

Minutes of the MDCCW Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2015

61st Annual Gathering and Days of Celebration
St. Bernard Catholic Church 7450 University Avenue Middleton, WI 53562

1. Call to Order & Welcome by Rosa Ropers at 1:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer was The Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel given by Mary Stasek the Spirituality Chair
3. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mary Stasek
4. No Guests were introduced but were invited to sign the roll call.
5. Agenda was reviewed and approved. Linda Ripp suggested a one day convention was postponed to #15 Other Business
6. Secretary's Report was given by Alice Paul and the Minutes of the March 17th Board meeting were approved without additions or corrections.
 - a. Roll Call:
 - Board: Rosa Ropers, Ellen Martin, Karen Villwock, Alice Paul, Mary Stasek, Carol Brennan, Lynn Geitz, Carol Statz, Sandra Hull, Linda Ripp, Jane Grinde, Coreen Markklein, Sr. Jude Seaman, Sue Koch, Patricia Fisher, Bernadette Schaefer, Maureen Pickel, Judy Droessler
 - Guests: Marilyn Prenti, Donna Gmeinder, Lucy Kippley, Sue Burke, Renee Braun, Rita Markklein, Jane Schwoerer, Barbara Schwoerer, Judy Droessler, Mary Stanek
7. Correspondence was read by Karen Villwock which was a reply to our invitation to attend the MDCCW convention from Gail Johnson, the president of the Superior Council of Catholic Women. She was unable to attend as the Superior Convention was at the same time.
8. The Financial Report was read by Ellen Martin and approved as read
 - a. Beginning Balance: \$9,908.62
Total Income: \$11,398.70
Total Expenses: \$12,812.49
Ending Balance: \$8,494.83 Savings Account Balance: \$918.16
Custodial Funds amounted to \$10,723.70 which were forwarded on to the Donkey Project or Water for Life.
 - b. Ellen Martin noted the revised Works of Peace Form was sent to all President. This form should be returned to the Vicariate Treasurer who in turn forwards it to the MDCCW Treasurer to distribute to the appropriate charity.
 - c. There may be a change in dues collection at the National level and NCCW dues may be sent through the Diocesan Treasurer but there was no final notice of this change.
 - d. The MDCCW books prepared by Ellen Martin were audited by Barb Agasie on 5/23/15 and found to be in order.

- e. A motion was made by Maureen Pickel to pay the Province Dues of \$650.00.
Motion was seconded and approved

9. President's Report was given by Rosa Ropers.

- a. Rosa noted that MDCCW was in need of Co-Presidents Elect to fill the position vacated by Kitty Mumm. Ellen Martin and Suzanne Koch were nominated to accept the vacant position. Karen Villwock read the bylaws which says the Board of Directors may vote to approve the election of Co-Presidents Elect and Treasurer. Board Members and officers may vote in such an election. Lynn Geitz motioned to accept the nominations of Ellen Martin and Suzanne Koch. Motion approved by a vote of 13-0. The term will be one year until June 2016.

Joan Slate from Markesan was nominated to fill the position of Treasurer left by Ellen Martin becoming Co-President Elect. Mary Stasek made the motion to nominate Joan Slate as Treasurer. Motion seconded and approved. There were no additional nominations and she was elected. Her term will be one year until June 2016.

- b. National Convention of NCCW will be held September 9th to the 13th in Orlando, Florida.
 - 1. The ad deadline is July 24th. Coreen Marklein made a motion to join the Province in sponsoring an ad in the program or if the Province does not sponsor an ad then the MDCCW will sponsor a 1/4 page for \$125. Motion seconded and approved. Karen Grammen will be asked to prepare the ad.
 - 2. Contribution to Silent Auction: Coreen Marklein motioned that MDCCW contribute a Visa gift card and small gift totaling \$75., which could easily be transported on a plane. Motion was seconded and approved. Coreen will be in charge of purchasing the items. Maureen Pickel suggested sending plastic rosaries from her parish as part of the gift. Her parish CCW makes 1,000 to 1,500 rosaries per year. They also give them for Baptism and First Communions.
 - 3. Financial Payment of Officers/Attendees: Rosa Ropers as President of MDCCW will have registration and expenses paid in full. Early registration fees will be paid for officers and Commission Chairs on the MDCCW Board (\$320 X 3). An additional \$500. maximum will be available to split between additional attendees. Motion made by Linda Ripp seconded and approved. Attendees are encouraged to ask their parish and vicariate for additional funds.
 - 4. Those attending the Province Dinner at the Convention will meet after the regular meeting.

- c. Fall Province Meeting Dates:
 - Montello and Jefferson- October 8
 - Sauk -October 20
 - Grant -September 29
 - West Dane - To be announced

11. Commission Reports:

- a. Spirituality: Mary Stasek read an article titled: "Having Trouble Falling Asleep."
She suggested that you should think of your friends or family in alphabetical order and pray for them.
 - 1. Legislation-Coreen Marklein The bill at present outlaws abortions after 20 weeks unless the health of the mother is at risk. MDCCW does not support the bill in its present form because that is "trading one life for another."
- b. Leadership: Carol Brennan distributed a couple of Leadership handouts to train and encourage new members. She reminded Presidents of the "We are Called to Witness" Program which she gave them earlier.
Carol explained a 5 part NCCW program:
 - 1, Listening
 - 2. Healing and Empathy
 - 3. Loved, Gifted and Growing
 - 4. Building Community and Relationships
 - 5. Vision and ForesightIndividual members: Forms at the Leadership table are available for those who wish to become individual members of MDCCW and NCCW.
- c. Service-Sandra Hull pointed out that at the display table she had information about visiting nursing homes or providing respite care for a caregiver. Members were encouraged to visit the elderly or invite them to their homes if possible.

12. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Historian: Kathy Loy encourages people to look at the scrap books which include pictures, emails, etc. for MDCCW.
Ellen and Coreen worked on a 15 minute video slideshow project which they will show tonight showing the history of NCCW from 1954 to present. A link will be on MDCCW website to Facebook and U-Tube site.
- b. Ways and Means: Lynn Geitz gave an update on the raffle. Members were encouraged to participate in buying tickets to the Class A raffle (Quilt, painting, etc,) and the Class B Raffle, Basket Bonanza. Tickets will be sold at two separate tables There are lots of wonderful prizes to win.
- c. Public Relations:

Newsletter: Jane Grindle will be doing a report on the Convention for the Catholic Herald. Next Newsletter will be in the fall after National Convention.

d. Convention Updates by Convention Chair Linda Ripp:

8 Vicariates, 42 Parishes, 6 Past Presidents, 9 First Time Attendees,
8 Individual Members registered.

Total: 47 for the Banquet Tuesday Evening
107 for Wednesday

Raffle Report given by Lynn Geitz. Members encouraged to participate in buying tickets to both the raffle and to place tickets in the gift baskets. There are lots of wonderful prizes and chances to win. Tickets will be sold at two separate tables.

13. Vicariate Reports:

- a. Columbia North Vicariate-Sr. Jude Seaman Report in the program. They have tried day meetings and are a very active vicariate.
- b. Grant Vicariate-Bernadette Schaefer She talked about the Family Promise of Grant County which encourages churches to provides shelter, food, and friendship for homeless families for one week four times a year.
- c. Jefferson Vicariate-Barb Seamandel Barb was not present. There was no Spring Vicariate meeting but the report is in the program.
- d. Sauk Vicariate-Lynn Geitz. Report is in the program but she sent pictures around of their active vicariate Their fall meeting theme was "Helping hands in Faith." The speaker talked about "4Pete's Sake" The Theme of the Spring meeting was "His Story Our Story." The speaker at their Spring meeting was Becky Thompson on "How do you wear your Shoes?"
- e. West Dane-Carol Statz Carol recommended Speaker Shirley Kelter from Sauk City on "Honoring our Elderly."
- f. Pat Fisher gave a report on the Madison Vicariate which is currently inactive. She talked about service projects to Belize and Mississippi. She also talked about raising money by collecting coins in baby bottles for Mother's Day. They also have the Baby Shower at Christmas but don't forget to get special gifts for the mothers.

14. Unfinished Business:

- a. Day of Renewal: October 12, 2015 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 5001 Sherman Ave. Madison, WI hosted by MDCCW and Madison Catholic Woman's Club. Carol Brennan, Rosa Ropers, and Lucy Kipley are organizing the event with members of MCWC.

1. Coreen Marklein made a motion for a Donation of \$300. to sponsor the event. Motion

seconded and approved. A flyer for the “Women’s Day of Renewal” was distributed and should be posted in your parish. The Theme is “We are Called . . .”
Speakers are Fr. David Greenfield and Fr. Domenic Roscioli.

2. Charity-Donkey Project & Women’s Care Center

- b. Priest’s Ordination Reception: Carol Brennan, Coreen Marklein, Karen Villwock are Co-Chairs. The reception will be June 26, 2015, St. Maria Goretti, Madison. There will be six priests ordained this year. Carol is in need of volunteers to help at the reception, financial contributions, and people to bake bars (6 Dozen) but no nuts. There is a sign-up sheet at the Leadership Table. KC’s are also helping with the reception and giving a \$500. donation.

15. Other Business:

- a. Mass: Officers and Vicariate Presidents should be in back of church on time to walk in. Commission Chairs will do the General Intercessions.
- b. Banquet: Attendees will be given a number to match a table. Everyone is mixed up to make new friends. Each table has two hostesses who decorated the table and provided the wine. Madonnas were donated by Joan Slate.
- c. One Day Convention: Coreen Marklein presented the idea of not including the Board meeting as part of the convention. Many prefer to not attend the Annual Board Meeting but listen to the guest speakers and workshops. (Similar to the Day of Renewal) Committee to study the possibility of the one day convention will be Coreen Marklein, Lynn Geitz, Linda Ripp, and Jane Grinde. The committee should meet before July 31st. (Weekends would be good for working women but Monsignor Mollenberndt indicated it may be difficult due to availability of the facilities and priests.)

- 16. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Sun Prairie
Next Convention: Columbia North
Province Meeting is July 14th and will be attended by Rosa Ropers and Sue Koch.

- 17. Closing Prayer by Mary Stasek

- 18. Meeting was adjourned by Rosa Ropers at 3:08 p.m.

