

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 21, 2014**  
**Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 626 West Pine Street, Baraboo, WI 53913**  
**Finding Grace Through Faith, Trust, and Patience**

1. Call To Order & Welcome - President Coreen Marklein convened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Her verbal tour of the meeting space included the Class A Raffle (quilt plus other prizes, drawing at 3 p.m., need not be present to win), the Class B raffle (Basket Bonanza, drawing at end of day, must be present to win), the vendors and Commission displays, historical items for MDCCW's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary , and the NCCW We Are One Campaign.
2. Welcome - Lynn Geitz, President of Sauk Vicariate - Lynn challenged participants to become active in their home parishes through faith, trust, and patience. She noted that lunch tickets were in the back of name badges and asked all to complete and submit the yellow evaluation form and return badges to the registration table at the end of day.
3. Opening Prayers - Fr. Bowens and Lucy Kippley -Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America - Recited by all
5. Introduction of Guests - Jean Kelly, Milwaukee Province Director; Bev Subel, Milwaukee President, Yvonne Glonchak, Superior President; Diane Andraska, LaCrosse and NCCW Nominating Committee; Monica Matijevich, Milwaukee Province Parliamentarian; and Rita Endres, Angela Gorenc, and Margie Blau of the Madison Catholic Women's Club, which recently celebrated 100 years.
6. Agenda Review and Approval - Constitution and Bylaws was added to Item15f. Any Other New Business, and items were renumbered consecutively from Item 10-18.
7. Secretary's Report - Carol Rogers
  - a. Roll Call - Seven vicariates were represented along with guests, 129 registrations, including vendors (74 Tuesday and 111 Wednesday).
  - b. Minutes - June 19, 2013 (see program p. 15) - filed as printed
8. Correspondence (not requiring action) - Coreen indicated she received a phone call from Rita Macewicz congratulating MDCCW on the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.
9. Finance Report - Treasurer, Barbara Agasie - Approximately \$12,000 were collected as custodial funds this year. The report was filed for audit.
  - a. Reminder: Works of Peace and other MDCCW service projects - Parishes should send donations to the vicariate treasurer (checks made out to the Vicariate). The vicariate treasurer then sends donations to the MDCCW Treasurer (check made out to MDCCW). Do not send funds directly to the funded agency.
  - b. Dues Reminder - Individuals, etc. - Dues reminders will be sent by e-mail, if possible; paper notices will be sent as needed. Dues payment should be submitted by the end of Dec.
10. Co-Spiritual Advisors' Reports - Coreen Marklein thanked Fr. Bowens and Msgr. Moellenberndt for faithful attendance at convention, vicariate, and province meetings and presented each with a gift. She congratulated Fr. Bowens on his 40 years as a priest.
  - a. Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt asked all to consider if one would wake up today with only the things one had thanked God for yesterday. Keeping this in mind would train all to have a more thankful heart, leading to joy in all aspects of life. MDCCW has been a gift to church and diocese for 60 yrs. and a witness to gospel values that enrich lives of women, offer gifts to the poor, and improve the lives of those in need. Thanks to leadership past and present. To stay

strong, all must offer time and talent to MDCCW to be stewards of the glory of God to others. God's blessings are in store for those who say "Yes."

- b. Rev. Lorin Bowens - Reserved his comments for the homily at Mass.
11. President's Report - Coreen Marklein - (see program p. 27-28) - After visiting vicariate meetings in spring and fall, clearly attendance is increasing.
12. Commission Reports
- a. Spirituality - Lucy Kippley (page 34 in program)
    - Legislation - (no report)
  - b. Leadership - Carol Brennan (see program page 31)
    - Membership - Linda Rosiejka (see program p. 35)
  - c. Service - Sandra Hull (see program pp. 32-33)
    - Rural Life - Barbara Seamandel (see program p. 36)
13. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Historian - Kathy Loy - Take a look at the history scrapbooks on the display table.
  - b. Ways & Means Committee - Mary Stasek - Tickets for the raffles are on sale through the day.
  - c. Public Relations/Web Site - Karen Gramann - Coreen Marklein offered thanks for Karen's work with the Web site and for all who supply information to her.
  - d. Newsletter - Dorothy Lepeska/Jane Grinde - Coreen Marklein thanked Dorothy and Jane for their time, effort, and talent in creating the Newsletter and submitting stories and pictures to *The Catholic Herald*.  
MDCCW Next Newsletter - Articles are due on Oct. 15 to Jane and Dorothy.
  - d. Parliamentary Advisor/Auditing Committee - Chair Karen Villwock (no report)
14. Vicariate Presidents' Reports
- a. Columbia North Vicariate (see program p. 37)
  - b. East Dane Vicariate - inactive
  - c. Grant Vicariate - (see program p. 37a)
  - d. Jefferson Vicariate (see program p. 38) - Barb Seamandel thanked the women for adjusting to new boundaries; vicariate members are working hard for parishes and priests.
  - f. Madison Vicariate
  - g. Rock-Green Vicariate
  - h. Sauk Vicariate (see program p. 39) - Lynn Geitz noted that she is honored to be working for all MDCCW members at this Convention and encouraged everyone to go make a difference.
  - i. West Dane Vicariate (see program p. 40)
15. Unfinished Business - None
16. New Business
- a. Nominating Committee Report - Carol Rogers, Barb McPherson, Lucy Kippley, and Maureen Pickel - Carol Rogers introduced the slate of candidates.
 

