

PCCW MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 9:00 am
Gateway Diner

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Maritza Torres called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.
Maritza led the *Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel*.
We said the *Pledge of Allegiance*.
Least Coin Can Collection was circulated.

2. **ATTENDANCE:** A Quorum was met (3 officers plus 25 members). Attendance sheet is attached.
Maritza Torres, President
Celia Cuadrado, Vice President
Lisa Kelly, Secretary
Kathy Reid, Treasurer (Excused)

The new member introduced at this meeting was: Nicole Roy.

3. **MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2026 by our past secretary Jeanne Blaker. Minutes were approved by a motion made by Karen Swartz and seconded by Cherie Colomb. The minutes were then submitted.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Sunshine Correspondence: Grace Zaveckas sent "praying for you" cards to Phyllis Kotula, Megan Cellucci, Deb Hartman, Suzanne Landis, Maureen Liddle, Gregorio Uribe, Gianna Delotto, and Diane Reid. Sympathy cards were sent to Linda Powell on the death of her husband Dick, Winnie McMaster on the death of her Aunt Teresa Slonaker, Phillip Glenn on the death of his wife Elisabeth Poje Glenn, Betty Wicker on the death of her sister Bonnie Olcus, Emilie McGinnis on the death of her husband Jim, and Deb Hartman on the death of her stepson Dean Hartman.

Correspondence: Lisa Kelly read thank you cards received from the Historical Committee in appreciation for the \$500 the PCCW donated towards the Civil War Mass on July 4's 250th anniversary. Thank you cards from both Fr. Marcoe (for the June PCCW Mass and Dinner as well as a PCCW donation for "special needs") and Fr. Pray (for our support and donation towards the CCM this past year) were also shared, as well as the Catholic Campus Ministry Newman Association Newsletter which Fr. Pray enclosed with his card. Father Pray wrote that Mass and a meal attendance has grown to 80-90 in past weeks.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Maritza Torres, president, presented the Treasurer's report in Kathy Reid's absence.

- (1) Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand as of August 1, 2026 = \$ 2,284.89

Balance on hand as of August 31, 2026 = \$ 5,280.05

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Irene Borba and seconded by Linda Wirth. There being no objections, motion was approved. The report will be filed for audit.

- (2) Collecting Annual Dues: All women at SFX Parish are invited into the PCCW as members of our parish. There are no stated "dues." Members are asked to make a suggested donation of \$10 (previously referred to as "annual dues") in order to help defray the expenses we incur as we fulfill our mission. Donations may be given at our meetings, or sent to SFX PCCW, ATTN: Kathy Reid, 455 Table Rock Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325 or dropped off via cash or check to the parish office. Everyone present was asked to fill out and turn in an updated membership application so that contact information remains current and to check off whether or not permission is given to have photos taken and/or posted at PCCW events.

- (3) Budget Approval for 2026-2027: A four-page proposed budget for September 2026 through June 2027 was shared by Maritza Torres for review. Nancy Newbold announced that line #6 (on page 1) "Conewago District Council of Catholic Women: District No Bake Sale" expenditure is now \$80 instead of \$160. This change also reduces the final line on page one "PCCW Organizational Dues, Events, Activities Paid From ACNB Account" from \$1,999.04 to \$1,919.04. A motion to approve these changes and to accept page 1 of the proposed budget for 2026-2027 was made by Stephanie Lapham and seconded by Grace Zaveckas. There being no objections, motion was approved.

On page 2 Cherie Colomb announced that the Raffle Fundraiser at the November Bazaar will not have a 2nd or 3rd prize this year, thus reducing the PCCW contributing expense to only \$525 (plus \$55 printing brochures fee, budget line 4, p.1). A motion to accept these changes in the proposed budget was made by Linda Wirth and seconded by Stephanie Lapham. There being no objections, motion was approved.

Stephanie Lapham suggested that we approve a piece of the proposed budget of the GIVING SPREE (the six line items in bold) totalling \$850 and table the remainder of the proposed budget items until we have all of the funds available and have time to read and think through the mini grant applications we have received as well as other items we may wish to fund later. Stephanie Lapham made a motion to approve this \$850 in the budget for the Giving Spree and Cherie Colomb seconded the motion. There being no objections, motion was approved.

Remaining items on page 2, as well as pages 3 and 4 were tabled until a later meeting. Maritza Torres encouraged all to read the mini grant proposals and keep these in mind, and particularly the new ministries of Catholics in Recovery, Walking with Moms, and Vocations in Ministry. She also asked us to think about being a Tuition Angel (\$4,300 is the general cost) if there is money to spare.

