

MDCCW Board Meeting - MINUTES

9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 2023

St Martin of Tours Parish, 5959 Saint Martin Circle, Cross Plains 53528

“Jesus is the Light of the World, May we become a Light in the Darkness”

Agenda:

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Linda Ripp at 9:15 am
2. OPENING PRAYER / Judy Lyons: The opening prayer was led by Judy Lyons – The Liturgy of Trust.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Linda Ripp led us in the Pledge.
4. WELCOME: Linda Ripp welcomed all who attended the meeting.
5. AGENDA REVIEW: The agenda was approved with the addition of 14F – Eucharistic Congress.
6. SECRETARY’S REPORT—Coreen Marklein: The minutes of the November Meeting were reviewed and filed as corrected.

A. Roll Call: Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt, Linda Ripp, Judy Lyons, Sue Barker, Coreen Marklein, Kathy Loy, Barbara Unger and Julie Zenz. Those excused: Jane Grinde, Karen Gramann, and Lennie Glover. Note: Ellen Dargel, Sauk Vicariate, arrived at 9:45 am (time indicated on the mailed out agenda). Open position: Service Commission Chair.

B. Minutes of November 19, 2022 were reviewed and corrections made. A new version will be sent to all board members and then filed.

7. FINANCE REPORT – Julie Zenz:

Formatting switched in the new year and everything was adjusted by one line.

Review of Balance Sheet below.

Balances: \$7,276.28 checking account; \$1,508.65 savings account; \$ 8,784.93 total

Liabilities: Only outstanding check for \$347.53 is to be sent to Columbia North care center. Coreen Marklein will check with Lennie Glover on location/address on where to send the check and letter.

MDCCW Balance Sheet		12/12/22-3/1/23			
Assets					Totals
Current	Checking				7,276.28
	Savings				1,508.65
					8,784.93
Total Assets 3/1/23					8,784.93
Liabilities & Equity					
Current	Other Current liabilities		Outstanding	check number	Paid
		Columbia North Clinic	347.53	2097	
		Works of Peace			

		Madonna Plan		2104	450
		CRS		2104	75
		Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes of Joy		2104	170
		Water for life		2104	675
		Vocation Purse Club		2104	100
Convention	Sue Barker		300	2102	
Spiritual Advisor			250		
WI DEPT Gaming			25	2103	
Total			575		1470

Correspondence was read: Thank you's from Good Neighbor Clinic (\$347.53), Our Lady of Hope Clinic (\$547.53) and Franciscan Peacemakers (\$347.53) for our recent donations. Sue Barker also read thank you's from Kathy Roelke and Sue Barker who were first time attendees to the NCCW Convention in November. Linda Ripp indicated that proceeds of bake sales from West Dane Vicariate area parishes were divided among the first time attendees.

Outstanding: \$1,067.63 to be paid.

Ordination expenses and donations not included in this information.

Opening balance: \$7,276.26.

Dues were not \$1,800 but were \$1,600.

- \$100 dues individual
- \$1,500 vicariates and parishes

All vicariates have paid the MDCCW dues except Sauk Vicariate. Ellen Dargel will follow-up with Ann Ryan.

Julie Zenz provided an overview of parishes with outstanding dues. Input was received from the Board regarding parishes in their Vicariates and dues' status. Some CCW's are no longer active, including Our Lady of the Lake in Green Lake. Julie Zenz noted that St. Rose, Cuba City, did pay MDCCW dues even though they were inactive as well as a parish in Beloit.

Other parishes not paid dues include: Good Shepherd, Westfield, Columbia North; St. Pius X Cambridge, Jefferson Vicariate; St. Francis of Assisi, Cross Plains, West Dane Vicariate; Holy Angels, Kingston, Columbia North. Julie Zenz indicated that Carol Brennan sent a note indicating that she will no longer be an individual member for MDCCW. Linda and Julie Zenz will review the parish membership lists.

8. SPIRITUAL ADVISOR REPORT—Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt

Msgr. Duane indicated that parish priests have received calls from their CCW's about what will happen with them as a result of the Into the Deep initiative. It is too soon with the initiative to determine what will happen during the next few years. Msgr. reminded Vicariate presidents that they need to work with the local parish priest Pastor for the spring/fall meetings. He indicated that the parish priest presides at Mass while Msgr. gives the homily. The Vicariate President may pass on the responsibility to the local CCW contact but should still contact the parish priest. Keep the host parish priest in the loop. Provide Msgr. Duane with a copy of the

meeting notice/schedule as well as the theme. Inform Msgr. of any construction projects or traffic issues in the area where the gathering will be held. Mass will have the readings of the day unless otherwise noted.

