

## **MDCCW Exec Board Meeting, May 6, 2017 (Holy Name Heights, Madison, WI)**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

Sue Koch mentioned the Middleton Times thank you in the editorial section, nice publicity for MDCCW.

Mona Matijevich/Spiritual Commission Chair was not able to attend due to a broken leg so Mary Stasek stepped in for her. We had a prayer for Msgr Moellenberndt & his parents and also Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions. Roll call: Sign-in sheet was sent around.

**6: Secretary's Report:** corrections to March 17 meeting minutes 6A: should be Louise Urmanski is the Columbia North President-elect; 15A: should be chairs for the ordination area Coreen Marklein & Karen Villwock and 15E: Marian Day of Renewal: Madison Catholic Women's Club representatives are Carol Strmiska & Susanna Herro. Minutes stand approved as corrected.

7: No correspondence:

5: Rosa asked to add charities donations to the agenda and to discuss membership under leadership. The agenda was accepted as changed.

9: No Spiritual Advisor Report. Msgr Moellenberndt may not able to attend Saturday meetings unless his assistant can hear Confessions.

10: Co-President's Report/Sue Koch: The Convention info in the Catholic Herald by Jane Grinde was a very nice article. Ellen & Sue both attended the Green Bay & Milwaukee Diocesan Conventions. There are new Province pins (\$10 each). They are similar to the previous State of Wisconsin shaped pins only smaller. Maybe have some available at the MDCCW Convention or maybe Lucille Brandner will bring some. Carol Brennan will check with Lucille.

**11: MDCCW Convention:** Commission reports for booklet need to be in by May 15 to Linda Rosiejka. Only the minutes from last year's Convention (Wed) and the agenda for the convention need to be in the booklet (not the Nov board minutes). Jefferson will get ushers for the Offertory collection. They will also need to get volunteers to help at the President's table, Province & Membership tables. Dorene is connecting with Fr John & Travis (speaker,agent) about what they will need. (Dorene gave me a 2-pg report on the Convention from Jefferson Vicariate). Barb Seamandel has resigned from Service Commission.

They have a large area in the annex at St Joseph's/Fort Atkinson. There will be two registration tables. On the left side will be tables for Leadership, Fr John/Speaker, Service,Spirituality and Legislative. There will be tables for Silent auction baskets. Banners will be lined up as enter Church. 150 people can be served comfortably in the cafeteria. General meeting & speaker will be in Church. Lunch in the cafeteria. Then there will be a Patriotic Rosary (June 14 is Flag Day) in Church (take 20-25 minutes to say) so ladies can clean up cafeteria. Share shops, raffle, etc back in the Cafeteria. We can purchase 125 Patriotic Rosary booklets for \$50 (take cost out of Registration fees). There are 100 Theda Care bags left from 2016 Convention. Rosa said to put them right it Convention bags.

Convention registration forms should be sent to Linda Rosiejka. Forms are available on the Website.

11B: Rosa handed out some raffle tickets.

**11C: Silent auction:** Many women didn't think we would make as much money from the silent auction as from Basket raffle. April 27, 2017, the statutes were changed to allow raffle proceeds to go to causes that support organizations' mission statement, so can be used to further education and our cause or purpose, just not to pay salaries.

We don't have a "B" License for a silent auction and there isn't enough time to get one for this year. We had voted at the March meeting to do a silent auction instead of baskets this year.

11A: Bernadette composed a cheer we can do at the end of the skit and we can end with the song "We are Called".

We will be able to set up on Tues evening or at 6:00 am on Wed.

**8: Finance Report/Kathy Loy:** We will need a Finance report and list of Works of Peace for the booklet. Coreen sent in a \$20 donation to NCCW Convention for a Mass for Fr Larry Bowen's last year. Do we want to send one in for deceased former Province Director, Rita Macewicz for 2017 NCCW Convention. We voted to do that again. Our books will be filed for audit. Barbara Agassie will do it again this year.

#### **Commission Reports:**

**Service Commission:** Barb Seamandel has resigned. We need someone to serve a 1-year term.

**Spirituality/Mary Stasek** had a little reflection from "Magnificat" on eating the flesh of Jesus, the Son of Man every time we receive Eucharist.

**Legislative/Coreen Marklein** gave a thank you for those who attended Catholics at the Capitol. The three major themes presented were: Human Trafficking, drugs & guns. Milwaukee and the Hwy 41 corridor to Green Bay is the #1 pimp capital of the US, most are runaways. Occur where there are sports venues.

Carol Strmiska/MCWClub also attended and told about a black man on his way to Madison being followed by 3 Police districts. He keeps his registration form right on his visor, so if he is stopped he doesn't have to reach toward his glove box. She mentioned she had talked to her legislator, but was a little uncomfortable when they had an "I Stand with Planned Parenthood" poster in their office. If she went again, she would tell them the sign made her feel unwelcome.

Carol Brennan's husband attended a workshop on Recidivism (people serve their time, but if not rehabilitated, more like to commit crimes again).

Carol Brennen & Coreen attended a workshop on ethical research. Not many positive results come from embryonic stem cell research. There are more advances from adult stem cell research.

Catholics at the Capitol is held every 2 years. 262 people attended but we would like to see thousands. It is held in conjunction with the Wis Council of Bishops conference. 80% of Human trafficking is sexual, 20% is indentured servants not paid a living wage, young adults who work for "fly by night" (magazine sales, etc) and then don't get paid.