6. COMMISSIONS:

a. **Spirituality** (Church/Retreats): Suzanne Landis – Commission Chair

- (1) New this month: Spiritual Adoption cards are being given out to adopt and pray for a baby in utero every day. The prayer is on the reverse side of the card. This is also being done with the kids in PREP, and they are following the stages of the baby's monthly development.
- (2) The weekly HDCCW Wednesday night Rosary: Please join via Zoom. A reminder email with the Zoom meeting is sent each week.
- (3) St. Monica Group: meets every Tuesday at 1 pm in the St. John Paul Chapel (located at the Parish office).
- (4) Stephanie Lapham shared that Saint Bernadette's relics will be in the United States for veneration at the following locations and dates: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington D C, Sept 18-20; National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD, Sept. 22-23; Harrisburg Diocese, Saint Vincent DePaul's, Oct. 1-2.
- (5) Celia Cuadrado and Julia Abell asked for prayers in their leadership of Theology of the Body.

b. **Service**

(1) **Community Concerns**: Terri Gelles, Commission Chair

Gettysburg Cares: Shelter for the homeless provided from October through April at St. James Lutheran Church.

Adams Christian Prison Ministries: Terri will keep us informed of what is being collected for the inmates. Prison Ministry is asking for help with bible studies. See the upcoming bulletin.

Soup Kitchen Report: Family size packages of refrigerated chicken thighs are dropped off at the Soup Kitchen the third Monday & Tuesday of each month. Bonita Isenberger reminded the members to sign up for dropping off chicken for the months of September through November, and, as always, she reminded us that thighs are on sale at Giant this week for \$1.59/lb. In May 2,253 people were served; in August 2,800, with 315 being children. Bonita reminded us, when making a personal donation, the Soup Kitchen participates in the Giving Spree.

(2) **Family Concerns**: Joyce Lawn, Commission Chair, reported there were four weddings in the summer months.

(3) **Hispanic Ministry**: Maritza Torres, Commission Chair reported that the Hispanic Ministry will be selling tamales after the 9 AM and 12:30 PM Masses at the Xavier Center. The homemade food is sold every Sunday, 10 am to 1pm. The menu varies each weekend. Please support the Hispanic ministry when you can. Maritza attended the Hispanic Conference in Harrisburg. She will be attending a second conference on "The Migrant Community" in Philadelphia on September 17 and 18. On September 25 a 5:30pm there will be Salsa on the Square in Gettysburg. There will be food and music. Regina Garrett recommended viewing the movie "For the Greater Glory" featuring Andy Garcia. This is a true story highlighting the human cost of conflict, the defense of religious freedom and historical figures caught in religious persecution in Mexico.

(4) **International Concerns**: Kay Walters, Commission Chair, reported that the Water for Life collection, as shown in the treasurer's report, was a success at \$2,795.00.

Jeanne Blaker and Lisa Kelly invited the PCCW to help pack 100 boxes for the Box of Joy Ministry on September 30 at 4pm in the multipurpose room of the Xavier Center. Boxes were distributed to those wanting to fill their own box. Sheets were made available to sign up for requested donation items as well as for much needed volunteers on September 30th AND at all Masses on the weekends of September 19-20 & 26-27, and October 3-4 & 10-11. See the bulletin for more information.

(5) **Prayer Shawl**: Meets the second Thursday of each month (Aug-May) 1:00-2:30pm, Parish office fireplace room. Prayer shawls are available at the Parish office for anyone who is in need of one. Grace Zaveckas reported that

there is a HDCCW Prayer Shawl Retreat on Saturday, September 26, 9:30am - 2:30pm (doors open 9:15am) at Holy Name of Jesus Social Hall, 6150 Allentown Bld., Harrisburg.

c. Leadership:

(1)**Legislation/Respect Life:** Harriet Glass, Commission Chair

The Celebrate Life Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 17 at the Hershey Lodge at 6:30pm.

(2)**Organization:** Stephanie Lapham, Commission Chair, Stephanie Lapham stated that as a NCCW our three most important missions of focus are:

#1 Ending hunger, #2 Reducing violence in schools, and #3 providing service/leadership. We are promoting prayer, evangelization, faith enrichment, guiding and modeling works of mercy, and ending worldwide persecution of Christians. HDCCW Conference is Saturday, October 17, 7:30am - 3pm with a keynote speaker, Mass, and conference. CDCCW Second Quarterly Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 28 at St. Joseph the Worker. Stephanie currently manages our website at sfxpccw.org. She is willing to train another volunteer member to take on the responsibility of managing the website. Julie Abell suggested that Stephanie look into getting a page for PCCW on the SFX website rather than maintaining our own separate website.

(3)**Public Relations:** Nancy Newbold, Commission Chair

Please forward any bulletin notices to Nancy for submission by 8 am Monday for the following Sunday bulletin.

