

MDCCW Board meeting, Tues, June 7, 2016 at All Saints Parish, Berlin, WI

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 by Rosa Ropers, President

An attendance sheet was passed around.

The meeting began with a Prayer for the Year of Mercy, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, NCCW Mission Statement and the Pledge of Allegiance.

6: Adoption of Agenda (pg. 10-11 in booklet): added 11B (bylaws) to Other Business and 11C (shopping w/ NCCW materials). Agenda stands as corrected.

7: Minutes: 2015 Convention minutes were approved at board meeting. Booklet has Board meeting minutes. (March 2016). Future booklets should include the CONVENTION Board minutes. Minutes will stand / approved as written.

8. Board Member Reports:

A: Linda Ripp is acting Secretary in place of Alice Paul. Rosa read a letter from Karen Gramman/Website.

Rosa welcomed Lucille Brandner/ Province Director

B: Treasurer's report was presented by Kathy Loy (acting Treasurer). Question about bills: programs—Minutemen Press, Province dues (check \$1066 is for last years' Province dues, so we will need to pay them again this year. Motion to approve by Sandy Hull & Mary Stasek. All in favor.

C: Spiritual Advisor's Report (Msgr. Moellenberndt): As he was driving here, he used his cruise control & GPS, but it kept recalculating, so he ended up going to trusted road map. Compared NCCW to map. NCCW is tried and true. It is faithful to the message of Jesus from 2000 years ago. The Church isn't perfect, but NCCW stays on a steady course. Msgr explained to his new Deacon that CCW is committed to the teaching of Jesus. Kathy Loy presented an appreciation card to Msgr.

D: President's Report (Rosa Ropers): NCCW Convention. a): Rosa asked if we wanted to put an ad in the NCCW convention program (cost is \$60). Sue Koch & Mary Stasek made motion to pay for an ad. All in favor.

b) Silent auction contribution/ Coreen Marklein will be in charge. Since we are taking a bus, we could take a large basket (can't do if flying). Motion by Carol Brennan & Bernadette Schaefer to spend up to \$75 for items. All in favor. Parishes and Vicariates can also contribute items to basket.

c) Convention expenses: Bylaws say that Presidents receive fully paid NCCW convention registration fees and any Commission chairs are limited to any additional funds available. Estimate convention fees will be about \$1000 (registration--\$320, Province dinner--\$65, Convention dinner--\$78, fundraiser--\$30, room--\$200). We voted to use \$3000 to fund NCCW convention—(\$2000 for co-Presidents & \$1000 for commission chairs). Only other bills we have outstanding are \$500 for Fr Lorin Bowens memorial at Olbrich Botanical Gardens and Works for Peace transfer funds, so we should be able to afford \$3000. New Spirituality Commission Chair is Mona Matijevich

d) Convention theme: "Catholic Women—Instruments of Mercy"

e) Bus: (Lucille Brandner) Cost is \$110

9: Standing Committee Reports:

MDCCW theme (Sue Koch): "Rise, Let us be on our Way!"

A) Membership (Sue Koch): Sue & Ellen have ½ sheets for visiting vendors, etc and they will have a drawing.

B) Nominating Committee (Sandy Hull): Presented slate of Officers: Linda Ripp/Secretary; Kathy Loy/Treasurer; no vice-Presidents at this time. Our daughters and sisters are watching us. Show them we believe in this organization.

C) Ways & Means (Lynn Geitz): updated Class B raffle license rules, maybe we can sell raffle baskets early (Kathy looked up rules on internet—we can take money in advance, but can't get tickets until day of raffle).

D) Public Relations: 1) website: Karen Gramman will not be attending. There is a link to NCCW (mdccw.com; nccw.org)

2) Newsletter/Catholic Herald: Jane will attend on Wed. 3) Audit books: Books were audited by Barbara Agassi. They are in balance. Checks (#1055, 1084) are outstanding, haven't been cashed in 6 months. We changed banks/accounts so would have to reissue.

E: 2016 MDCCW updates (Ellen, Mona): everything set. 1) Liturgy: Collection will be for Hosea's Heart, but they won't speak until after Liturgy so give generously. MDCCW Board Officers will march into Church along with Vicariate Presidents. Commission chairs will also do Petitions. 2) Banquet: programs have table hostess names highlighted for table seating. 3) Installation of Officers will take place at end of Mass.

