

## **MDCCW Board Meeting Minutes, June 24, 2017, Sacred Hearts/Sun Prairie**

Meeting called to order at 9:00. Prayer by Mary Stasek, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pledge

**Agenda changes:** 1) move Convention recap right away so Doreen can leave for a funeral. 2) Add standing rules to 15D Other New Business. Motion to change agenda by Coreen & seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Jefferson Vicariate Report/Dorene:** All parishes helped with convention. They are giving back ½ of Parish seed money. Should be able to give MDCCW about \$1000. They will have a Jefferson Vicariate meeting on Oct 19, 2017. Dorene introduced Judy Lyons as new Jefferson Vicariate President. Judy moved from Superior to Fort Atkinson. The MDCCW Board had decided to have a 1-day convention and that had very favorable comments. Dorene commented that Conventions are spiritually focused and would like to see them held in a Church. Keynote speaker, selected by MDCCW Board (Mona Matejivich) was an excellent choice. Dorene shared a summation of the Convention evaluations and handed out a recap sheet of Convention. Recommendations: The \$25 first-timer registration fee was a plus (54 first-timers). Keep on time so don't have to cut share-shops, etc. Mail time table to Vicariate Presidents so they can let Priests know time for Mass, etc. Michelle, St Joseph's Parish host & first-timer ended up being short-handed, but did a good job.

St Joseph's Parish Priest took over 200 pictures which he allowed to be posted on Facebook. Jan Block mentioned to be sure to introduce Priests. There wasn't any time or agenda listed on registration form. Maybe include a poster or flyer, too. Msgr. Moellenberndt reminded us to send the Priests in the Host Vicariate an invitation so at least they know about the meeting. Judy Lyons was in the audience and loved every minute of the Convention & she was inspired to step up to fill the vacant Vicariate President position.

Ellen & Sue remarked that first convention is harder. Next year should be easier.

**Introductions** of everyone present:

**Changes to May 6 Board minutes:** Msgr. *may be able to attend* Saturday meetings if assistant can hear Confessions and no other conflicts. Changes to June 14 minutes: changed wording of #5 Adoption of Agenda and spelling for Catherine Barry.

**Correspondence:** Thank you from Msgr. Moellenberndt. He has been Spiritual Advisor since 1993.

**Finance Report:/Kathy Loy:** Convention speaker is paid for by host Vicariate out of registration fees. Things to consider for future Conventions: Many parishes charge a facility fee to help pay for janitor, electricity, etc. Msgr. mentioned that we should at least pay a \$50 token fee to Host parish. They can always return it. Judy Lyons suggested what to look for in getting speakers. Speaker fees can be expensive, watch for hidden expenses--(some charge for transportation, hotel, etc. + speaker fee). Msgr. thought the Convention was marvelous.

**Meeting dates:** Msgr. would not want an MDCCW meeting on Sundays (Family Day). This meeting (Sat, June 24) had low attendance but could be due to short notice. It was originally scheduled for July. He also mentioned not to expect an immediate response from emails. People are busy and might not get back right away. At least respond back that you got the email.

**President's Report/Ellen:** They are still looking for a Service Commission Chair to replace Barb Seamandel who resigned because of family commitments. It would be a 1-year term. Think about it.

**Fall Vicariate Meetings:**

**Columbia North:** will probably have one in Oct on a Tues or Thurs afternoon.

**West Dane:** maybe on a Wed evening with Religious Ed program-- be on Human Trafficking topic.

**Grant:** maybe more of a social event for Fall.

**Sauk:** It will be a social event at a member's farm.

**Rock/Green:** Alice Paul will talk to Edgerton. They lost the 2 biggest cities—Beloit & Janesville. They have more social emphasis, Catholic Women's Club. They will do some things in conjunction with MDCCW. Alice will give a contact name to Parish presidents.

**Madison:** Barb Unger is a CCW representative.

The MDCCW Presidents (Sue & Ellen) are willing to meet with CCW Presidents to have a brainstorming session to keep Vicariates active. In inactive CCW Parishes, try to talk to a group of women to try to get them active and get a foot in the door.

