

## MDCCW Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2025

St Andrew, 301 N Main St, Verona, 9 am

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain."--Psalm 127:1

Building the Body of Christ

### I. CALL TO ORDER: (9:00 am) by President Carol Rogers

A. Opening Prayer was the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel - Judy Lyons was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carol Rogers.
2. Welcome
3. Agenda review and approval (additional items added)

B. Secretary's Report--Marie Fleisner (9:10) - Secretary was not able to attend. Coreen Marklein volunteered to take notes.

1. Roll Call - Members were asked to put a check by their name on roll call roster.
2. Minutes of November 16, 2024 - distributed Friday evening, March 16, via email. One correction noted on page 3 per Sue Koch. The change should be MDCCW - not NCCW. Sue Koch had copies of old MDCCW membership brochure with Joan Slate as treasurer and also NCCW. Linda Ripp noted that she had updated the MDCCW brochures for contacts. Minutes approved for filing with one correction noted. Note that NCCW address has changed if you use an older version of the membership form.

C. Finance Report--Patty Spragg 9:20 - Treasurer was not able to be present.

1. Balance sheet, profit & loss detail - sent electronically Friday evening, March 16. Rosa Ropers asked that the report also show the balance in the checkbook as opposed to the projection budget monies per Quick Books. Carol Rogers noted that expenses of \$1748.26 for NCCW Convention - this amount is approximately \$350 less so these monies will be added back to the treasury. Report will be filed for audit.
2. Budget, 2024-26 - budget meeting pending. Sue Koch had a question on the financials. She noted that the financials show that we are -\$540.88. Any questions need to be asked of Patty Spragg - May 1 through March 30, 2025. Jo Heath says total checking shows balances but we are losing monies this year. A new fundraising will be needed.
3. Ways and Means Committee, Fundraising - Sue Koch: a case of mustard is 6/case. Wisconsin Spice original group are gone. Now they are \$7 /box and we sell for \$18/box. There are about 30 to 40 cases in Sue's trunk. New idea: Suggest at next CCW meetings to buy a case or two or three and then make a donation of the mustard, i.e. senior citizen center, food pantry, Lions Clubs, KC's, etc. have brat fries and go to them to donate mustard. She brought mustard with her today so can distribute them after the meeting (complete donation form and send to Patty Spragg with proceeds. All 5 types are in trunk with last 2 cases of polish mustard. Barb Unger - sell by is June 2025 for some boxes but many are Dec 2025, 2026, etc. Jane Grinde thanked Sue Koch and benefactor for the donations. Sue suggested we could give her recognition and invite her to the 2025 MDCCW convention (Sue will contact daughter to see if daughter would bring her). Sue would also set up display at the MDCCW convention and the end of the mustard sales June 2025.

## II. REPORTS (9:30)

### A. Spiritual Advisor Report--Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt (9:30).

Monsignor Duane indicated that the Diocese continues with Into the Deep with more and more pastorates being parishes. This will continue (7 to date). Cathedral completion is on target - hopefully parish back in church by Christmas 2025. Dedication TBD. There were added problems when they started work. Large Receptions would be held in the School Gymnasium but this is under discussion. It is not connected to the church building but next door. ACA continues in individual parishes. Amount requested was not raised from 2024. Eventually as pastorates becomes parishes they now become one and amount will be a combined amount for all parishes. Next year the amounts will look to increase but includes multiple churches to one amount. Rite of election at St. Johns in Waunakee were met with the bishop - 270 people catechumens and candidates - impressive gathering with church full. Monsignor indicated he is a godparent to a Jewish man from Sun Prairie. He came to Mass with Catholic family for 30 years and now decided he wanted to become catholic (wife asked him - what happens should I do if something happens - should I call a rabbi). There is increased momentum within the Diocesan CCW's and things are in the upswing in a good way. We need to accentuate the positive. Lastly, we are in Holy Year and Monsignor shared prayer with us. (open doors of faith . . . may find courage to the fight ... open wide the doors of peace ... God's reign on us ... open doors to truth ... open doors of hope ... ). Walk bravely through open door.

