

**HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH**

**Catholic Women's League**

**Meeting**

**Wednesday February 3, 2016 7pm**

**MINUTES**

Meeting started at 7:00pm.

**OFFICERS: Donna Payne, President**

**Cathy Townsend, Treasurer**

**Marjorie Henderson, Recording Secretary**

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Organization & Communication: Claudette Richardson & Lynda Crowe
- Christian Family Life & Community Life: Shirley Levac & Cecile Gould
- Education & Health: Bonnie Henderson & Jacki McCabe
- Resolutions & Legislation: Roseann Hogan
- Parish Activities: Hanna Lahaie
- Spiritual Development: Madeline Halladay

**LEAGUE PRAYER**

**Agenda: Bonnie added cleaning of the church to the discussion and the addition of a section for Correspondence and Prayers was suggested for future Agendas. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with the amendment of Almost Home to Youth Shelter. Moved by Madeline and seconded by Cathy T.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Account Balance \$ 1796.31 as of December 30. Dues are still owed to the Executive so there is approximately a \$900 balance. We will pay the dues for 2 long-term members: Vi Pierce and Margaret Kelly. Cathy has the overall Treasurer's Report; Bonnie asked for a copy to be available at meetings. Cathy asked for a tally from Karla of all the expenses she has incurred on behalf of the group since we have to be conscious of all the expenses so we can include them in the annual report. In September we reimbursed Karla \$675; Cathy asked for an estimate of expenses to the end of December.**

**CORRESPONDENCE & PRAYERS:**

There was a Thank You card from the Rooney family for the baby baptism bib made and given by Josie on behalf of the Catholic Women's League. Mother's Prayer Books are also given out at baptisms. Karla brought cards (21) and a list of members who are no longer in the parish or are unable to attend Mass. A donation of \$50 will be sent to the nuns for the cards and the Masses they say on our behalf. A card and poinsettia were taken to Vi Pierce by Cathy T. Karla read a Thank You card from Joe and Ali Snider for the wedding cross. Updates: Barbara got into Providence; Bridget is coming along but is not really better. Patti is doing well after her back surgery.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- Donna has tickets for the quilt raffle – last opportunity. The group sponsoring the raffle did not provide a photo of the quilt as per Josie's suggestion
- Claudette is the website administrator. It was suggested that we post Minutes from the previous meeting but Claudette pointed out that the minutes could not be posted until approved and suggested she post highlights from the meeting instead.
- A suggestion was made to post a list of our activities on the bulletin board and Karla pointed out that she wrote a letter detailing the activities and it was posted. Donna asked Karla to bring in a list of the prior year's activities.
- The discussion of appliance donations for the shelters in the spring was tabled until the next meeting.
- There will be a service for World Day of Prayer at St. Mark's on March 4 @2pm and a meeting on Friday, Feb.5 @2pm. This year's focus is on the children of Cuba. The attendance of 2 people from our group was requested. Madeline can attend the service but not the meeting.

- Cards and flowers: Karla took them for Shirley, Barb and Mary Mayfield; Cathy T. took them to Vi Pierce. It was suggested that Easter be the next occasion. Josie suggested we each bring a card to the next meeting; it was countered with a suggestion for 2 or 3, if possible, to account for all the names on the list.
- Cleaning of the church: Bonnie had a discussion with several people regarding a cleaning of the church and wondered if a group could do a major cleanup. There is a need to determine exactly what the cleaners are responsible for so there is no conflict. Hanna organizes the cupboards but the area behind the altar could use some work. Bonnie will do a reconnaissance mission and will approach Father about a Spring Cleaning Event.
- Calendar of Events: March will be Stations of the Cross and prayers in the Chapel @7pm with a short meeting afterwards. April meeting will cover the Spring Cleaning Discussion and a Bake/Plant sale fundraiser sometime near the end of June with Father's support. We will also decide on a date for the Holy Door.
- Madeline presented cards for the Valentine Exchange and Donna provided drinks and snacks.
- Madeline presented more information on the Year of Mercy. We were asked to pray for Jessie. On March 4 there will be 24 Hours for the Lord 2 St. Peter's in Rome and possibly at our Cathedral. This year concentrates on Mercy and the symbols in the Church. The Liturgy of the Word uses Year C readings and emphasizes the symbolism of the Cross. Decoration of the Cross except during Lent is encouraged. There is an emphasis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus June 3. it is the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Feast. There is a focus on the Eucharist as a highlight of Mass. Karla pointed out that Father Sean anoints the sick every first Friday; it is the sacrament of the sick, *not* the dying. The Pope is placing an emphasis on ecumenical prayer and eliminating the divisions. Josie asked the question of why there is misery for so many? Madeline said that Fr Hubbard answered that question and she would get back to us with that answer. There was a suggestion for possible pilgrimage to the Holy Door in Quebec. Father suggested we go through the Holy Door in Kingston after Easter. We have to reserve for a group and go through a group preparation/mini tutorial beforehand. We need to go to Reconciliation or prepare for Reconciliation first. Donna nominated Ann to organize the group trip and Roseann seconded it.
- The card exchange took place with the theme of "Share the Love" in mind. There was a prayer for Vocations and for Jessie.

**Meeting closed at 8:50pm.**

10 attendees