

St. Francis Xavier Council of Catholic Women  
September 12, 2011  
6:00 p.m. – St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall  
**MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Beth Bulatao at 6:12 p.m. Meeting opened with a prayer by Eileen Singleton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Beth Bulatao welcomed all members, with a special welcome to new members. Each member gave a brief introduction of herself. All members were encouraged to invite other women to attend a CCW business meeting or event. Membership is \$10 per year and treasurer, Eileen Singleton, has a list of all paid members. Members were reminded that, through their efforts, charitable contributions of over \$2,000 per year are made to worthy causes. Hostesses for the meeting meal were the board officers; blessing before the meal by Marisol Soler.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MAY 2011 MINUTES - Deferred.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Reading of SFX CCW correspondence – Deferred.

Financial Reports - Treasurer's reports for June, July, and August 2011 were distributed. Final figures for the July rummage sale are incomplete pending income from the sale of donated jewelry items.

Feedback: Rummage Sale - Beth Bulatao asked members for feedback from the July rummage sale.

Member suggestions:

- Initial item pricing may have been too low.
- Not to accept checks (treasurer report reflecting a check initially dishonored).
- In 2013 have out-going CCW officers remain responsible for CCW end-of-year picnic and July rummage sale to provide continuity and assistance to new officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar 2011-2012 distributed. Changes: Parish Bazaar to be held on November 19 not on October 29.

Parish Picnic/Welcome Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011, at 6 p.m. Entrees provided by Knights of Columbus with parishioners to provide a potluck dish. CCW assistance with set up and clean up is requested; sign-up sheet circulated. All ministries are welcome to set up a table at the event; CCW will have a table with banner, brochures, and new member sign-up.

Parish Bazaar will be held on November 19, 2011. Eileen Singleton asked CCW members to consider whether CCW will sponsor a booth at the bazaar with arts and crafts items; decision deferred.

Sign-up sheet for CCW business meeting hostesses was circulated.

Confirmation is scheduled for October 29, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Sign-up sheet for CCW assistance with reception set up and clean up circulated.

Sign-up sheets for SFX Council of Catholic Women commission chairs and members in the areas of Spirituality, Leadership, and Service were circulated.

Right-to-Life Life Chain is scheduled for October 2, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Target shopping center (near Starbucks). Call Mrs. Fallstrom (912-638-6875) for more information.

### NEW BUSINESS

The St. Francis Xavier Church choir is looking for new members.

SFX CCW vice-president, Patty McGaha, will preside at the October 3, 2011, business meeting, as board president, Beth Bulatao, will be in the Philippines.

Marisol Soler thanked CCW for their donation of pizza for the final day of the summer Vacation Bible School. She also thanked CCW for their \$200 donation to the SFX youth ministry (Teens in Spirit), which will help sponsor a trip to the NCYC convention the weekend of September 23-25, 2011.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, sponsored by Teens in Spirit and the SFX Hispanic Senior Adult Group, will be held on October 7, 2011. Details will be provided in the church bulletin.

The Saturday, October 8, 2011, 5:00 p.m. mass special intention will be for the members of the SFX Council of Catholic Women and their families. CCW members will be asked to participate as Eucharistic ministers, lector, greeters, and ushers; a sign-up sheet will be distributed at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> business meeting. All CCW members and their families are encouraged to attend this mass.

Valdosta/Brunswick Deanery: Jean Strasser gave a brief overview of the organizational structure of the Council of Catholic Women for new members. National membership dues are \$30 per year and include a subscription to Catholic Woman magazine. Our SFX CCW is a member/affiliate of the five-parish Valdosta/Brunswick Deanery, and several of the current SFX CCW members have leadership positions at the deanery level (Kristen Moore, vice-president; April Kilroy, treasurer; Sheila Ebri, past president).

- At the summer deanery meeting, it was decided that the fall deanery meeting would be hosted by St. Francis Xavier. As a date for the meeting needed to be submitted to the deanery president by September 15<sup>th</sup>, a tentative date of Saturday, November 5, 2011, was determined. Beth Bulatao will ascertain the availability of the church (for 10 a.m. mass) and the parish hall for that date and will communicate further with the deanery president.
- SFX is being asked by the deanery to develop an 18" by 18" quilt square for the deanery banner.
- SFX is being asked by the deanery to request a volunteer to serve as commission chair or co-chair on the Valdosta/Brunswick Deanery board. SFX CCW members are welcome to volunteer for this opportunity.

CLOSING PRAYER – 50/50 RAFFLE – ADJOURNMENT - The closing prayer was given by Kristen Moore. The 50/50 raffle was won by Sheila Ledford, with \$16.50 to be set aside for the year-end donation to the March of Dimes NICU in Savannah. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann LeMieux, Secretary, on 09/17/11.

Approved by Beth Bulatao, President, on 09/19/11.