### B. President's Report--Carol Rogers (9:40)

Carol began her "non-report" by saying "please sell some mustard...". She noted that our treasury is not flush. We need to have monies for startup for convention and other things. We do not make enough money in dues, as our number of parishes paying dues has decreased. Example: Grant County had 17 parishes and now 5, 6, 8 or 10 and not all paying dues. Even though upswing, we need to swing even higher.

Christine Del Priore - why are not some paying dues? Carol has a list of benefits but the brochure is not current and needs to be revised. Coreen had a sample of an older membership brochure needs to be updated. Rosa Ropers and Jane Grinde will review and revise the brochure.

Carol indicated that she was not giving a report as we all get The Pen. Carol thanked Joan Pregler for doing The Pen.

Carol Rogers gave an update from the most recent Province Meeting, held in Plover on February 11. Province Director Jane Schiszik is one of three candidates running for NCCW president-elect. Voting starts on April 1. In order to vote, an individual member must have paid national dues by April 1. Voting is online through the NCCW website or contact NCCW for a printed paper ballot. Parishes would have had to pay NCCW dues by March 1 to be able to vote. Highlights of report:

1. LTD training session on Saturday July 19 in Plover. Registration is 8:30 am to 9 am and then 9 am to 3 pm - fee is \$40 for day, box lunches, training, and snacks. Presenters will be Jody Watermann and Coreen Marklein. We encourage groups, officers, vicariate or parish

officers, to come. Flyer will be out soon. To prepare for the LTD presentations, we ask that the officers on the Province board and others fill out an assessment form. Carol Rogers made copies of the form and asked it be completed (2 copies were given to each MDCCW board member) Please complete and fill out 1 copy and keep 1 copy for yourself. Then send to Mary Rowley, LTD Chair. The "hosting councils" for this session is the Province of Milwaukee. Plover is centrally located in middle of state per Carol Rogers (Interstate 39 North to the second Plover exit. Church is on the right and it a beautiful location. The Plover parish was the site of an LTD training several years ago. Registration forms are pending and will be on line. Please provide a copy to Joan Pregler. Carol Rogers went approximately 40 years ago . . . training was offered by NCCW and approximately 60 to 70 people and excellent. We are looking for 100+. There has also been one in Green Bay and La Crosse.

2. Jean Kelly elected Province Treasurer.

3. Diane Oakland is next in line for province director - when each diocese selects their PD a year in advance and not month of national convention. Person is known a year in advance and on the Province Board for one year prior to the 2-year PD term. Jane Schiszik's term ends August 2025 and then Diane Oakland from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be installed at the August 2025 NCCW Convention in Orlando. After the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, it will be Madison Diocese to select our province director. Madison will need to discuss next PD during the next year.

4. March 4 was 105<sup>th</sup> NCCW birthday. Jane Schiszik prepared a list of events throughout the Province. Coreen Marklein & Kathy Loy attended the Eau Claire retreat day by La Crosse diocese. The Emcee for day's program was Beth Mahoney, NCCW President. Registration forms are pending and will be on line. Please provide a copy to Joan Pregler. Carol Rogers went approximately 40 years ago . . . training offered by NCCW and approx. 60 to 70 people and excellent. We are looking for 100+. There has also been one in Green Bay and La Crosse.

5. NCCW Convention – August 19 to 23: In the past, when going to convention, Wisconsin has had an item designate our attendees are from Wisconsin. Coreen presented scarf that was made up with approval by the NCCW Board; they can be purchased for \$10 and can be put on a purse, head, or as rally towel. They will be sold at the July LTD session. Coreen Marklein presented a scarf to NCCW president Beth Mahoney at the LaCrosse Retreat day. Cost for the day is \$40. The LTD team does not get paid; however, their lodging, meals and any travel expenses are paid. Coreen Marklein thanked the board in advance for completing the survey questionnaires. While the forms were due March 15, please complete even if a few days late. Coreen Marklein will inform Mary Rowley that some questionnaires may be late. They can be scanned, e-mailed or US mail.