Be supportive of priests and the Diocese. Encourage people to be positive (not negative).

Msgr. Duane said that the change notice is imminent and will be announced March 4 & 5 in parishes by their priests. Check out the Diocesan website or Facebook page as well as the Catholic Herald website with revised details of the pastorates and priest movement. The changes will create a major change for all people, parishes, priests and the Diocese.

9. PRESIDENTS REPORT—Linda Ripp

Human Trafficking: Linda attended meetings on human trafficking in Madison including Tuesday, February 28 – video streaming – live stream at Blessed Sacrament – You Can Find It Anywhere – VIDEO. The speaker was a Madison detective indicating that not all trafficking is sex trafficking with many immigrants being forced into labor – taking away their documents.

Linda also indicated that the first speaker was a mother whose son was trafficked at age 13. He was involved in drugs, sex trade for women, and died of a drug OD. She indicated that the traffickers would tell him what to do. His mother got a video from sex trafficking. “If you tell”. The mother indicated her son’s involvement included being arrested in Madison, getting out on bail, getting arrested again – a continuing cycle. He went through treatment for addiction as well. Rural towns also trafficked – Iowa/Wisconsin/Illinois

Bishop Hying indicated that all individuals must be treated with the Dignity of Human Being. The issue is on a Diocesan List – Committee gearing up.

Linda indicated that there are good resources available on a variety of sites. She also indicated NCCW has posters about human trafficking. Truckers – are promoting awareness in truck stops. Wisconsin is one of the worst states.

Linda noted that one of the speakers was an Ex-sheriff deputy that goes to St. Thomas Parish in Madison. He indicated that trafficking takes on many forms and includes all ages. He noted that a 7-year-old boy was online through Lego chat. The traffickers picked up the boy at school, took photos, etc. and then returned the boy home. Be careful of online chats, gaming sites, etc.

Be AWARE. Know the Help Sign.

Election: Don’t forget to vote April 4. Critical election for Supreme Court Judge. Make your voices heard. Pro-Life and Abortion are key issues and differences with the candidates. Linda had made posters and put in her car windows. She indicated that Pro-life Baby billboards are good but people don’t realize how many babies have been aborted (and future taxpayers). 62M babies have been aborted in the past 50 years, about 1M babies per year. Covid deaths were high but not high when compared to abortion statistics. Get the word out about resources.

Spring Vicariate Meetings: Don’t forget to verify meeting dates with Msgr. Duane and Linda as she is getting calls on spring Vicariate Meetings in April and May.

Milwaukee Province Meeting was cancelled February 28 but rescheduled on Zoom for March 7 at 9 a.m. Carol Rogers will take minutes.

10. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Leadership—Sue Barker gave her report on leadership per below:

“Leadership is important in any organization. It is especially important now, as we go Into the Deep into our vicariate programs. Many changes will be coming in the future, starting with our priest assignments as we merge into Pastorates. The question that affects all of us is what will happen with our parish CCWs after pastorates have been established. Will we continue to have our own individual groups or merge into one. Will CCWs keep our own monies, merge them or have to give them to our new pastorate?”

“Up to this point, we have asked many questions but have received no firm answers. Since we have had no answers from the diocesan office, we will have to wait for them – check with our officers and CCW website. Whatever the outcome, we must continue our work and pray that the diocese continues our work and decisions are made for everyone.”

B. Service—Position vacant. Coreen Marklein indicated that the Service Commission chair can make that position her own. The chair can select the projects she would like to be involved. The Service Commission chair does not need to follow the projects that Coreen worked with such as Priest Ordination and Box of Joy project. Coreen indicated she would help her successor.

C. Spirituality: Judy Lyons is growing into the role.

11. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Public Relations—Karen Gramann absent (updated website)

B. Newsletter—Most recent newsletter by Jane Grinde and Karen Gramann. The next Spring newsletter will be the Invitation to Convention (June 27 at St. Clement’s in Lancaster, hosted by Grant Vicariate). Provide your reports and any convention related articles to Linda Ripp by April 10 for the convention edition. The edition includes the registration fee forms as well as agenda, speaker information, etc.

