

MINUTES, February 3, 2024, 9:00 am

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Linda Ripp.

Linda welcomed all members of the board and guests from throughout the Diocese who joined the Board for this meeting. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance following by the opening prayer – the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Council”. Agenda was reviewed and additions made: C. Booties, D. Bylaws and E. NCCW Convention.

Secretary Report: The October 21, 2023, minutes were reviewed and had been e-mailed to members prior to this meeting. The Secretary’s report was reviewed and approved with one correction.

Treasurer Report/Dues: The newly appointed treasurer Patti Spragg was introduced. Patti did not have a formal report but indicated that \$6,000 was transferred to Community First Bank. Patti was waiting for the new book of checks to arrive. The Gaming incense was renewed with the State. Dues were paid - \$650 to the Province and \$100 to NCCW. Dues notices will be mailed out to individual members and parishes who had paid in the past. MDCCWW dues are \$50 for a parish and \$10 for individual members. Patti asked where she could find a copy of the Quick Books used in the past. Kathy Loy indicated that it was Katie Crosby from Lancaster’s CCZ. Patti will reach out to Katie for a copy. She indicated Quick Books has better reporting functionality than Excel. Coreen will work with Patti to put together a revised dues statement to send out. Dues will be sent to individual members and parishes for which we have contacts. If there is no treasurer, the dues notice will be sent to the parish president.

Parish and individual dues were discussed. Teresa Pelton, representative of Belleville CCW, indicated that they were not sure about their parish. Monroe is included in their pastorate. Instead of CCW, Monroe belongs to the Catholic Daughters. Linda Ripp said that St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Jefferson will pay dues for the Jefferson Vicariate, Pastorate #14.

With membership and parish CCW’s in flux, soon the parishes will be part of the Pastorate with a different name. Their parish names will remain individually but the Pastorate will be a canonical and legal entity. Whatever groups you have you should divide and conquer with many competing things. Keep dues, etc. status quo at this time but stress individual membership. There are still ongoing changes with the Pastorates and their structure and how they will impact the current Vicariate structure. Teresa Pelton - \$10 dues individual is less than \$50 dues/parish.

Patty Spragg asked how we get the \$10 individual dues. Teresa Pelton indicated they don’t have women coming to the meetings. Should individual dues be raised to \$15? The \$10 fee has been in place since we adopted the individual membership approximately 10 years ago. Recommendation was to keep membership fee in place at this time but try to obtain more individual members.

MDCCW Convention

The convention will be held June 18 at St. James Parish in Madison. Jane Grinde has been working with the parish contacts. Costs to date: \$250 rental fee; \$10/person lunch; \$5/person breakfast; event insurance; guest speaker Anne Auger. Contract was sent to Linda Ripp for signature. Volunteers needed for several committees: planning, liturgy, registration, publicity, refreshments, decorations, etc.

Jane Grinde suggested that we hold a “Fun”draiser the evening before such as a wine and cheese event. Attendance optional with a minimum \$10 donation with location to be determined. Perhaps at St. Paul’s University Chapel would have facilities to use. Parking could be at St James and then carpool to the church.

Parking also at Helen C White. Maybe a block of hotel rooms at a reduced rate could be made for those coming the evening before. Any possibility holding this event at St. Christopher Parish in Verona?

Planning Committee: Jane Grinde, Rosa Ropers, Teresa Pelton, Sue Barker, Carol Rogers, Sue Koch, Barb Unger and Coreen Marklein.

Theme: To Be Determined but should include the Eucharist. 2024 Called to An Encounter with Jesus; 2025 Believe in the Blessed Broken and Shared Eucharist.

Elections:

Elections to be held in the Spring for open positions of President-Elect and Secretary. In addition, Commissions remain open for: Membership Chair, Service Chair and a Legislative representative. Linda Ripp indicated that we needed to get the word out to the Pastorates. Pastorates would report / be part of the Board.

Vicariates:

West Dane is no longer active. Parishes split up across the diocese. Only active vicariates are Sauk, Grant and Columbia North. Joan Pregler said Pastorage 19 – has 5 churches, only with CCE. Many pastorates have no connections to CCW

Msgr. indicated that nothing publicly has been discussed about the Vicariate Structure and how it will change. It will change but we don't know exactly how. We should settle where we are for now.

