

MDCCW Meeting, Nov 14, 2017
Sacred Hearts Parish, Sun Prairie

The meeting followed a Memorial Mass for deceased members of MDCCW w/ celebrant Msgr Moellenberndt.

1. The **meeting was called to order** at 9:50 am.
2. Mona read an **opening prayer** from Pope Francis --weep not, fight for justice, we have a lot to be thankful for as women of Faith, we need to keep moving forward.
3. Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Motion to approve the agenda by Coreen Marklein & Judy Lyons.
6. **Introductions** from everyone present. Linda sent a **sign-in sheet** around. Corrections to minutes: Catherine Berry's name was misspelled. Minutes stand as approved (with typo correction).
7. Linda read correspondence –thank you from Lucille Brandner (past Province Director).
8. **Finance report:** Kathy Loy was absent. Income: \$16,510.03. Expenses: \$10, 388.93. New ending balance is \$6121.10. (Savings account is: \$2727.67 is set aside for Fr Larry Bowens memorial & Province Director from Madison Diocese). Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.
8A. MDCCW dues and NCCW dues notices will be sent out soon.
8B: Works of Peace form. Send Catholic Relief services separately from Cross International. The Donkey project isn't listed on Diocesan Website anymore. It was confirmed that the Donkey Project is now ended.
9. **Spiritual Advisor's report**/Msgr Moellenberndt: Thanked St Anne's CCW/Sacred Hearts for providing refreshments. We keep humming along. There were only 2 Fall Vicariate meetings—Columbia North had about 250 attendees. Grant had a nice crowd for a Thursday evening. Reminder to Presidents to make sure parish priest is aware of arrangements/Mass. He congratulated Carol Brennan on her Providence Director role and offered his sympathy on the death of her mother.
10. **Co-Presidents Report**/ Ellen Martin & Sue Koch: thanked Karen Gramman for her work with the website and newsletter (next newsletter deadline will probably be early Dec). Sue & Ellen met with Bishop Morlino for about ½ hr in Aug. (article about their meeting will be in Catholic Herald). They asked what the Bishop would like from them. He would like prayers for Priests and more reverence at Mass. They talked about the Seven Sisters Apostolate (started in St Paul, MN)—an hour of prayer each day for Priests for one year. The Bishop endorsed this. Bernadette suggested doing it for Lent, maybe start out with ½ hour.

Reminders for Vicariate Presidents to keep in steady contact with their Parishes—dues renewal, invite to meetings, have nominating committees.

When submitting info to newsletter/Karen Gramman, copy Ellen & Sue also.

11. Commission Reports:

A. no Service chair.

B. **Spirituality**/Mona M: read Psalm 34: little reflection on death & desire for Eternity.

There are 15 Parishes in Columbia North: invited to “Advent by Candelight” at All Saints in Berlin. Advent reflections, dessert & wine. No charge.

B1. Legislation/Coreen M: Coreen handed out a paper report. Mentioned that Pro-Life license plates are now available.

C: **Leadership**/Rosa R: Rosa passed out old Directories for Vicariates—maybe for histories, Parish celebrations). Rosa asked if MDCCW.org is on our favorites list? Talked about mentoring—we need to be doing it all the time—talking to people next to you at luncheons, etc, meetings with young & old.

She shared “Mentor rubric” from Website:

M=manage

E=encourage

N=nurture

T=teach

O=know when to open your mouth

R=respect & respond to needs

Msgr Moellenberndt told a story about Baptism sponsors for an inactive couple. The couple went on to become very active parishioners.

Pass newsletters on to parishes, Pass NCCW “Connect” newsletters to Parish Presidents.

12. Standing Committees:

A. Public Relations/Karen Gramman: Karen said she forwards MDCCW newsletters to everyone she has emails from. We just have 2 newsletters—the Convention newsletter & a Fall/Winter newsletter

B: Ways & Means/Alice Paul: Rosa said we need to have tickets ready by end of Dec. Judy Lyons will help chair with help from Rosa? Mona will ask Fr Wankerl for another painting donation.

Raffle: We don’t need a license if we do as a silent auction. If it is a basket raffle, we need Raffle B (tickets sold day of event only). Raffle B needs more follow-up for State. Funds can be used for donations in WI in accord with Mission statement. Bernadette asked if anyone knows a female attorney who can check into raffle—if proceeds from B can only be spent in WI?