7. FUNDRAISING: Jeanne Blake

a. Jersey Mike's — the Jersey Mike fundraiser for the SFX PCCW is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026 from 4-8 pm. No coupon is needed. Please support.

b. Deliso Pizza — SFX PTO will hold their fundraiser at Deliso Pizza on the same date, September 16, 2026, from 11am - 9pm. You must present the bulletin flyer or an electronic version when ordering. Please try to support.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Audit Results: Maritza is awaiting the results of the 2025-2026 Treasurer's Report audit. This will be reported at our next meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Bazaar Update— The Holiday Bazaar is November 7, 8am - 2:30pm at the Xavier Center. PCCW, along with the KOC, are hosting this year's raffle. There will only be one prize of \$1,000. Cherie Colomb signed out packets of ten \$5 raffle tickets to members to begin sales for the bazaar. When selling a raffle ticket, have the purchaser fill in the contact information and separate the ticket on the perforated line, retaining the smaller stub for his/her self. The seller then needs to return the main stub with the contact information to the Parish office or to Cherie for the drawing. Nancy Newbold stated that there will be an insert about the bazaar in this week's bulletin. Last week's bulletin included a wishlist of needs for the bazaar. We are in need of items for the Christmas, Timeless Treasures and Collectables booths. Linda Wirth asked members to sign up to donate homemade baked goods.

b. Council Sunday – October 18, 2026 (TBD). Cards will be placed on tables with information on our PCCW program. Maritza may ask some members to speak on behalf of our women's council.

c. CDCCW updates and Dinner Review— Conewago District Calendar through 2028 was given out. Maritza passed out a June Dinner Survey hoping for feedback which will aid in planning next year's Mass and Dinner.

d. New Parishioner Welcome Sunday – Sept 27th 7:30am Mass, the PCCW will be hosting free coffee and donuts to new parishioners after Mass. SFX Church will reimburse us up to \$50 in expenses. Two or three ladies are needed to help at this event. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. A motion to approve up to \$250 from the PCCW budget to purchase the coffee and donuts was made by Stephanie Lapham and seconded by Irene Borba. Vote was unanimous.

e. Back from the Dead PCCW Outing - Saturday, October 24, 7:10pm. We have 11 available tickets, but they are going fast, to attend the Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmittsburg, MD. "Saints and other characters come to life and reflect upon the last things: death, judgement, heaven, and hell. You will discover what it means to be truly alive, both now and in the life to come." This is a 1 hour walking tour on paved areas. Tickets are \$12 each and are payable by check or cash to Kathy Reid, or dropped off to the Parish office. You should arrive 30 minutes early to join up with our group.

f. Maritza has stored the PCCW historian's files at the parish office for safe keeping.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

- a. Soup Kitchen chicken thighs Drop Off
- b. Jersey Mike's Fundraiser
- c. Right to Life Event – Hershey Lodge
- d. New Parish Welcome Sunday
- e. Pack 100 Boxes of Joy , Xavier Center
- f. Council Sunday
- g. Soup Kitchen chicken thighs Drop Off
- h. Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk
- i. Wrap Sunday - White Ribbons Against Pornography
- j. Holiday Bazaar Set up
- k. Holiday Bazaar
- l. Annual Christmas Mass and Dinner

Monday/Tuesday, September 14 & 15
Wednesday, September 16, 4-6pm
Thursday, September 17, 6pm
Sunday, September 27, 7:30am Mass
Wednesday, September 30, 4pm
Sunday, October 18 (TBD)
Monday/Tuesday, October 19 & 20
Saturday, October 24, 7:10pm
Saturday/Sunday, October 31/November 1
Friday, November 6, 4-10pm
Saturday, November 7, 8am-2:30pm
Tuesday, December 1, 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 11:20 am

12. Final Prayer: 5 Hail Marys

13. Next Meeting: Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 9:00 am - Gateway Diner (meeting room on left side of building)

Minutes Submitted by: Lisa Kelly

List of Attendees

1. Maritza Torres - officer
2. Celia Cuadrado – officer
3. Lisa Kelly - officer
4. Jeanne Blaker
5. Joan Fox
6. Linda Wirth
7. Grace Zaveckas
8. Irene Borba
9. Lucy Jurcak
10. Suzanne Landis
11. Margaret Myers
12. Donna Brewer
13. Julie Abell
14. Joyce Lawn
15. Nancy Newbold
16. Stephanie Lapham
17. Cherie Colomb
18. Bonita Isenberger
19. Karen Swartz
20. Wanda Golden
21. Katie O'Farrell
22. Regina Garrett
23. Terri Gelles
24. Anne Nowicki
25. Kay Walters
26. Sheryl Walsh
27. Nicole Roy (new member)
28. Lauraday Kelley (new member)