status within the parish.

- ii. Baked items wrapped or unwrapped – There was discussion on the need to individually wrap baked goods for Coffee & Rolls. Comments included wrapping for sanitary reasons and keeping unwrapped for ease of serving and a better appearance. Becca Lanik made a motion that baked items remain unwrapped. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Chall. Motion carried unanimously.
- iii. Next Fundraiser – The Mission Bake Sale will be held after ALL masses on the December weekend of Coffee & Rolls. In the past flyers have been put on windshields during Mass.
- d. Circle Chair Patron Saints and Flower – We would like each Circle to adopt a Patron Saint and flower for use to help members remember which Circle they are in and to ask the Saints for their intercession for their work.

#### 8. Committee Reports

- a. Sewing Group– Kristen Nagle spoke on the Sewing group. This group began in 1980 as part of the PCCW International Commission. They meet in the Church Basement each Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:30 followed by coffee and socializing. The group could use more members. You do not need to be able to sew to help! They make lap robes, baby bibs, walker bags, neck pillows and more. Samples of the items they make were available for the group to view.
- b. Other Committees – Jessica Pearson noted that the Parish Meal Train chairs would like more people to help provide meals for members who need some extra help due to illness, surgery, or the birth of a new baby. Contact Kathy Gusman or Katie Ostgren (numbers in the bulletin) if you want to be added to the email list or need meals.

—Jessica also asked for help with the cookie reception to be held after Confirmation on Saturday, 4/29/23.

—If members lead a committee and would like to give a report at future PCCW meetings, please contact the President to be included in the agenda.

9. Spiritual Advisor's comments – Fr. Eickhoff spoke to the group about the special gift within our womanhood which is a blessing to the Church, our Parish family, and our own families. He is pleased to see so many women helping in many ways throughout the Parish. He encouraged us to pray to Mary for indication in how our gifts can be used for the Parish.

10. Announcements & Questions – there were none.

11. Closing Prayer and Priestly Blessing – Fr. Eickhoff led the group in praying the "Glory Be" and gave his blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue D Mach  
PCCW Secretary

Social time with charcuterie boards and adult beverages followed the meeting.