

MDCCW Annual Convention Meeting, Wed, June 8, 2016, All Saints Parish, Berlin, WI

Theme: “Women on Fire for the Lord”

1) Rosa Ropers began the meeting with a Welcome at 9:06

2-5) Carol Brennan read a Bible Verse and everyone recited the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel. We also said the Pledge of Allegiance & read the NCCW Mission Statement.

6) Adoption of the Agenda was approved as written (pg. 12 of booklet)

8) Convention Updates: Ellen Martin gave a list of total registered. (91/Tues; 117/Wed; 6 individual members; Other Dioceses: 2/Superior, 1 Milwaukee) Mona welcomed us to the Convention.

9) Spiritual Advisor: Msgr. Moellenberndt. We have a beautiful day. He told the story of a little boy and St Augustine. The little boy who was taking a bucket of water out of the ocean and filling a small hole he dug. St Augustine told him, he couldn't fit the ocean into the hole. The little boy told him, you can't fit the Mystery of the Trinity in our small brain. God cares about us as individuals, calling us each by name. God wants us to live with him in Eternity. Sometimes we get so busy, we need to step back. It is not about us, we are simply doing the work of God. So it shouldn't be a burden to do his work—Bringing Christ to others. God will give us what we need to spread his message. Don't get in the way of God.

8d) Mona reminded us that Offertory collection is for Hosea's Heart, but we won't hear about them until the afternoon Shreshop.

8e) The Convention fundraisers are: basket raffle—15 tickets for \$10 and large raffle, top prize is \$300. 1 ticket for \$5 and 3 for \$10.

7) Linda Ripp gave a summary of minutes from Tuesday's Board meeting.

Virginia Rauls presented the Alice Krystoviak award to the youngest first time attendee: a Madonna statue to Kim Jennings/ Holy Family Parish (Marshall/Waterloo).

Carol Brennan also presented a certificate to Mary Stasek for attending many conventions and for being the MDCCW Spirituality Commission Chair for over 20 years!

12a) The Nominating Committee (Sandra Hull) Presented slate of Officers: Co-Vice Presidents: Lynn Geitz & Bernadette Schaefer; Treasurer: Kathy Loy; and Secretary: Linda Ripp. Current Vice-Presidents automatically move up to President: Co-Presidents will be Ellen Martin & Sue Koch. Rosa Ropers asked for any other nominations. Carol Rogers made a motion to elect slate of officers. Second by Doreen Shuda. All were in favor.

12b) Ordination: Ordination will take place at St Maria Goretti Parish in Madison. Coreen Marklein & Karen Villwock are chairing. They would like 12-13 people to help make up trays & serve food/beverages, clean-up. Also need donations of food (bars, cheese, sausage) or cash donations. A sign-up sheet is available. NO NUTS.

13a) Convention: There are 11 going to convention. Carol Rogers is a maybe. Bus will cost \$110. Registration, room, dinners, etc will bring total cost to about \$800. Ask your Vicariate & Parishes to help with expenses.

13b) Relevant Radio: Jim DeSchepper thanked us for allowing him to be part of the convention. Relevant radio can offer free advertising for your Parishes. They have stations in Madison, Milwaukee, Wis Rapids and Green Bay, so can reach nearest audience. He will raffle off a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 3:00.

13c) Doreen Shuda/ Jefferson Vicariate would like info on what day of the week would work best for a 1-day convention. We will take a poll at lunch.

No other new Business so meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ripp/ acting Secretary for Alice Paul.

Luncheon notes:

Poll for convention—evenly split between week day & Saturday. Convention committee will determine what works best for them.

Province Director, Lucille Brandner told us a little about NCCW and the convention.

Summary of Speakers:

Ellen Martin introduced the Guest Speaker: Marianne Skrobiak (a retired psychotherapist, with a Masters Degree in Theology & Philosophy): *“Women on Fire for the Lord”*. Follow God’s path (if we try to follow our path, it may lead to dead ends). Pentecost is how we should live our lives every day. What does it mean to be on “Fire for the Lord”? Give God what we have, use our talents. God has given women a special message. We are relationship people. Follow Mary & Jesus’s example. Ask Holy Spirit to keep the fire going. We need to be the “Living God” to people—Jesus touched people. The Holy Spirit is the Living Water. We need to be light in the darkness. Be prepared to have enough oil to keep our lamps lit going into the dark times.

Afternoon Sharesops were:

Service Sharesop: *“Hosea’s Heart”*, Mary-Kate Martin (empowering girls of Swaziland in Africa).

What’s left after the Fire is out? Ruins, Ashes! She has started a home for young women who have been abused. She was told these women were “nothing”, don’t waste time on them. Isaiah 61 says: “God is calling us to renew, rebuild & restore”. God knows each of us by name, he made each of us in his own image. Her mission is more than just bandaids, but a mission of HOPE!

Spirituality Sharesop: *“Seeking a Relationship with God”*, Marianne Skrobiak (riding a tandem bike with God—let God be in charge, get to know him through Bible, prayer). Relationships take work. Make the Sacraments part of your life—Reconciliation, Eucharist.