#### C. Commission Reports. (9:45)

1. LEADERSHIP Commission Report - Sue Barker.

Sue Barker indicated that there are several activities throughout the diocese. Vicariate meeting date is pending. Throughout the Year of Hope 2025 jubilee year, there are six churches in the diocese designated. A Jubilee passport is available and when all six sites are visited, you can receive a certificate by Bishop Hying. Information on receiving a Jubilee indulgence is available on the Diocesan website. Members of Verona group said to be a good reason to plan for a road trip. Carol Rogers indicated that you may want to postpone your trip

to Fennimore until their new adoration chapel is completed. She said it would be open in May and dedicated on August 15.

Sue Barker also noted that on May 16 and 17 there will be a Marian conference in Champion at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. Speakers include Bishop David Ricken, Fr. Anthony Stephens CPM, EWTN Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, and Very Rev. John Girotti, JCL. Day 1/Friday begins at 2:15 and conference ends on Day 2/Saturday at 3 pm. The \$120 fee includes dinner, Saturday luncheon, and speakers. Cost for Saturday only is \$80. Further information can be found at "championshrine.org". Kathy Loy noted that the Wisconsin KC Convention is being held the same weekend in Green Bay.

Jane Grinde provided information on another Learning Opportunity during Lent on March 29: a Bus trip to Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee leaving from St. Dennis or Beloit - \$50/day includes the museum, lunch, soul food, Bishop will do Stations of the Cross and moments of reflection. Go to St. Dennis Parish site to register - Jane Grinde on the board or contact Sheryl Horn from Queen of Peace.

Other events: Spring craft and bake sale at Verona on March 16; MDCCW Convention end of June; and NCCW Convention in Orlando in August.

## 2. SERVICE Commission Report – Linda Ripp

a. Boxes of Joy: The Host site for Boxes of Joy (BOJ) will again be in Martinsville. Linda Ripp indicated that the local group in November did such a nice job checking boxes before shipping that Cross Catholic Outreach will send to us prayer books and rosaries to put in the boxes. She explained that our boxes will go directly to the shipping site, not to the box drop-off site for review. A women's group from St. Bernard's, Middleton, will be donating 600 rosaries for this project. Boxes will be filled the first two weekends in November.

### b. Walking with Moms in Need (WWM) – Linda Ripp

Linda Ripp deferred to Joan Pregler information on Walking with Moms in Need. She noted that the Bishop is attending a USCCB meeting on his calendar about Walking with Moms in Need. Joan Pregler indicated that the project is not catching on in the diocese as the Bishop had hoped. It is lacking footwork in our parishes. The project offers Outreach and help - pro-life movement - to mothers in greatest need and helps connect the mothers with resources from birth and beyond. Linda Ripp and Joan Pregler went to CareNet for a visit. CareNet is a faith based charitable organization dedicated to helping women and men facing an unexpected pregnancy (website: [carenetdane.org](http://carenetdane.org)). Visit the WWM website for further information at: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com>.

### c. Priest Ordination MDCCW Reception – Linda Ripp

Linda Ripp said there will be 4 priests ordained this year with up to 700 to 800 people attending ordination; however, not all who attend the ordination attend the reception. Date is Friday evening, May 30, at Maria Goretti Parish. Coreen has put together binders on the event and has Linda Ripp's notes from last year. Coreen noted that Linda Ripp will need to send a form to Maria Goretti requesting use of the hall, including emails, etc. in binder. Carol Rogers thanked Coreen Marklein and Kathy Loy for their past ordination efforts. Rosa Ropers asked how Linda will notify people that helpers are needed. Linda Ripp indicated she would contact volunteers through vicariate meetings. Barb Unger has gotten the word out through Madison Catholic Women's Club. Details on prior assignments, purchases, volunteers, etc. are in the

binders and has Rubbermaid containers with supplies remaining from last year, including trays and paper products. Carol Rogers indicated that in the past we have given a \$50 gift to each newly ordained priest and she would like to continue this gift. Motion was made by Sue Barker, seconded by Christine Del Priore, to provide a \$50 check to those newly ordained. Voice vote taken - motion carried. We have asked for donations in the past and will continue to do so this year. In past years we asked parish CCWs and KC's for donations. Carol Rogers asked if we needed to ask for money. MDCCW has set aside monies but Coreen indicated that it is a good idea to continue to ask for donations with the unused donations carried over from year to year. Rosa Ropers asked Joan Pregler to add a SAVE THE DATE to the President's Pen and where donations may be sent.

