

## MDCCW Board Meeting, July 23, 2016 Sacred Hearts, Sun Prairie

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.
2. The opening prayer/ reflection was led by Spirituality Chair, Mona Matijevich. What does our theme mean? -- "Rise, let us be on our Way". We want growth in our Catholic Women's groups. Move in direction the Spirit is moving us, listen to your heart and your mind.
- 3, 4. The Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel & the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
5. The Agenda was reviewed & approved.
6. Secretary's Report: Linda Ripp sent a sign-in sheet around. Introductions were done. The Secretary's report was approved as printed.
7. Correspondence: Thank you for Msgr. Duane for 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Priesthood gift. Thank you from Rosa to Sue Koch for hosting dinner & tour. Ellen read a thank you from Hosea's Heart for donation from Convention collection.
8. Finance Report/Kathy Loy: Budget is completely finished yet. MDCCW dues will go out in October. They are \$50 for Parishes & Vicariates.
9. Spiritual Advisor Report/Msgr. Duane. Thanked new officers. Said sometimes there is confusion about Mass at Vicariate meetings. Make sure Pastor knows all details about time & location. The Pastor presides and the Spiritual Advisor does the Homily. Vicariate Presidents should contact individual priests for meeting—don't assume the Parish CCW President did it. He doesn't know if the Bishop will add a 2<sup>nd</sup> Spiritual Advisor. He mentioned that Sacred Hearts has an outdoor Stations of the Cross which we are welcome to use.
- 10: MDCCW Co-Presidents Report: (yellow sheet). Past Province Director, Jean Kelly is now NCCW Secretary. NCCW Convention is in Indianapolis, IN, Sept 7-10, 2016. Several from the Diocese are going. NCCW wants to reach younger women. (Mona mentioned, "People are waiting to be asked".) NCCW Leadership commission is also planning a power point describing "What the Council of Catholic Women is about". Million Works of Mercy.  
Mona asked if Parishes and Vicariates also do annual budget—some do and some don't. They discussed a memorial fund for Sr Jude—maybe more of a scholarship type memorial for a HS student. Sr Jude would say "Pray until something happens". Sue K & Carol B will look into a way to provide a living memorial.. Rosa asked about what happens if others die. Fr Larry & Dorothy Lepeska served much longer. Sr Jude was only on MDCCW Board for 2 years. Coreen sent NCCW (\$20 each) for Masses for Sr Jude & Fr Bowens. We will send a note to Sr Jude's family letting them know about Mass. Any Mass stipends should be sent directly to Parish Church and then include a note in sympathy card, else family may not use it for Masses. Keep on recruiting new members. Check out NCCW.org & MDCCW.com  
"Rise, Let us be on our Way"... to lead, to recruit, to take someone by the hand & look in their eyes and tell them that you will be there for them. Social Media can't do that!

11. Commission Reports: A) We don't have a Service Commission chair yet. 1) Membership—Sue, Ellen & Carol went to Rio in April. Vicariates are struggling—West Dane, numbers are low; Watertown/Jefferson no President. (Any paid member can go to NCCW website and see list of paid parishes—there are some errors). NCCW dues are \$60/individual; \$100/parish; and \$650/Diocesan. 1b) Barb Seamandel passed out a handout  
B) Spirituality: Mona

1) Legislation/Coreen: needs updated Directories. One more Planned Parenthood closed.

C) Leadership/Rosa Ropers: Download booklet from NCCW. It goes with NCCW Power Point. We are all individual "membership" chairs. NCCW gives a list of how long each board member needs to keep materials. NCCW is trying to get younger women involved. She also talked about the NCCW Convention Resolutions: Immigration, Human Trafficking, Children in Abusive situations. She talked about 5 ways to be a better listener: stop talking, look at speaker, pay attention, reflect on what you hear, take action.

12. Standing Committees: A) Public relations: a) Karen Gramann needs names of new officers. She is updating website. b) Jane Grinde newsletter deadline—

B) Ways & Means: need a chair now that Lynn Geitz is co-President elect. Alice Paul would co-chair. The MDCCW treasurer will take care of renewing the license. The proceeds can't be used for operating expenses, but must be used for charitable causes in the State of Wisconsin. MDCCW is not a 501-C company. In a 501-C company all money that comes in has to go back out within the year. Raffle tickets can only have 1 name on— (not a parish or multiple names.) MDCCW Convention raffle proceeds—Raffle A profit sold 2389 tickets; Raffle B license sold 1181 tickets for a total of \$3570.05

13. Vicariate Reports:

A) Columbia North/Mona Matijevich: meeting is Oct 20 with Mass at 12:00.

B) East Dane

C) Grant/ Jan Block

D) Jefferson/Barb Seamandel: daytime, Thursday, Oct 13 in Palmyra

E) Lafayette

F) Rock/Green

G) Sauk/Coreen Marklein

H) West Dane/Linda Ripp—might not have a fall meeting (MDCCW bylaws say we need 4 Executive meetings per year, but doesn't say anything about Vicariates needing to have 2 Vicariate meetings per year.