### **Commission Reports:**

**Spiritual Commission:** Mary Stasek had a handout.

**Website:** Karen Gramman updated the website the night before the MDCCW Convention. Karen would like updated bylaws with the new standing rules. She would also like the reports that were in the Convention booklet. Karen is now able to add photos to the website.

Ellen sent a current Works of Peace form & a new Calendar of Events to Karen about a week ago.

Parishes, please send Vicariate meeting dates & Parish info and events to Karen for the website.

**Catholic Herald:** Jane Grinde will have an article on the Convention in an upcoming Catholic Herald.

**Ways & Means:** (Coreen & Rosa). They would like to thank the lady who sat at the raffle ticket table for the whole day (maybe it was Nancy Smith/ St Bernard's from Watertown).

Grant is scheduled to host the MDCCW Convention next year.

**Raffle license:** the raffle proceeds can't be used to pay for hotels, travel expenses or mileage.

Suggested that we stay with the silent auction because there aren't any restrictions on how to spend the money. Alice Paul would do the silent auction next year, but would like a co-chair for Ways and Means. She thinks 1:45 pm is a good stopping time, so can have info on winners by end of day.

**Treasurer** will just get the Class A Raffle license.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Ordination:** There will be 3 seminarians this year. So far, \$440 has come in from donations. Last year's expenses were over \$500 and we didn't buy bars, so will probably be higher this year. Karen & Coreen are doing the shopping. Only Karen & Coreen are allowed to open packages so we can return unopened items. Any unused cash donations are retained for future years ordination. MDCCW gives a \$50 gift to each newly ordained priest. Coreen sets up an MDCCW information table.

Marian Day of Renewal: Madison Women's Club is in charge of location, speaker, etc. this year. It will be on Monday, Oct 16, 2017 at St Francis in Cross Plains. Elizabeth Kelly will be the speaker (book: "50 reasons I'm Glad I'm Catholic"). The theme is "*Renew, Refresh, Reboot*". (Ellen & Sue are meeting with the Madison Women's Club this afternoon).

### **NCCW Convention:**

This year's NCCW Convention will be in Dallas, TX Sept 6-9, 2017.

The 2018 NCCW Convention will be held in Pittsburgh.

2019 in Colorado

And 2020 most likely in Minnesota (Milwaukee had also applied, but doesn't have a convention center that would be close enough to hotels).

**Province Director Elect:** Carol Brennan/Madison Diocese, will take over as the new Province Director at the NCCW Convention which will be held in September. MDCCW puts aside \$100 in a savings account each year for the Province Director. There is nothing currently written in the standing rules about Province dues. The Province Director positions

rotates among the 5 Dioceses in Wisconsin every 10 years –each term is for 2 years. The Diocese is expected to pay ½ of airfare, ½ registration fee, ½ corsage. The Province pays the other ½.

**Other items for Budget:**

We usually give a yearly monetary thank you to the Spiritual Adviser and \$50 to each newly ordained priest.

**Savings Account:**

We have \$1225 in the Province Director account and \$1501.99 for memorial for Fr Larry Bowens. Reimbursements will only be made for actual receipts.

Marian Day of Renewal: MDCCW will need to donate \$300 start-up fee to Madison Women’s Club for the Marian Day of Renewal.

**Historian:** Kathy Loy is resigning as Historian after 5 years. She needs to devote time to being the MDCCW Treasurer and Grant will be hosting the MDCCW Convention in 2018. She suggested MDCCW buy a Catholic Herald subscription to use for the scrapbook. Coreen M and Alice Paul made motion to purchase a Catholic Herald subscription (\$33). Unanimous vote to purchase a subscription.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov 14 at Sacred Hearts Parish (a Memorial Mass for deceased CCW members Nov 2016-Nov 2017).

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm?

Mary Stasek had a closing prayer—Summer Prayer thank you. She has an All Saints prayer for Mass that she will email to Msgr. Moellenberndt.