F: Revamping annual Convention: We had a meeting at St John's/Waunakee in April. We would prefer a 1-day convention. (This convention has about 130 attending on Wed). The next convention will be hosted by Jefferson (Doreen Shuda). Maybe with help from Rock/Green (Janesville, Fort Atkinson). Bylaws state have quarterly meetings. Just Board members would meet about 2 weeks before MDCCW convention (instead of day before). We would try to keep 1-day convention as central as possible (largest city/parish, closest location to Madison). Lucille Brander mentioned that eliminating the evening banquet might have a larger 1-day attendance. Msgr. Moellenberndt mentioned to be sure to check with parishes with schools to make sure no conflicts. Check with other Dioceses so don't conflict with their conventions. Superior is also in June. Green Bay & Milwaukee are usually Saturdays in April so fewer weddings. Maybe Dioceses could share costs of National Speaker if conventions are held close to each other. If we decide to hold a Saturday convention, Priests may not be able to say a special Mass—weddings, Sunday liturgy), but we might be able to get more working women who wouldn't have to take a day off work. Are we **actively** inviting our priests to Convention and our Vicariate meetings?

G: Priest Ordination (Coreen Marklein & Karen Villwock, chairs): Friday, June 24, 2016. There is only 1 ordination this year (6 last year). They have been in contact with Lorie Ballweg/Diocese. The dinner will be at the school, so we don't have anything to do with that. We received some checks from Parishes, KC's to help with costs, but we need actual workers to help set up & serve. This year, they will only have 2 beverage stations (instead of 3 last year). They are expecting about 400 people to attend. There will be separate cheese & sausage trays, crackers, bars & cookies (NO NUTS). Anyone helping should be there about 5:30-6:00, St Maria Goretti/ Flad Dr, west side of Madison. You can drop off food early or maybe send with Parish priests if they are attending. Coreen bought paper products from Sam's Club, so will need to reimburse).

H: Memorial for Fr Bowens (Coreen Marklein): MDCCW is donating \$500. Can get a plaque for that amount and then we can attend memorial reception. Bench is \$3000. We also received \$375 from parishes and \$250 Spiritual advisor fee= about \$1000, so can maybe get something more expensive than plaque, or maybe use some for something at cemetery—Loretto.

10: Vicariate Reports:

Columbia North: (hosting 2016 MDCCW convention)

Grant: New Vicariate President, Jan was in attendance. Bernadette S, met a younger woman from Minnesota to come & speak to younger women. Played a "Name the Saint" game. They had a day "convention" in Cassville and an evening "gathering" in Lancaster.

Jefferson: no President

Sauk (Lynn Geitz): Sauk in good hands, Coreen Marklein is President again.

West Dane (Linda R): No President, but do have a President-elect (Rosa Ropers)

11: Other Business:

A) Venue for 2017 MDCCW convention: (Doreen Shuda), maybe get help from Rock/Green. Will get ideas from National Convention. (There will be a National Convention meeting of attendees after Banquet)

New Presidents will need new Directory info. The MDCCW Board meeting will be Saturday, July 23, 2016 in central location (either Sun Prairie or Oregon?)

B) Bylaw changes: Compensation for convention: currently says: Commission chairs would get paid if funds allow. Would like to change to add Board Members / Officers to be eligible for funds (maybe alternate years), would be incentive to be a board member? Discussion: Doreen & Sandy: add Board Members "from funds available". We need to set up a bylaw committee. We will need further discussion.

C: NCCW materials: several women attended the Lacrosse Diocese convention. They have a table that sells NCCW materials (policies & procedures, note cards, pins, aprons, NCCW prayer books). Discussion: Who would pay for it?

Where would it be stored? Coreen said maybe we could use \$500 from convention proceeds to buy materials at National Convention. Maybe we should also sell more MDCCW items—thank you cards (Sue & Ellen had some made). MDCCW bought pens (Bernadette Schaefer—ordered 500 pens @90 cents/per pen. Ellen’s son designed thank you cards, maybe design 5 items—cups, canvas bags, etc). Committee to decide (Coreen M, Sue K, Lynn G). Lucille Brandner has lists of most popular items. NCCW has a new logo which will be featured in next Catholic Woman Magazine. Bid for 2020 NCCW Convention (**100th anniversary**) is between Minneapolis (one of original founders was from Minnesota) & Milwaukee. (nice & close)

12: Prayer & adjourn: NCCW votes on an “Our Lady of Good Counsel” award every year.

13: Province Director (Lucille Brandner): Province fundraiser was a cookbook in 2003. Now updating. Send recipe submissions by July 18 deadline. Updates will be \$8, cookbooks will be \$25. NCCW has added new programs: Human Trafficking, Immigration. They are trying to find ways to get younger people. Maybe try to get right from college. Maybe offer individual memberships to girls in HS, college. Try to include \$100 annual donations to NCCW to help them keep solvent.

Sr. Jude: mentioned there will be a Rosary at 5:00 in Church. Raffles begin at 6:00 Tues evening and 7:30 am Wed morning.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ripp, Secretary (for Alice Paul)