### 3. Spirituality Commission - Judy Lyons (absent).

Carol Rogers said that Judy Lyons has not been able to attend meetings. Mona Matijevich indicated that if the chair position was available, she would step in. Carol Rogers noted that Sue Koch brought priest postcards from Mona Matijevich. Object is to send a postcard to each priest (name and address on each postcard) telling them you will be praying for the priest beginning Holy Thursday through next year's Holy Thursday. Options include sending them a birthday card, a thinking of you note, or on their ordination anniversary. Carol Rogers noted that in her parish she does not let the parishioners ask for a specific priest but rather pray for whichever priest's name is on the card. Carol Rogers took 30 postcards for her parish. Sue Koch noted that there are extra postcards in the baggies from Mona Matijevich.

### D. Standing Committee Reports (9:55)

#### 1. Public Relations--Jane Lepeska Grinde.

Jane Lepeska Grinde's convention articles were published in The Catholic Herald. She indicated that we could get Bulletin notices sent out and put on the website for events. The next newsletter will be the convention newsletter. Deadline to submit articles to Jane Lepeska Grinde, including commission chairs and committees, is April 21.

#### 2. Newsletter--Karen Gramman (Absent)

### E. Appointed Positions to Be Filled (10:00)

1. Membership Committee Chair - Carol Rogers indicated that she would like to have a membership chair to work with Patty Spragg. Person would be responsible to keeping up a roster of individual members, parishes (active and inactive) and Vicariates. She requested that we have someone in the role for more than one year to have continuity. A revised MDCCW brochure will be put together by Rosa Ropers and Jane Lepeska Grinde.

2. Legislative Committee Chair: Carol also asked for volunteers to be Legislative Committee chair. There are a few websites available for information.

3. Historian: Carol Rogers has been keeping articles but needs someone to put it into a scrapbook. Gloria Lightfuss notified Carol Rogers that she was no longer be historian. Linda Ripp said she has the most recent historian books.

### F. Vicariate/Affiliate/Pastorate Reports (10:06) [Limit reports to 2 minutes each.]

#### Pastorates **1, 2, 3, 4, 5:** Kathy Loy, Grant Vicariate

Grant is down to three parishes (Dickeyville, Keiler and Fennimore with Lancaster has not been coming to their events. Grant Vicariate Meeting will be May 7 in St. Mary's, Fennimore. Marge from Right to Life will speak on the baby boxes - a new project for Grant County. Theme will be on the Kentucky Derby and Racing with God based on daily readings. Dickeyville, Keiler and Fennimore. Lancaster has not been coming to their events.

Pastorates **6, 7, 8**: Jo Heath, Sauk Vicariate

Sauk Vicariate has met via phone with St. Norbert's, Roxbury, and St. Norbert's will be hosting the Sauk Vicariate meeting, on Friday, April 4. Paul Merline will share strategies within the diocese. \$15 fee for the day - 8:30 am to 1 p.m. Activities include St. Luke's Fish Fries, St. Joseph's has pie and bake sale March 16.

Pastorates **9, 10, 17, 18**: Mona Matijevich, Columbia North Vicariate

Sue Koch spoke on behalf of Mona Matijevich. She indicated that their Vicariate meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29, in Briggsville. Bishop Hying will be coming. This location is the site of the Shrine of St. Philomena. There is a walking rosary.

Pastorates **20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30**: Barb Unger, Madison Woman's Club

Barb Unger indicated that parishes are invited to attend their April event beginning at 9:40 am and then Mass led by Bishop Hying with luncheon afterwards. Barb Unger will forward sign-up sheet to Carol Rogers for circulating to MDCCW.

Pastorate **11**: Carol Eberhardy, Bellev/Alb, Monr/Brodh

Carol Eberhardy indicated that Monroe is affiliated with Catholic Daughters. While their CCW has met with Catholic Daughters, their group is well established and will remain separate. They will invite members to go to a different pilgrimage shrine site one Saturday/month. They have elected new officers.