Msgr. Duane: parishes part of civilly and canonical. New parishes are formed in every way and move quickly on with new name, etc.

Kathy Roelke combined with Lodi and Dane. Challenge ok to be Vicariate – MDCCW Advantage. Not many will join. Dane. Approximately 50 women members. Their group is only 2 to 3 years old and growing. She mentioned that they sent a photo to NCCW with small article and it was posted online right away. She indicated we should push the \$10 membership to be a voting member of MDCCW.

Linda Ripp said we should take small steps first. Explain what members get for their \$10. A revised brochure will be mailed out with dues' notices.

Msgr. Moellenberndt Updates:

Before the update, Msgr. Duane had a story to tell. He recently got a new car as other car's costly repairs were adding up. It was the first car he owned that had a navigation system. He used the navigation to get to St. Bernard's on Atwood Avenue for Saturday am Mass. He quipped, "IF I CAN TRUST A CAR, I CAN TRUST IN GOD".

- Mass attendance has increased 4% since October 2022. He noted that less than 21% attend Mass.
- Into the Deep – less than 21% attend Mass. Now increases 4% mass Attendance since October 2022.
- Youth activities increased in number. Frassatti Fest is full and closed.
- Next up is Annual Catholic Appeal.
- 3 will be ordained to the Diaconate May 10.
- 2 priests will be ordained to the priesthood on June 7.
- Blessed Sacrament Parish: Run by Dominicans in that parish and not "part of" the diocese. However, the Dominicans will no longer staff the Parish. The parish will revert to the diocese in June 2024. Parish will be part of Into the Deep. What pastorate? Priests?

- Reminder: speakers must be approved by the diocese if they speak on faith and morals. The diocese has a list of available speakers. Those who are currently working in the diocese as a host, sponsor etc. This includes any presentations on doctrine, the liturgy, etc. as well as any brochures on social justice and end of life.
- Responsibilities of President of the Vicariate to obtain approval for requisite permission. If local catechetical, diocesan representatives, etc. of Diocese, permission is not needed.
- Coreen indicated she would work with the diocese for speaker permission for our convention speaker Anne Auger.
- Msgr. has not been notified of any spring meetings to date. Notify Linda Ripp and Msgr. Duane re: dates to avoid conflicts.

President's Report – Linda Ripp – see attachment

Linda Ripp concluded her report by asking members to think and pray about serving on the Diocesan Board. Nominations are being accepted. The next newsletter will be the convention newsletter with bio's of candidates.

- Pray and Serve: Secretary, President-Elect, Service Commission, Membership Commission

Sue Barker: St. Andrew will keep their money. Keep their CCW monies with the group. Msgr. Duane will speak with Msgr. Holmes about fund transfers. Under parish and new pastorate?

Columbia North: Lennie Glover indicated that they have their own tax ID #.

Sauk Vicariate: St. Joseph's CCW has their own CCW checkbook while LaValle is through the parish.

Grant Vicariate: Kathy Loy indicated that Grant has their own checkbook.

Leadership Report - Sue Barker

Anything is possible with prayer. Invite women to your meetings, follow-up with a phone call. Use the personal touch. Activities could include: a Baby Jesus shower; fall/spring bake sales; craft sales; mother/daughter dinners; funeral luncheons; etc.. A great project would be for new members to volunteer for our convention – much help will be needed in all areas – talk it up! Sue indicated that a great theme for this year is education. Tell your members why we were formed – refer to NCCW with questions if needed. The NCCW website can be a great help. Ask other groups what they are doing. Pray always.

Note: In order to access the NCCW website, you need to have a membership (whether parish or individual) to set up an account to access information.

Service Commission Report – open position

Box of Joy: Coreen gave an update on this project. Diocesan Collection point was at St. Martin of Tours former catholic school building in the parking lot with the church. Location worked well. Coreen will not be chairing this project next year but will be helping on the projects. She noted she has supplies to get started. Supplies could be brought to Convention along with Boards and posters, boxes, etc. Linda Ripp indicated she would think about being the chair of the project since her term in office will be over.