C. Membership brochure is on the MDCCW site but is out-of-date as it indicates the treasurer is Joan Slate. With the changes taking place Into the Deep, it is a good time to revise the brochure and have it available on the website. No specific name will be listed other than “MDCCW Treasurer” with mailing info on the website. Kathy Loy volunteered to work on the revised brochure.

12. VICARIATE REPORTS

A. Columbia North: Lennie Glover absent.

B. East Dane: inactive.

C. Grant/Kathy Loy: The Convention Committee is comprised of Kathy Loy, Maureen Pickel and Carol Rogers. It will be held on June 27 and planning is underway. The Grant Spring Vicariate will be April 20 afternoon/evening at St. Clement Parish in Lancaster.

D. Jefferson/Judy Lyons: No action – may be disbanding.

E. Madison /Barb Unger—Madison Women’s Club liaison: Barbara Unger indicated that their yearly schedule is from July 1 through June 30 each year. Their current calendar is winding down.

In the past, MDCCW and Madison Catholic Women's Club hosted a 1-day women's retreat. One of co-presidents sent an email to Linda Ripp but a reply was not received. This event is in the planning stages and will be discussed at their next Board meeting on March 8. The event Chair is Katrina, Madison Catholic Women's Club Spirituality Chair. Attendance will be open to everyone.

MCWC dues are currently \$15 but will be \$30 effective July 1, the start of their new year. Membership and payment of dues allows members to attend their meetings and events with a new booklet being available July 1, 2023.

- F. Sauk Vicariate: Ellen Dargel said there will be an organization for the Spring Vicariate meeting, hosted by St. Luke's. Ellen's term as president will be ending. Jo Heath will be next Vicariate president. Officer changes will take place in May 2023.
- G. West Dane/Sue Barker: West Dane Vicariate has a successful Baby Jesus Shower with 15 boxes, a few bags and a monetary donation to the Women's Care Center. Sue Barker indicated that our CCW meetings are important but the focus should be on our faith. At one of their meetings, a member gave a report on human trafficking. Human trafficking is a subject no one wants to talk about but it is real – PRAY. A date for their Spring Vicariate is pending. The mother of Women from Platteville Active Ministry: Newman Center = Kris Del Priori = Father John's Mother – will speak at one of their meetings. They are holding their spring Craft & Bake Sale March 25 & 26 before and after all Masses.

CCW MEETINGS:

CCWs should consider making changes to their meetings to attract new members. Many women do not want to come to a meeting. They are looking for spirituality and being enriched and refreshed. We need to pray for spiritual support of our sisters in CCW. One option per Judy Lyons is to move the spirituality of the meeting first and then the meeting last. This allows women the opportunity to choose if they want to attend the meeting. It would also be beneficial to plan meeting content in advance and advertise. We need to find ways to attract new members.

Barb Unger indicated that the Madison Catholic Women's Club has speakers first and then the board meetings.

ONLY GRANT Vicariate meeting scheduled to date.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. "Into the Deep" parish realignment—Linda Ripp sent a proposal to Patti Clemens, subcommittee chair for one of the Into the Deep subcommittees. The proposal was returned for further revision without the request of receiving \$500 from each Pastorate for CCW. Discussion included what CCW should recommend in this revision. Consensus was that each CCW maintain its own identity and continue CCW functions/events as is until further guidance is given. In addition to this subcommittee, there are 9 or 10 subcommittees looking at processes, etc. that are affected by the changes to Pastorates.

Future changes may include making CCW a non-profit organization on its own – separate from the parish non-tax status. If CCW's were to combine, members might believe they would lose their identity.

Julie Zenz indicated that Catholic Schools are organized into 5 areas. Further information may be available from Michael Lancaster as to their break down.

Msgr. Duane indicated that Fr. Scott Jablonski has been the Implementation Lead. Msgr. Duane indicated that when a new individual is appointed to lead Into the Deep that Msgr. Duane and Linda Ripp meet with that individual.

Bishop Hying met with priests during the week prior to the MDCCW Board Meeting and was very clear in his statement that this is not an easy process. It is uncharted territory as we move forward but Bishop Hying is confident that the end result is positive. People realize there is a problem and grateful something is being done.

