

## **KDCCW Board of Directors Meeting**

Saturday, January 3, 2015

Knoxville Sacred Heart Shea Room

### Cumberland Mountain Deanery Council of Catholic Women Report

Our CMDCCW deanery continues to be financially strong, serving our parishes and many have paid their Deanery and NCCW dues. We still have not been able to bring in the new smaller affiliates to our CMDCCW Board meetings nor our General Meetings. We are still working on building bridges to communicate with them.

The CMDCCW Fall Board meeting in September was held at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish family life center, since All Saints is having construction on their campus.

Our Spirituality, Service and Leaders Commissions reported how each affiliate can put into action ways to serve in each parish. Our Leadership commission encouraged us to be prepared for our meetings, and encourage one Sunday in October to be designated as a CCW Sunday to increase membership and awareness in our parishes. Many of our affiliates were making plans with their pastors to have this take place in October 2014. Our **Service Commission** addressed the "Caps of Love" NCCW project that most of the affiliates were organizing. Caps have been sent down to Florida to help with the cause of wheelchairs for needy children. One parish was successful with transportation using their parish bulletin to transport the caps to Florida.

We had two representatives from the **YES ON ONE** Committee, who gave a talk on the importance of this vote. Our efforts were realized when the amendment was defeated in TN in November 2014.

Our affiliates voted on our Deanery Project 2014-2015 to renew our financial support of Women Religious in CMDCCW. The 2013-2014 donations amounted to \$900. The money would be contributed toward their retirement fund or as needed within their present community. We have identified 5 women religious groups. Also non-perishable foods would be collected for the communities and delivered to them by each affiliate. Another project was presented to help troubled youth but the women felt it needed a little more time to develop and will be brought up next fall for consideration.

Our CMDCCW Fall General Meeting was a success held at Christ the King, Tazewell TN, with over 30 women attending on a beautiful fall day. Joan Rowe prepared an excellent presentation talking about her planned mission trip to Sierra Leone Africa, her talk was entitled "A Journey to Follow God's Call". However, the trip was canceled due to Ebola problems in the area. Joan did present a previous trip which her daughter had attended to an orphanage, *The Covering*. The purpose is to bring hope to the people of Africa. They help with practical issues for the orphanage with education and spiritual support. The 2014 trip was being readdressed in September 2014, for a 2015 date. The women from Christ the King requested a love donation for the orphanage and collected \$177.

The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the KDCCW Convention, April 23-25, 2015. Several affiliates signed up for different tasks for the convention. Without everyone's support the convention will not be a success. We are working as a team to make this the best convention in our diocese. Suzanne Erpenbach has been working diligently working to coordinate the elements of the convention and make it affordable for the women of the Knoxville Diocese.

We encourage all affiliates to begin to gather the names of our deceased women in our parishes for the opening Mass honoring them at KDCCW Convention, April 23, at St. John Neumann.

Respectfully submitted,  
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