Walking with Moms in Need: nothing to report.

Spiritual Commission – No report.

Communications Report: Jane Grinde is a Catholic Herald correspondent and is responsible for publishing articles in the Herald on CCW activities. She also works with Karen Gramann on the newsletter. The last newsletter was published before Christmas. Next newsletter will be the Convention newsletter with bios of candidates. Please send articles to Jane Grinde from the NCCW convention attendees by the end of October. Any articles and events should also be sent to Jane for inclusion in the Catholic Herald.

Vicariate Reports:

Barb Unger – Madison Catholic Women’s Club: Madison Catholic Women’ Club will assist with volunteers for t reception on June 7 – maximum 12 to 15. Barb wanted to know if CCW wanted to partner and help plan a spiritual day for 2023-2024. Consensus was yes – Carol Rogers will work with MCWC on this project. Carol Rogers will check with Judy Lyons to see if she wanted to work with MCWC as well on this project.

Joan Pregler, Pastorate #19: Joan Pregler announced that St. Peter’s Catholic School in Ashton will be closing. School has been in existence for 158 years. It is the center of Ashton and its families. Need effort to make it work. She was belatedly told via grapevine as school situation was not known to parents, etc. Principal is leaving. Pastor kept secret of financial condition of the school. School will be closed at end of school year if principal is not found. Parish families and others raised \$500,000 in two weeks. Pastor can’t accept monies as the monies may come with expectations. Are the funds for 1 year only, ongoing, etc. Priest cannot take monies and ask others to keep school open. Dire situation – please pray for a principal and that school will remain open. It is the center of Ashton and its families.

Future meetings: Linda Ripp not available April 10 to 17 nor April 18.

Bylaws:

Because of the everchanging structure of the Vicariates with the Pastorate structure, Kathy Loy indicated that our bylaws may need a review. Sue Barker, Coreen Marklein and Carol Rogers will meet and review.

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convention activities. Registration begins April 1. So far carol Rogers, Sue Barker, Linda Ripp and Coreen Marklein plan on attending with a maybe from Kathy Loy.

Miscellaneous:

Carol Rogers noted that MDCCW should have name placards for the next meeting so that name can be seen around the room. She made some for the Feb 3 meeting.

NCCW Positions:

Coreen Marklein indicated that has two new NCCW positions. She was asked to serve as co-chair of the Bylaws Committee. This is a two-year term and responsible for reviewing and submitting bylaw changes to the NCCW Board. Bylaws are presented in odd years while resolutions are introduced in even years. This year, however, was an exception as there was an emergency bylaw change made and voted on at convention. Coreen also indicated that her application to the Leadership, Training & Development team was approved, and this position is for a three-year term.

Meeting ended with praying The Hail Mary. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Coreen S Marklein
MDCCW Secretary

Attendance:

- Joan Pregler, St. Peter's Parish, Ashton, CCW president
- Teresa Pelton, St. Francis of Assisi, Belleville
- ZOOM Kathy Roelke, St. John the Baptist, Waunakee
- ZOOM Jane Grinde, Newsletter/Communications, Catholic Herald Correspondent, Pastorate XXII
- ZOOM. Barbara Mehling, Columbia North
- ZOOM Julianne, St. Norbert's, Roxbury
- Lenora Glover (Lenny), President, Columbia North Vicariate, Holy Family Kingston
- Sue Koch, All Saints Parish, Berlin
- Caroline Zentner, St. John's, Princeton
- Sue Barker, St. Christopher Parish, Verona
- Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt, Spiritual Advisor, MDCCW
- Barbara Unger, Madison Catholic Women's Club representative, Pastorate XXI, Queen of Peace Parrish
- Linda Ripp, MDCCW President, St. Martin of Tours Parish, Martinsville
- Carol Rogers, President Elect, MDCCW, Pastorate IV, Queen of All Saints Parish, Fennimore
- Coreen Marklein, Secretary MDCCW, Pastorate VII, St. Joseph's Parish, Baraboo
- Kathy Loy, Grant Vicariate President, Queen of All Saints Parish, Fennimore
- Patty Spragg, Treasurer, St. Joseph's Parish, Baraboo