Linda Ripp will send a revised document to the Board for review prior to sending to Patti Clemens, Lodi.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- A. NEW TREASURER June 2023-2025. Election for treasurer is held the opposite year of president and secretary, president-elect. Julie Zenz noted that she will not be seeking re-election for treasurer this year. This term is filled in odd number years while president and other offices are elected in even years. Interested candidates should contact Linda Ripp. Information on the candidates should be included in the Convention Newsletter.
- B. NCCW ELECTIONS - Coreen Marklein is running for NCCW Secretary. Voting opens April 3-May 1, 2023. Candidates cannot use a mailing list from NCCW or Province to share information on candidates. If national dues have paid dues by 1/31/23, then the organization contact, i.e. vicariate, parish, etc. will have a vote.
- C. ORDINATION will be on Friday, May 26 (Friday of Memorial Day weekend) . MDCCW voted to continue to host priest reception. Deacon Mark Foley and Deacon Simon Tipps will be ordained. Coreen will chair the event. Barb Unger will mention the event at their MCWC Board meeting asking for volunteers. Coreen will contact volunteers from last year's event to see if they are able to assist this year. The transitional diaconate ordination is May 12 and there will be two ordained.
- D. MDCCW CONVENTION—June 27, 2023 at St Clement Parish in Lancaster, Theme: “Quilted Together in the Eucharist”. Kathy Loy shared a draft of the program cover. Guest speaker will be Monsignor James Bartylla, Vicar General.

Kathy discussed the raffle options: Class A Raffle – funds only for specific purpose (may sell tickets in advance); Class B Raffle – drawing is held on date of event and raffle tickets are sold that day, such as 6 tickets for \$5, etc.; and Silent Auction – offer gift baskets, cash, etc. (proceeds may be used for the good of MDCCW). Their committee is soliciting input from the MDCCW Board.

Discussion was held about the types of raffle. It was decided to hold a Class B raffle with approximately 6 items. The raffle winners will be announced after the Silent Auction winners are announced. The Silent Auction will be held first so that others who did not win a prize have an opportunity to buy additional tickets for the raffle. A Class B License would be needed in order to conduct this drawing. Motion was made by Coreen Marklein, seconded by Carol Rogers, that MDCCW obtain a Class B raffle

license. Motion carried after voice vote. An option suggested was to announce in advance how the proceeds of the Class B raffle will be used.

Convention Agenda: Msgr. James Bartylla will speak in the morning, Mass will be concelebrated in the morning, and then lunch. Another speaker will be in the afternoon, possibly on quilting, followed by the drawings, with the day ending by 3 pm.

Invitations should be sent to Bishop Hying, Parochial Vicar Foranes, and pastors. In addition, invitations should be sent to the Province Director, any national officers from Wisconsin, and the diocesan presidents. MDCCW will pay the registration fees for the diocesan presidents and guests but not travel or room expenses. The invitation to Bishop Hying should indicate that Msgr. Bartylla will be the guest speaker. Coreen sent an invitation to parish priests in Sauk when Sauk hosted their convention.

Judy Lyons indicated that when she went to the La Crosse Convention that their President/past presidents got flowers at their diocesan tables.

- E. NCCW CONVENTION—Salt Lake City, Utah Aug 24-26: To date Coreen Marklein, Judy Lyons and Carol Rogers plan to attend. Registration opens April 1. The MDCCW bylaws indicate that MDCCW may pay for early registration fee if funds are available.
- F. EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish in Waunakee – Friday, September 29, through Sunday, October 1. Marie Lins from Diocesan Offices indicated that registration information came out and is available online. Activities include speakers, Mass, and a Eucharistic procession. Coreen will contact Marie Lins for registration information. Information is available in the January 26 Catholic Herald: Blessed, Broken and Forgiven.
- G. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Walking with Moms Celebration will be held March 25 from 9 am to 12 at Holy Name Heights. Linda sent out an email with information. Registration is online. If unable to attend, please complete the questionnaire at the website. [*Walking With Moms in Need*](#)

15. CLOSING PRAYER – Judy Lyons led us with a Hail Mary.

16. ADJOURNED at 12 pm. Next meeting will be JUNE 17, 2023 at 9 am at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville. Treats will be provided by Sue Barker and coffee by Julie Zenz.

Respectfully submitted,
Coreen S Marklein
MDCCW Secretary