Pastorate **12**: Karen Bach, Beloit, Clinton

Pastorate **13**: Claudia Bowman, Janesville

Pastorate **14**: Doreen Shuda, Camb, Fort, Jeff, Milt, Palmyra

Pastorate **15**: Jane Rux, Mt Hor, Ridg/Barn

Pastorate **16**: Marie Fleisner, L.Mills/J Crk, Watert

Pastorate **18**: Audrey Prieve, Lodi/Dane, Waunakee, Wport

This pastorate will assist Kathy Roelke with the MDCCW convention. In addition, the pastorate will hold the Fall Columbia North meeting on Tuesday, October 21, in Lodi. Their four CCW's are joined. Coreen Marklein asked if a list could be made of bulletin contacts for the parishes in the Diocese. It will assist with bulletin article submissions. Carol Rogers noted that some contacts are on the Directory. If you know of your parish contacts, please note on the Directory.

Pastorate **19**: Joan Pregler, Ash, XPI, Mart, Midd, P Blu.

The pastorate became Holy Cross Parish on March 2, combining the five parishes. She noted that locations share a single calendar and a single bulletin with a special listing on the website to connect with CCW. Joan Pregler is the President of the CCW for the Parish. Martinsville turned their monies over to the combine CCW organization. As one parish, the CCW will become one - no report. Judy Williams was introduced by Joan Pregler. Judy Williams and her family moved here in July and joined St. Francis Xavier Parish, Holy Cross Parish. She has been active in the past in NCCW and CCW, including archdiocese, and is learning the about the area since her relocation. Carol asked Judy Williams to put her contact information on the Directory. Initial experience with CCW was with Palm Beach Diocese and recently in the Atlanta Archdiocese. They moved here to assist with her son and his three sons. She has a passion for CCW and says we are the best kept secret. Joan Pregler considers St. Peter's, Ashton, as her home parish.

Pastorate 20. Sue Barker, St. Mar G, Verona

This pastorate has not officially merged yet with St. Maria Goretti Parish. Verona has a CCW while St. Maria Goretti Parish does not. At the end of April, Sue Barker indicated that their parish is having a Baby Jesus collection. They collect an array of baby/toddler items to the Care Center. Babies and Beyond do not have qualifications for their items so their parish chose to donate their items to the Care Center instead. They offer scholarships to graduating seniors. They complete a scholarship form. Coreen Marklein asked for a copy of their scholarship form. They remain St. Andrew's and St. William.

Pastorate 21. Cecelia Stodd, Mdsn., OLQoP, St. Thom

Barbara Unger: Parishes have individual events. Queen of Peace has a bus going to Holy Hill Friday, April 4; cost is \$45, leaving from Queen of Peace at 8 am. Fee does not include lunch as lunch room has steps and is not wheel chair accessible but individuals can bring lunch and eat in the bus. The Shrine is under the care of the Discalced Carmelites per Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt and are part of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Pastorate 22. Jane Lepeska Grinde, Gd Shep, St. Raph: The pastorate became a parish on March 2. They have a passport to encourage members to go to the other parishes. They are looking for hospitality committee. Communication is key and there is some rough spots to work out. Jane Lepeska Grinde provided information on the visit to the Holocaust museum on March 29.

Pastorate 23. Claudia Marquez, Mdsn., St. Denn/Peter's - declined to be part of this group.

Pastorate 24. Roseann Smith, Edg, Evan, Ftv, Oreg, Stou

Pastorate 25. Bonnie Schmidt, Sun Pr, Waterloo/Marsh

Pastorate 26. Karen Gramman, Cott Gr, McFar, Mon

Pastorate 27. No contact, Mdsn. Bl Sac

Pastorate 28. No contact, St. Paul Catholic Center

Pastorate 29. Christine Del Priori, St. Augustine University Parish

Students stayed over with Adoration on March 15 with occasional processions on campus with students with Monstrance for campus processions. Word is getting out about fund raising for their development. Students are there and in formation for their Catholic formation. She noted it is a vibrant community. Students are calling during Lent for collections. St. Mary's in Platteville has a woman's group. The KC's have been trying to get a college chapter per Kathy Loy with 30 to 40 students showing up, with elected officers. Students are strong in their faith so that when they leave school they can "fit in" and bring in younger people.

