

The regular meeting of Court Immaculate Conception #322 was called to order by Regent Karen Selensky on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit parish hall. Four of the officers were present. Twenty-eight members attended.

Regent Karen Selensky asked if there were any guests. Bridget Turbide and Shirley Staiger introduced themselves and became members.

Bridget Turbide, Executive Director of ND Right to Life, was our guest speaker. She explained that Right to Life works to achieve its vision through education, legislation and political action by raising awareness through ballot measures, namely, the protection of human life. North Dakota has the best written pro-life law in the country. Right now, a Supreme Court case is pending to reinstate our abortion ban. Dr. John Bruchalski, former pro-abortionist and now pro-life, will be speaking at Celebration of Life on Thursday, January 23, at the University Mary.

The Minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report was also approved and filed.

The following correspondence was received.

- Thank you from Home on the Range for items donated
- Christmas card and photos from Sue Judd and St Gerard's Court of Valley City
- Christmas card from Pete Deichert with a prayer from his deceased wife Jeanie
- Assumption Abbey end of year appeal and letter
- Annunciation Monastery end of year appeal and letter
- ND Right to Life end-of-year appeal
- Real Presence Radio end-of-year newsletter
- Craig Schaaf sent a text to Regent Karen Selensky expressing thanks for the \$100 gift card.

Regent Karen Selensky requested a reimbursement of \$58.40 for postage of the December newsletter. Virginia Dolajak moved, and Johanna Nagel seconded to reimburse the \$58.40.

Financial Secretary Barb Thorson provided update on new members for 2024.

- February – One transfer
- May – One renewal
- June – One renewal
- September – One transfer and one new member
- October – One new member
- November – One new member
- December – Two new members

Financial Secretary Barb Thorson reported she is planning on calling members for past dues rather than sending a letter.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Buddy Program (visit our inactive members) – Norma Rajme, Ursula Masseth and Regent Karen Selensky reported that inactive members who were visited and given the new membership books were very pleased and grateful.
2. Regent Karen Selensky reported the Delegate slate for the Biennial State Convention in Williston, May 2-4, 2025, also include Marella Krein, Mary Ann Morford, and Michelle Dunn.

3. The Nativity display was taken down by Regent Karen Selensky, Mary Ann and Greg Morford, Bev and Gene Rivinius, DelRae Bergen and Shirley Staiger. Norma Ramje moved and Mary Ann Morford seconded to gift DelRae Bergen \$50 for all of his help with the Nativity display over the years.
4. Regent Karen Selensky reported the Diocese is providing storage for our Court for the nativity scene and minutes that need to be saved for a lifetime. Regent Karen Selensky will be working with the diocese on additional storage for the older scrapbooks and any items that would need a climate-controlled setting.
5. Regent Karen Selensky asked for scrapbooking assistance for the competition contest at the State Convention. Mary Ann Morford volunteered to help.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. December newsletter was completed by Regent Karen Selensky and emailed to members with an email listed or mailed to members without an email.
2. Andrea Schanandore would like to provide a presentation on a new Catholic clinic being established in Bismarck at one of our upcoming meetings.
3. As part of our Buddy program, we will be making Valentine cards for our inactive members. It was suggested to bring any supplies you might want to use (i.e. scissors, glue, markers, etc.). The Court will be providing the materials to make the cards.
4. April fundraiser will be a Tea Party to be held possibly at Christ the King in Mandan. We will need volunteers. We will be using Cathy Bergan's tea sets that she donated to our rummage sale last year. It was suggested that we use her large porcelain doll as a prize at the tea party.
5. Regent Karen Selensky reported she would be meeting with Delores Friedt to go over details to complete the Circle of Love forms.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned until our next meeting on Tuesday, February 4, at 7 pm at the Cathedral parish.

Diane Krupinsky