

Blue Earth CCF Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

The June 6, 2017 CCW/a Faithful Family-Quarterly meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Co-President Amy Kramer. We began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Circle Roll Call: Circle #1-5 #2-4 #3-4 #5-1 #6-5 #7-2.

Secretary's Report: The March 7, 2017 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of 05-31-17 there was a balance of \$2,352.19. A reminder will be included in the church bulletin periodically to remind all members to pay their dues. Dues will become \$25 beginning this fall.

Presidents' Report: A timely essay on "Gardening God's Way" was read. Discussion was held regarding the Relay for Life and a possible team. This was not discussed further but it was decided to donate 5 luminaries in honor of our current Co-President Lola Schultz. Soup suppers showed an increase in donations with our suggested \$5 minimum per meal. A team of Kathy Lowrey, Ann Kehr and Ruth Kastner will work to re-word the information sheet that is provided to our local funeral homes with regard to the food and meal options.

Commissions & Committee Reports:

Service & Family Concerns: Eight cards have been sent since our last meeting.

Community Concerns: St. Luke's will have their annual Pie & Ice Cream Social on July 23rd. Two pies will be provided from our parish.

Church & Spirituality: No report but there was one baptism during this last quarter.

International Commission: Ruth Kastner provided a sewing pattern for a new tied-style diaper for the missions. Attached is information on where to deliver items in Rochester. The Rochester Medical Mission sends theirs to several places, while the Sacred Heart Mission sends their donations to Haiti. It was suggested and approved to donate \$200 to the Sacred Heart Mission to assist with shipping. Trips to Rochester are planned a couple times a year. Donations of sheets & blankets should be brought to the church prior to October 14th so they can be brought to the convention, thus saving a trip to Rochester specifically for delivering the donations.

Legislative Concerns/Respect for Life: Ruth highlighted some information on assisted suicide, defunding by the government of Planned Parenthood and anti-porn issues.

Funerals and Kitchen Report: There was 1 funeral since March. Circle 2 is next in line to serve.

Old Business:

- The Nominating Committee is happy to report that the replacements for the 2017-2019 President and Co/Vice-President positions are Suzanne Carr & Coleen Gronewald. We heartily thank them for agreeing to this two-year term and to Amy & Lola for the past two years. Pat Boettcher will remain as the treasurer and Karen Gossen will remain as the secretary. The International Concerns Commission needs a leader. Circle chairs are also needed.
- The CCW Booklet Committee needs your final changes by July 1st. Discussion was held regarding printing and distributing the booklets. More research will be done to find the best and economical method. There is a firm in Albert Lea and also Blue Earth Graphics will be looked at.
- A Bake Sale to serve as a CCW fundraiser is being planned for the weekend of the Fall City Wide Garage Sales on Sept 16-17. Ann Kehr and Amy Kramer will be in charge of organizing. We intend that the sale will all be on a Free-Will basis vs price stickers.
- Discussed the options for getting the CCF group's information and news onto the Parish's website or on Facebook. Hopefully additional pages can be purchased to accommodate all of our functions into our Parish's one website. Facebook can be an additional resource.

Upcoming events:

- July 12-WDCCW meeting, TBD in either Winona or Blooming Prairie.
- July 17-BEA meeting at St. Mary's in Madelia.
- September 6-9 is the National CCW Convention in Dallas, TX
- October 14-Fall convention at St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester

A closing prayer was provided by Circle #1

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Circle #2 leads closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gossen, Secretary

