

Minutes to the MDCCW Board Meeting 11/18/14

Mass was concelebrated at 9:00 a.m. for deceased members of MDCCW.

Following Mass, breakfast items were provided by ladies of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mary Stasek.

Present: Rosa Ropers, Sandy Hull, Patricia Fisher, Carol Brennan, Mary Stasek, Sue Koch, Sr. Jude Seaman, Lynn Geitz, Linda Ripp, Bernadette Schaefer, Coreen Marklein, Karen Gramann, Kitty Mumm, Alice Paul, (Guest: Pat Kaufman), Ellen Martin, Jane Grinde, Joan Pregler, Karen Villwock, Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt, Rev. Larry Bowens.

Secretary's Report (Alice Paul) – Revisions as follows to 8/13/14 Meeting Minutes: 1) Add Dorothy Lepeska and Jane Grinde to attendance. 2) Revise wording for October 3 & 4 conference to read "Marian Eucharistic" conference. 3) Revise wording of expense distribution for convention to read: pay partial expense (\$155.00 ea.) for nine women. Revised minutes to be sent to Karen Gramman. Correspondence: Thank you's from Msgr. Moellenberndt, Coreen Marklein, NCCW convention attendees – Sr. Jude Seaman, Sue Koch, Carol Brennan, Ellen Martin, Sandy Hull, Mary Stasek and Coreen Marklein, family of Dorothy Lepeska grateful for picture montage by Kathy Loy, (MDCCW Historian) to be displayed at her home parish – St. Thomas. The montage will be taken to MDCCW convention in June. An invitation was read regarding the St. Thomas Academy presentation at Alliant Energy.

Finance Report (Ellen Martin) – Beginning Balance \$10,054.81. Income - \$5,307.53, Expenses - \$7,520.24, Ending Balance \$7,842.10. Savings Account Balance - \$917.80.

Spiritual Advisor's report was given by Msgr. Moellenberndt –Update on 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal for seminarian education fund drive is very successful to date. It has been lots of extra work for all pastors.

MDCCW President's Report (Rosa Ropers) – Vicariates reminded to report spring meeting dates to President and spiritual advisors ASAP. A NCCW member has issued a matching gift challenge of \$20,000 to be completed by December 1. A motion by Linda Ripp to donate \$200 from MDCCW and seconded by Coreen Marklein. Motion passed.

A CCW tri-fold was on display and President Rosa encouraged each vicariate to assemble similar displays furthering the MDCCW mission.

New Business: .

Motion by Lynn Geitz and seconded by Patricia Fisher to give a one-year donation of \$500 to seminarian fund.

A combined LTD workshop with Lacrosse diocese was discussed. A committee composed of Coreen Marklein, Sr. Jude Seaman and Carol Brennan was created to look into the possibility for this project.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Spirituality (Mary Stasek) – Encouraged members to promote spiritual growth by daily prayer for church leaders, family and friends – living and deceased.

Service (Sandy Hull) – Promote the Donkey Project in parochial schools. Caps of Love a questionable project because of shipping costs.

Rural Life (Karen Villwock) – Report in folder.

Leadership (Carol Brennan) – “We Are Called to Witness” a 91 pp. booklet available on web site. Leadership Chair Carol Brennan printed several booklets at a cost of \$10 each. Motion passed to reimburse Carol for printing costs.

Legislation (Coreen Marklein) – Delivered an election phone bite to 25 members. Twice monthly sound bites can be sent at no charge up to 25 people. Catholic at the Capitol will be April 8, 2015 at Monona Terrace. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and program ends at 3:25 p.m. If you would like to visit a legislator, you need to make an appointment.

VICARIATE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Columbia North (Sr. Jude Seaman) – 190 women attended October 14 meeting. David Pirtle, Natl. Coalition for the Homeless, was guest speaker. \$600 sent to Bishop Morlino for seminarian fund. Names of seminarians distributed to be remembered in prayer. Ellen Martin has additional information regarding December 6 meeting.

Grant (Bernadette Schaefer) – Writing personal stories of God in their lives. These will be collected and assembled into booklets. Members encouraged to pray daily for enslaved and abused women. A Mass will be said once a month for this intention.

Jefferson (Karen Villwock for Barbara Seamandel) – 79 members and 6 priests were present at 9/18 Fall meeting. Speaker – Catholic Charities.

Sauk (Lynn Geitz) – 9/18 Fall meeting in Spring Green with 54 members present. Thirteen parishes, five are inactive. “For Pete’s Sake” speaker given \$300 donation. Gingerbread Bazaar at St. Joe’s.

West Dane (Linda Ripp) – Speaker at fall meeting in Pine Bluff was Rebecca Hoeben from Camp Gray. Camp Gray given a \$410 donation.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Relations (Karen Gramann) – A no-charge web site no longer available. After research, Karen recommends Blue Host.com which charges monthly fee. Motion by Coreen Marklein and seconded by Mary Stasek to pay monthly fee. Motion approved. New web site will include photos, videos, relevant

events for calendar and resource listings. All members should take advantage of excellent p.r. this web site offers.

Membership (Rosa Ropers) – Members encouraged to join NCCW as individual members. Individual membership dues are \$60/yr. and includes the magazine.

Ways and Means –Lynn Geitz has accepted the chairmanship for the convention raffle. Barb Ziegler will assist as needed.

Renewal Day (Carol Brennan) – Co-sponsored with Madison Catholic Women’s Club To be held second week in October. Committee Members: Carol Brennan, Barb Seamandel, Rosa Ropers, Lucy Kipley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NCCW reports will be in upcoming newsletter.

2015 MDCCW Convention will be held at St. Bernard’s in Middleton on June 16 and 17. Draft booklet with suggested theme title: “Seeing the Light – A Vision of Evangelization.” Joan Pregler and Linda Ripp working on details. Discussion and suggestions for speakers and share workshops followed. Speakers must be approved by Bishop. Share workshops receiving most votes were: Leadership, Donkey Project, Spirituality and Project Rachel.

Charity and Service projects postponed until the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ellen Martin will revise donation forms for Works of Peace/Cross International.

Discussion on amendment to by-laws to secure 2nd Vice President at annual convention. Vote postponed.

Linda Ripp was raffle winner of a NCCW Christmas ornament and book.

Memorare and thanksgiving prayer recited and meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 17, 2015 at Our Holy Mother of Consolation in Oregon 917.80