Stella Maris Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026; Egg Harbor

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jody Bleck, Connie Brandt, Margaret Connar, Pat Glen, Char Mueller, and Mary Tall

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Connie opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and the group read the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 22, 2026 were emailed to attendees and submitted revisions were made. The revised minutes were provided at today's meeting. No further revisions were made.

Treasurer's Report: Char presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed income and expenses since April 22, 2026. The current balance is $986.41. It was noted that Connie purchased material for the baptismal gowns/overlays that she makes and that she recently sent eight to the parish.

Correspondence: None.

Discussion Items:

Report - Spring Vicariate VII Meeting

The annual spring Vicariate VII meeting was held on May 5, 2026 at Holy Name of Mary in Maplewood at 6 p.m. Five members attended this meeting.

Report - Marian Day

Marian Day was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026. Three members attended.

Report - GBDCCW Traveling Rosary

The Traveling Rosary for religious vocations was held at the Egg Harbor Church on June 18 at 1:00 p.m. Mother Mary Catherine was the speaker. Approximately 40-50 people were in attendance. We provided refreshments after the program. We also sold cookbooks.

Report - Spring Tea

The Spring Tea was held on June 3, 2026 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Sister Bay site. Forty-one women attended. Next year we may want to more strongly request RSVPs and note that seating is limited. Profit from the Spring Tea was $205, plus there was $60 in donations. Angela Packard was the speaker. Ideas for speakers/program for next year were discussed. Possibilities include Mary Mother Catherine from Missionaries of the Word or a speaker/demonstration of flower arranging.

Report - Pie Sale

The pie sale was held Saturday, August 15, 2026 at the 4 pm Mass in Fish Creek and the 6 pm Mass in Egg Harbor. We sold 36 pies at $20 each. Total income from the sale of the pies and donations was $858, which included $720 in pie sales and $138 in donations.

Hedy Ellen Scholarship Fund

Funds from cookbook sales totaling $195 were transferred to the Scholarship Fund. We only have four cookbooks left - two at Sister Bay and two at Baileys Harbor.

Unbound - Maria Meja

Char paid our annual $480 Unbound sponsorship for Maria Meja in El Salvador and included $20 as a Christmas gift, for a total of $500.

1. **Stations of the Cross Booklets**

   Char reported that $200 has been set aside for the new Stations of the Cross booklets. Deacon Tony informed her that all purchases need to go through Larry and that our funds will be applied to the purchase of the Stations of the Cross Booklets when that occurs.

Speaker - Larry Leporte

Larry Leporte, the parish business manager attended part of today's meeting to provide several updates.

Funeral Luncheon Funds - Larry informed us that any money received for funeral luncheons will be deposited in the central funds of the parish. Any expenses that we incur in putting on the lunches can come out of the money that was received.

Scholarship Fund - Larry reported there is currently $6,295.92 in the Scholarship Fund. A student was selected last year, but never followed up to receive the money. It was noted that the Knights of Columbus also provide scholarships and may have more success with their program. Connie will follow-up with them to obtain more information on their process. After discussion, it was decided to continue with our own scholarship program but try to publicize more - e.g., notify guidance counselors at the schools, put articles in the bulletin, involve Faith Formation leaders, and have application forms available in the back of church. We should start promoting around the December-January timeframe. It was noted that the scholarship money can be used for any education post high school and could also be used by an adult returning to school. Larry offered to assist as needed and he will send a copy of the scholarship application to Connie and Char for our review and possible revision.

Holy Thursday Collection for the Poor - Larry asked if we would be interested in receiving a portion of the funds and deciding how to allocate. We decided that it would be best to continue to have the CSR committee handle as they already have an established vetting process. We discussed the status of the Loaves and Fishes program and that it may be helpful to direct some funds to that program.

New Business:

Socials for the Year

Bunco: Usually held in October and planned by the Baileys Harbor Sodality. Connie will check with them on the date.

Holiday Event: We tentatively scheduled the Holiday Social for Wednesday, December 9 from 1 - 3 pm at the Sister Bay site, pending approval from the church office. Connie asked for volunteers to chair this event and Mary and Jody agreed to co-chair. We briefly discussed publicity plans including putting a flyer in the bulletin the weekend of November 21-22 and stuffing the bulletins on Thursday November 19. We should also run bulletin articles the two weekends before the event - November 28-29 and December 5-6. Last year, we discussed also considering a separate outreach activity at Scandia Village. Mary and Jody will meet closer to the event to continue planning.

Spring Tea: We tentatively scheduled the Spring Tea for Wednesday, June 9, 2027 at the Sister Bay site. Connie again asked for volunteers to chair this event and Margaret and Connie agreed to co-chair. As discussed earlier in the meeting, possibilities for speakers included Mary Mother Catherine from Missionaries of the Word or a speaker/demonstration of flower arranging.

Lick Family Violence - This collection is usually done in October. We tentatively scheduled for the weekend of October 17 and 18. The money that is collected is donated to Help of Door County. We discussed who is available to help. Margaret can help in Sister Bay and Char can help in Egg Harbor. Connie can help in Fish Creek if needed. Baileys Harbor is usually handled by the Baileys Harbor Sodality. Jody and Mary are not available that weekend. Char will email Pat Daubner to confirm the date and plans, as Pat usually handles the planning, bulletin articles and Mass announcements.

Donation Ideas - The group suggested donating to the Loaves and Fishes program, however decided to wait on deciding the amount until the end of the year when we know how much money is available in our account.

Scholarship Funds Ideas - The group discussed the possibility of ending the scholarship program and donating the funds to other programs, such as Loaves and Fishes. A question was raised on how much of the money in the Scholarship Fund was obtained from funerals and how much was from cookbook sales. Char will review her records to see if she can compile any data. For now, it was decided to continue with plans to award scholarships in the spring as described on the previous page.

Dues to Green Bay Diocesan CCW
Char informed us that it is time to pay dues to the Green Bay Diocesan CCW. The suggested amount is $.50 per member, however since we don't have a firm list of members, she suggested we submit $25 this year. After discussion, **Margaret made a motion to pay $25 in dues to the Green Bay Diocesan CCW. Jody seconded and the motion passed.**

Next meeting: The next meeting is tentatively planned for Wednesday, April 7, 2027 at 10 a.m. in Baileys Harbor.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment:
The closing prayer was said by all and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by:
Mary Tall, Secretary