Pastorate 30. No contact, Cathedral Parish

Carol Rogers has the MDCCW directory and asked that we look through

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (10:45)

A. MDCCW Convention 2025 - Kathy Roelke

1. Sat., June 28, St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains

2. Appoint committee

Reminder: Theme is “**Renew our Hope in Christ**” and will be held on June 28. The speaker has been secured, with hotel and venue set. Kathy is looking for people to be on committee. Kathy Roelke noted that she has decisions in her head but is looking for volunteers:

- Joan Pregler – Program
- Coreen Marklein – Registration
- Sue Koch and Columbia North Pastorate: Breakfast and centerpieces
- Linda Ripp – Catering. Kathy Roelke indicated that there were 4 great lunch catering ideas and suggested an in person meeting to check out one of them (The Vessel in Cross Plains). Plans need to be finalized for catering. Linda Ripp volunteered and will check into this.
- Jane Lepeska Grinde - Advertising including The Catholic Herald, The Pen, Church Bulletins, etc.
- Carol Rogers and Rosa Ropers – Select 5 or 6 local vendors, including the sale of Uncle Phil’s Mustard and the Mixing Bowl. Cost is pending. Other area is vendors. Kathy Roelke indicated that we could have 5 or 6 vendors, including mustard, the Mixing Bowl.
- Sue Barker and Kathy Loy – Raffle(s) If interested, show of hands. Two tentative meeting dates at St. Francis Xavier were discussed with meeting at 11 am, followed by lunch at The Vessel.

Ellen Martin asked about area hotels and if we were going to have an event on Friday evening. At this time, no event is scheduled for Friday evening. Kathy Roelke thanked all for volunteering.

B. Pastorate Representation Plan for MDCCW Board (10:55) - **ON HOLD**

1. What is the role/expectation for CCWs at this point of transition into Pastorate?
2. What are CCW core priorities?... order of priorities?  
(Meet needs of the Church, Support religious educ., Fundraising, Spirituality, Service, Leadership, Membership...)
3. How do active CCWs interact with churches with no CCWs?
4. What will comprise areas of MDCCW Board representation (Pastorate/Regions)?
5. How will MDCCW Board Members be selected?

C. Welcome letter to New Individual Members - **ON HOLD**

D. Calendar Item: NCCW Convention, Aug. 19-23, 2025, Orlando, FL. Carol Rogers asked for a show of hands for those who would like to attend - 8 to 10 indicated interest. Carol Rogers noted that it would be fun to go together. According to Kathy Loy, there is not a direct flight to Orlando. However, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Minneapolis have direct flights. Carol Rogers indicated that she likes direct flights. Kathy Loy indicated that some airlines would not schedule that far in advance. Coreen Marklein noted that the calendar for convention is slightly different this year. Wednesday is the business meeting; Tuesday a tour of Shrine in Orlando; Thursday, Friday and Saturday is for Commissions, committees, etc. Keep schedule in mind the schedule in advance when booking hotel/flight reservations.

E. Voting: Don’t forget to vote for NCCW officer and nominating committee members. Carol Rogers - every president and another designated person can vote in elections. So many affiliates that belong to the Vicariate/NCCW do not vote. Parish Dues needed to be paid by March 1 to vote in April election. If a parish president and NCCW individual member, you



would have two votes for parish and one vote for yourself as NCCW member. There is a form that needs to be completed to authorize a member to vote on behalf of parish, etc.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (11:00) – Most items previously discussed – review minutes.

- A. LTD Training in Wisconsin, Coreen Marklein: previously spoke about LTD.
- B. NCCW Moved on March 10, New Address is below and the new location is located in the USCCB office building.

**3211 4th St NE, Suite # 338  
Washington, DC 20017**

C. Pilgrimage to Black History Museum, Milwaukee, March 29, Jane Grinde

D. Province Meeting, Feb. 16, Update

1. Nominations will be accepted for the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award starting March 17 and closing April 28, 2025. Nomination packet is available on [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) website in the Member Only Resource section. This award personifies those active in CCW. Think of an individual(s) who may be nominated this year or next year. Ellen Martin indicated that it was a process and they had nominated someone while they were co-presidents. Also think about the golden rose award as well.
2. Province Scarves - Coreen Marklein and Carolyn Zentner. Scarves are \$10 and fundraiser for province.
3. Voting, April 1 - May 1, 2025, for NCCW President-elect, Secretary, and Nominating Committee - bios are in the *Catholic Woman* magazine and on the [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) website. Those needing a paper ballot, call NCCW at 1-703-224-0990.