President-Elect	Kitty Mumm	Grant Vicariate	St. Clement, Lancaster
Secretary	Alice Paul	Rock-Green Vic.	St. Mary, Milton
Treasurer	Ellen Martin	Columbia N Vic.	Good Shepherd, Westfield

- b. Credentials Report - Each Board Member receives one vote; each affiliate (parish and vicariate) receives two votes; and each individual member receives one vote.
- c. Election of Officers
  - 1) Nominations: President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer - Coreen Marklein called for nominations from the floor. None were offered.
  - 2) Eligibility to Vote - Carol Rogers moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates as named on the slate of officers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- d. 2014 MDCCW Convention Update - Announcements - Members were reminded that Mass would be offered at St. Joseph's Church, immediately following Fr. Don Everts' Keynote Address. City maps were made available.
- e. NCCW Update - Coreen Marklein
  - 1) Membership - NCCW individual membership dues were reduced to \$60 (formerly \$75), making it more affordable to be a member and receive *Catholic Woman* magazine and experience other membership benefits.
  - 2) NCCW Convention - Sept. 25-28 at Amway Grand, Grand Rapids, MI. The 2015 convention will be in Orlando. This year the registration fee is \$120 less, the province dinner is \$55, and accommodations are \$149/night for a double room. More rooms have been released to NCCW for the convention, reserve as soon as possible.
  - 3) Membership Services - Advocacy Calls, NCCW E-Connect, E-mails - Communication with NCCW is now real time with really helpful information.
- f. Ordination Reception - June 27, 2014, 7:30 p.m., St. Maria Goretti - Carol Brennan, Event Chair -
  - 1) Two priests will be ordained - Rev. Mr. Scott Jablonski and Rev. Mr. James Leaser - MDCCW will present congratulations and a gift of \$50.
  - 2) MDCCW reception: Request from Lorie Ballweg, Diocesan Office, to have "NO NUTS" as a request from a family member of one of the two deacons being ordained. Please donate bars, cookies, cheese, sausage, or cash and volunteer to work. A sign-up sheet asks for a commitment of 6 doz. bars/cookies at a time--get friends to help. This is a late night; the reception begins around 9:45 and work finishes just past midnight. Two cards for the ordinees are on the table, please sign them today.
- g. MDCCW Donations - We Are One campaign - Please donate \$1 for yourself or to honor someone who has inspired you as a Catholic Women.
- h. Education Opportunities - Remember Catholic schools in prayer - finances, bullying, other issues. Be mindful of what is on the local school's wish lists (educational technology, Bibles, etc.) when planning fundraisers.
- i. Any Other New Business?
  - 1) Constitution and Bylaws Revision - Carol Rogers - Finding officers for CCW is getting more difficult at all levels. Women might be more inclined to consider such leadership opportunities if they had a partner to assist with the tasks of the office. To this end a revision is proposed to the language of the MDCCW Constitution and Bylaws. The change would add the option of having Co-Presidents and Co-Presidents-Elect. This revision would allow a single candidate to run for office or a pair of candidates to run for office together. Wording in the Constitution and Bylaws would be changed to the following (**bold** indicates the new words proposed to be added after existing words):
 

President/**Co-Presidents**, President-Elect/**Co-Presidents Elect**

 A motion to accept the proposed language revision was made by Carol Rogers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- 2) Stamps - JoAnn Russell noted that she has an address for a group of nuns who will take stamps of any kind if they are cut with ¼ inch borders. These nuns will also take the faces of greeting cards to use for other projects.
  - 3) Alice Krystofiak Award--Brianna Fanta from Holy Family, LaValle, received the award of a Madonna statue presented to the youngest first time attendee at the convention.
17. Next meeting - TBD - West Dane hosts the 2015 Convention, no dates yet.
  18. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Rosa Ropers--in her first duty as MDCCW President introduced, Rev. Don Everts, pastor of four parishes in the Diocese of Green Bay, St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Patrick and, Annunciation. He is also Spiritual Advisor for the Green Bay Diocesan CCW. He addressed the fact that women lead busy lives, balancing responsibilities, yet need to be intentional disciples. He is an advocate for women to raise their voices together to increase the voice of women in the church and in the world. He provided practical applications to reclaim the voice of Catholic women.

- After the convention was adjourned, nine individuals (Coreen Marklein included) went to Camp Gray and had a tour of the facilities with Chris"Topher" Aderhold, Associate Camp Director and Convention speaker, as tour guide.
- Rosa Ropers spoke briefly about her goals for the next two years.