I) Madison

Since the Year of Mercy is ending in Nov, have Mass at Board meeting in memory of Sr Jude.

Skipped ahead to 14G: MDCCW items for Sale/Marketing: Discussion--What would people buy? T-shirts with small logo on back; pins similar to NCCW's; tote bags; pens; note cards; NO bumper stickers. Rosa mentioned that meat raffles are illegal. Committee will be set up to discuss fund raising/bylaws (Coreen, Ellen, Lynn, Mona, Rosa)

Mona had shirts from Charismatic Club (wear at NCCW convention?)

14C: Province Director/ 2017-2019: Carol Brennan will be new Province Director.

14F: Fr Larry Bowens Memorial: \$1250 has been raised so far. Lynn Geitz said a 7" plaque on a trellis at Olbrich Gardens would cost \$500 for 3 years and \$1000 for 5 years. A little bench at the cemetery would be about \$750.

14J: MDCCW 2017 Convention: Alice Paul/Jefferson Vicariate will host. Jefferson/Doreen Shuda & Rock Green/Meg Collins have been in contact about co-hosting. At the 2015 Convention Planning meeting at St John's in Waunakee, it was decided to have a 1-day convention. Vicariate is responsible for taking care of food, facility and registration. Their first choice for location is Edgerton but there might be I-90 construction; 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is Watertown and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice is Fort Atkinson. The last time Rock/Green hosted, it was held in Johnson Creek and so needed to account for cost of facility. The MDCCW Board is responsible for the theme, keynote speaker (but Speaker is paid for by Vicariate), shareshops, and inviting Priests. Speakers need Diocesan approval (need to do about 6 months in advance)

**Break for Lunch: 12:15-1:00 pm.**

14A: Convention Recap: The Parishes in Columbia North Vicariate worked well together. Kim Holiday helped keep expenses low. Worked with the local grocery store to cater lunch.

14B: Ordination: Only one priest is being ordained this year. Last year there was too much food. We don't need so many bars. Joan Pregler brought 2 fruit trays and they went well. Please don't open things without consulting chairperson. Last year, items couldn't be returned (ex: juice) because they were opened. Lorie Ballweg from the Diocese will continue to do the table centerpieces. Left over paper products can be used next year. There was only one drink station. Table runner people make sure tables are kept full/ consolidate trays. MDCCW received \$685 in donations from parishes & KC's. \$240 is left over which will be added to next years' fund. There will be 4 Ordinations in 2017. Maybe MDCCW could give newly ordained priests a stole.

14C: Province Director: Every 5 years, it is Madison's' turn to provide Province Director. It must be a past Diocesan President. Carol Brennan will be Province Director in 2017-2019.

14D: Bylaws: Change wording of "Payments for Convention Reimbursement..." "if money is sufficient, commissions chairs can be included alternating with Board members (Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary)". Change to "If funds are available, Commission Chairs and/or Board Members may be reimbursed to attend NCCW Conventions. National Conventions used to be held in NCCW election years and a NCCW General Assembly in alternate years. Bylaw changes need to be emailed out 30 days before vote. We will vote on bylaw change at next years' MDCCW Convention.

14E: NCCW materials: We were considering bringing back NCCW merchandise from Convention in Sept. We decided not to bring anything back. There is now free shipping, so can order directly.

14H: pens cost \$370 for 500 pens. Sell for \$1 each.

14I: NCCW Convention: Coreen will make pin label ribbons. Just the Province Directors need to provide a purse for the Purse Auction. Mona Matijevich & Kathy Loy made a motion to give Lucille Brandner/Province Director, \$25 for the purse and \$25 cash to include in the purse. All were in favor. An anonymous \$1000 gift was donated to MDCCW. 12 Diocesan women are going to Convention. Mona Matijevich & Barb Seamandel made a motion to split the money between all going. Unanimous vote in favor.

**New Business:**

15A: Vicariate Banners: Currently, we don't have any banners for MDCCW. Sue got some burlap material for only \$12 for all. She would like each Vicariate to make a banner that could be displayed at Conventions.

15B: Charity: Nicaragua is our Wisconsin Partner Country. Maybe we could donate to them. Raffle proceeds must stay in-state

15C: clarification of linked vs merged Parishes: In merged parishes, combined parishes have 1 collective name and all finances are combined. In linked parishes, finances stay with individual parishes and there is 1 priest for all the linked parishes. What about the CCW's—are they joined? Right now, it is parishes' choice—some are joined, some remain separate.

16: Closing Prayer/ Mona M: Today's reading was the seed, falling on good ground/ bad ground. We asked God to change our flaws, get rid of the "weeds" in our lives. God knows what to leave, God sees the good in us.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05

The next Board meeting will be on Nov 15, 2016 at Sacred Hearts in Sun Prairie. It will include a Memorial Mass for all deceased women in our Parishes.

Minutes submitted by Linda Ripp/MDCCW secretary