E. Coreen - 1) LTD and the Scarves. We are going to redo the membership brochure. The individual membership dues have been \$10 for a long time. Why not increase the dues to \$20 or \$25 and look at it as a donation? The cost does not even cover postage to send out to those without email. This may be our future income as we push individual membership. Rosa Ropers asked what the benefit of individual members are. The treasurer should be responsible for knowing who are individual members. Coreen noted that in the future the MDCCW bylaws should be redone. Joan Pregler noted the cost of mailing correspondence to individual members who do not have an email. Kathy Roelke asked if we knew the numbers of mailings we complete. Sue Koch asked that we have the new MDCCW brochure ready in time for the convention. Individual members will have voting rights, can come to all meetings, can run for office, etc. How can we get more visibility for this organization? We need to do more to print out The Pen and have them available at church - for awareness. Kathy Loy sends out events and The Pen each month to women in southwest Wisconsin, including province director information. Clarification per Rosa: Kathy went to the individual parish meetings and women gave their individual contact information if interested.

Kathy Roelke sends information to any CCW member. We also need to reach women who are not affiliated with a CCW. Jo Heath asked how we reach women who are not affiliated with CCW.

Rosa Ropers suggested circulating the minutes of the MDCCW meetings. Also please send The Pen to those interested. Challenge per Kathy Roelke is that she is a member of parish so she may opt not to be an individual member. The individual membership is for those who are interested in CCW and whose parish is not a CCW member. Carol Rogers suggested a separate mailing due to overload. However, Rosa Ropers indicated that it could be a "click" to see additional information. Sue Koch indicated that we could have the membership brochure available at the convention.

Kathy Roelke noted that individual membership is not mentioned to parish members. It is noted that individual membership is available to those whose parishes do not have a CCW. Jo Health noted that she would find it would be difficult to come to an organized event as an individual. Linda Ripp noted that one of the Madison parishes has an individual member. Example would be Jane Lepeska Grinde.

We are not trying to be exclusive and we can switch things around and invite ALL women to attend. We need to work on advertising.

Carol Rogers: Motion by Linda Ripp to raise individual membership dues raised to \$20; seconded by Kathy Loy. Should the dues be rolling or calendar? NCCW has gone to rolling year; MDCCW has been calendar year. Carol Rogers noted that it would be easier to track if on a calendar year - regardless of when you pay dues for 2025. The brochure should indicate that dues are to be paid calendar year. Any dues' payments paid during 2025 are for 2025, whether you pay in June, July, etc. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ellen Martin asked for the dates of other diocesan meetings. Dates are known but we do not have registration forms available. Dates were noted on information from Jane Schiszik correspondence. Coreen Marklein will contact Green Bay Diocese for their registration information (Carol Rogers provided this form). Past practice is that diocesan presidents are invited to each diocesan conventions.

Funding: Rosa Ropers asked if we could have a clearer understanding of our finances. The treasurer's report is from Quick-books but is not friendly in knowing our true balances. Kathy Roelke indicated that we have paid for the speaker's hotel, speaker air fare and will still owe \$2,500 to the speaker. Coreen Marklein indicated that we need a different spin on the convention as a day of spirituality. It is a diocesan ladies event, sponsored by MDCCW. Carol Rogers indicated that the convention is one of our meetings.

Kathy Roelke noted that MDCCW has paid to St. Francis Xavier \$350. This amount is in addition to already paying \$2,700 for airfare, hotel and down payment of speaker fee. Balance due to speaker is \$2,500. Speaker did not want us to charge more than \$35. She wants to enlarge our spirituality. Our annual meeting has to be open to the membership. Any reports to give will be in the program. The meeting can invite people to know more about CCW.

## V. CLOSING (11:45 am)

A. Prayer—Carol Rogers led us in the Hail Mary with Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt giving us a blessing.

B. Next meeting will be at the MDCCW Convention on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains, 8 – 3:00. However, the next regular full board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025.

C. Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am

Notes taken by Coreen S. Marklein, March 31, 2025