

## Minutes of the 2015 Annual Convention

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

61st Annual Gathering of Catholic Women DAYS OF CELEBRATION!!  
A Joyful Assembly to Pray, Learn and be Inspired!  
St. Bernard Church 7450 University Avenue Middleton, WI 53562

Theme: "LIGHTING THE WAY"

1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Rosa Ropers convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
  - a. Opening Prayer was given by Mary Stasek, the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Coreen Marklein, Legislative Chair
  - c. Welcome was given by Carol Statz, President of the West Dane Vicariate which included locations of the restrooms in the facilities and an announcement that the Offertory Collection would benefit the Donkey Project.
2. Adoption of the Agenda: Agenda was approved with the suggestion of a One Day Convention being postponed to #15 Other Business.
3. Approval of Minutes from the May 21, 2014 MDCCW Annual Meeting which is found in the program. Minutes were approved as written without additions or corrections.
4. Convention Updates and Announcements by Convention Chair, Linda Ripp: Reminded attendees to fill out the Evaluation Form and return it to the the registration desk. Canned goods can be put into boxes at the entrance and will be distributed to the Middleton and Waunakee food pantries.
  - a. Total Registered attendees: 110
  - b. First time attendees: 11
  - c. Past Presidents in Attendees: 6
  - d. Total Parishes represented: 42
  - e. Individual members registered: 8
  - f. Offertory Donation will go to the Donkey Project

5. Spirituality Chair, Mary Statz, gave a talk about Reconciliation. She distributed three handouts on Reconciliation:

- a. How a Priest feels during Reconciliation
- b. What you receive in Reconciliation and How you feel
- c. Going to Confession as a Senior Citizen

6. Treasurers Report by Ellen Martin:

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

7. Fundraisers - Raffle and Individual Items - Lynn Geitz - Chair

Two stations to sell tickets Sr. Jude and Lynn's niece, Chelsey Carstedder

Class A Raffle: Quilt, Painting, Sport Tickets, etc. drawing will be at the end of the day.

Class B Raffle: Basket Bonanza Drawing will be at the end of the day.  
(23 Baskets)

8. Spiritual Advisor's Report: Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt reminded us that God is in charge and we may often have to change our plans to adjust to his will. The only thing that is constant is change and as an organization we should embrace change and the unexpected. We need to be open to change, the unexpected and to what God may be asking us to do.

He reminded us of the old saying, "If you want to hear God laugh, tell him your plans."

9. Alice Kristoviak Award was presented by Lucy Kippley to the youngest first time attendee. A madonna was awarded to Chelsey Carstedder, 18 years old, of Holy Family, LaValle. The Madonna was donated by Joan Slate.

10. Report of the President: Rosa Ropers introduced the 2 new Co- Presidents Elect, Ellen Martin and Suzanne Koch who were elected at the Board meeting yesterday, June 16th, and presented them each with a rose.

- a. NCCW Convention Invitation: September 9-12th in Orlando, Florida. Some money is available to help with traveling expenses from MDCCW, your vicariate, and your parish.

b. Mass will be at 11:00 presided by Bishop Moreno. All officers and Commission Chairs are to process in before mass. Karen Villwock will be the reader.

11. The meeting was adjourned by President, Rosa Ropers. at 9:25 a.m.

12. Luncheon announcements:

a. Day of Renewal: Rosa Ropers introduced Carol Brennan who invited attendees to a Day of Renewal which will be held October 12, 2015 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 5001 Sherman Ave., Madison, WI hosted by MDCCW and Madison Catholic Women's Club.

b. Priests' Ordination Reception: Carol Brennan, Coreen Marklein, and Karen Villwock are Co-Chairs. The reception is to be on June 26, 2015. They are in need of volunteers to help serve at the reception, financial contributions, and volunteers to bake bars (6 Dozen) but no nuts. Sign-up sheets are at the Leadership Table.

Respectfully submitted by MDCCW Secretary, Alice Paul