**Leadership/Rosa** encouraged us to get out and support our Catholic faith. Stick up for our rights. It is very important for MDCCW to have commission chairs—they need to be invited to all meetings. They remind the Board of what we are all about. Use the NCCW website as a resource. (Rosa gave me her notes)

**Membership:** Elevator statement. Ellen had a sample of 2" x 3" cards her son made. We will order 1000 cards.

NCCW now has a navy blue T-shirt. They saw MDCCW's shirts at Convention. Jean Kelly/Province of Milwaukee is now President-elect, so she may incorporate more of our ideas.

Use NCCW resources to answer questions: Protocol booklet tells how head table should be set up.

14D: **Marian Day of Renewal**/Carol Strmiska (Madison Catholic Women's Club) would like to make more of a partnership between MCWC and MDCCW.

### **13: Standing Committees:**

**A: Public Relations:** The newsletter looks great! (Jane Grinde)

Karen Gramman/website can include Parish events. May update the website in the next few weeks, possibly include our items for sale (t-shirts, pens, cards, etc) and where to get them.

**B: Ways & Means (Coreen & Rosa):** raffle discussed earlier.

### **14 Vicariate Presidents Reports:**

**A: Columbia North/Louise Urmanski**—96 ladies attended "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus", presentation by Fr John Hendrick on his trip to the Holy Land (Louise gave Linda a summary).

**B: Sauk/Coreen:** 50 ladies attended presentation by Jeff Hoban/Camp Gray and his personal experience with two bouts of cancer. They made more money at their silent auction (\$450 vs \$300 with basket raffle). They had about 15 silent auction items. They had a few \$15 baskets, but bigger baskets will bring in more. Coreen said it is hard to get volunteers/officers and doesn't see Sauk Vicariate continuing. Sue & Ellen are willing to come and talk to Vicariates. The President-elect doesn't have a computer, so will need to mail everything out. Their fall meeting will be more of a spiritual day with it being held at the Secretary's farm.

**C: Grant Cty/Bernadette:** Grant held their meeting at Sinsinawa with 64 attending. The planned speaker couldn't come, so Bernadette & her sister provided music.

**D: Jefferson/Dorene:** They don't have any President-elect, but they are effective. "Inspire them to do what they can". 4 parishes are active, but no one wants to be leaders. Cambridge is very active in their parish, but don't want to be involved in the Vicariate. Lake Mills has 20-30 ladies. Waterloo is now w/ Marshall now called St Gabriel's. They have 3 active younger women.

**E: West Dane/Linda Ripp:** We didn't have a spring meeting. We will maybe do something in the summer.

**F: Madison/Barb Unger** is a NCCW member representing the Madison Vicariate and also with the MCWC.

Bernadette mentioned that we "Just need to ask". Madison Catholic Women's Club go to the parishes and set up a little table. They hired a "strategic planning" person to help them. We seem to be losing our relationship with the Parish Priests. They don't realize our roles in the Parishes. Madison Catholic Women's Club (MCWC) would like to see a better connection with MDCCW. Maybe 3 ladies from each group could meet for lunch.

## **15: Unfinished Business:**

**A. Banner stands:** a man from Berlin, WI made 9 banner stands. They were handed out to Vicariates.

**B: Elevator cards.** Ellen had a sample card. We decided to have 1000 cards made.

**C: Priests' Ordination.** There will be 3 men ordained on Friday, June 30, 2017 at St Maria Goretti Parish. MCWC didn't realize that MDCCW provides the food at the Ordination. They thought the ladies at St Maria Goretti hosted it. They will try to provide some assistance. Coreen Marklein & Karen Villwock will chair. They are asking for cash donations to purchase cheese & sausage plates, veggie trays, etc. Just have a select few do baking, to make sure no peanuts and not so many different bars & desserts.

**D: Marian Day of renewal/Carol Strmiska & Susanna Herro:** maybe Cross Plains/Fr Tom Kelly. Date is scheduled for Monday, Oct 16, 2017. Speaker is Liz Kelly—teaches at St John's University/Minnesota. The topic is "50 Reasons I Love being a Catholic".

**E. NCCW Convention** is Sept 6-9, 2017 in Dallas, TX.

## **16 New Business:**

**A: Standing Rule Change/Carol Brennan:** Standing rules can be changed by the Board. Motion to change by Dorene & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosa. (Need a majority if sent out in advance). Discussion on wording in VI, letter A; VI Letter B and VI Letter B numbers 1,2,3,4 (Carol handed out copies of proposed standing rules amendments with changes highlighted in red). Rosa called the question. All were in favor. Resolutions passed and are effective immediately.

**B: Fall retreat:** Possibly have a fall retreat for Vicariate Presidents & Board at the end of Sept. More info will be provided at July meeting.

**C: Charities to donate to/Raffle proceeds:** Rosa had a list of possible charities. We narrowed it down to 2. Raffle proceeds will be split between Clarity Clinic/UW Platteville (similar to Women's Care Center/Madison) and the NCCW Vocation Purse Club (for Religious orders in Wisconsin). We can announce at Convention so ladies know where proceeds are going.

17: We had a closing prayer led by Mary Stasek.

18: The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

19: the MDCCW Summer Board meeting will be on Saturday, July 22, 2017.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Ripp/ MDCCW Secretary