Raffle A: can sell tickets in advance. We only got the A raffle in 2017 for the Big ticket raffle.

We had motion from Bernadette to keep the same – (silent auction, Raffle A for big ticket items), Coreen seconded. Vote by ballot: Yes means keep the same, No means have

Raffle B. We voted to do basket raffle again as a silent auction so we can use our own discretion on how to spend funds.

13: Vicariate Reports:

Columbia North/Mona: had 250 women & a few men. They had a comedian. Great food.

Grant/Jan Block & Bernadette: had about 45 people, silent auction to buy toys for Boxes of Joy. Meeting was from 5-8:15 pm.

Jefferson/Judy Lyons: cancelled theirs because they had it scheduled for a day of the week afternoon. They will maybe consider a Saturday meeting. Msgr Moellenberdnt said Jefferson typically had a weekday morning meeting.

Lafayette/Sue & Ellen: They have been working hard in Lafayette. There are 5 parishes with a CCW contact woman.

Rock/Green: a former Province Director, Jeanette Knauf-Masanz moved to Rock/Green.

Madison/Barb Unger: Trying to get Madison more active in CCW again. The Madison Catholic Women's Club meets about 7 times a year (Feb—baby shower for Women's Care Center; Oct—spiritual day, others usually held at a restaurant or a more social type meeting at a Parish. They were organized before NCCW.

Sauk: Ellen & Sue met with them. In lieu of a Vicariate meeting, they encouraged members to attend the Marian Day of Renewal in Cross Plains. About 40 ladies attended. They plan to have a more social type event at a member's farm in the Spring.

West Dane/Linda Ripp: Didn't have a fall meeting. Sr Carol Haanen talked to Confirmation students in Ashton/Martinsville. West Dane may invite her to present a talk on "Human Trafficking" at a Spring Vicariate meeting.

14. Unfinished Business:

A. **Priest ordination.** Last year there were 3 ordinations. Msgr. thinks there are 3 again this year. It is June 29th.

B: **Marian Day of Renewal**, Oct 14 at St Francis/Cross Plains. Liz Kelly was the speaker. Had more than 200 ladies. This was the third joint effort with MDCCW & Madison Catholic Women's Club hosting a Marion Day of Renewal. A silent auction of Madonna statues raised \$500+. The Offertory collection raised over \$800 for each groups' charity (MDCCW's was Hosea's Heart/Mary Kate Martin; Madison Women's Club donated theirs to "The Beacon" Homeless shelter).

C: **NCCW Convention**, Sept 6-9, 2017 in Dallas, TX: 5 ladies from MDCCW attended. It was Judy Lyon's first time to attend a National convention. She was impressed by how well organized the event was, the beautiful Masses and the presentations. She had the chance to reconnect with the priest auctioneer at the Purse auction.

D: **MDCCW 2018 Convention**, hosted by Grant & Lafayette Vicariates, June 13, 2018 at Sinsinawa Mound. We discussed the responsibilities of host: Who chooses themes & speakers? MDCCW makes the final decision, Vicariate can offer suggestions. Sue K & Ellen M will still be President, Bernadette will take over at the Convention. Speaker fees usually come out of registration fees, can be costly. Speakers need to be approved by Diocese. Possible

speakers: Gina Bauer. They also met with 2 women from Archdiocese of Dubuque working with Adult Formation. One has been on the National CCW board.

Possible topics: for am: "Living as Missionary Disciples"

For pm: "How Can MDCCW be a Vehicle for Encountering Christ?"

Bernadette's brother-in-law is an African-American deacon in Washington, DC. He would probably be more costly—airfare + speaker fee, etc.

We need a bigger draw to get people to come to Southwest Wisconsin. They would like to invite women from the Dubuque Vicariate since they are close by.

The National Convention had more fun skits, light-hearted, large screen for whole group viewing.

E: **Historian:** we have a new Historian, Glora Lichtfuss. She is also the Columbia North Historian.

15: **New Business:**

A. **Nominating Committee:** we won't need a committee (we have candidates for all offices): Treasurer—either Kathy Loy or Ellen Martin; Linda Ripp would stay on as Secretary; President-elect—Judy Lyons; Bernadette Schaefer—President

B: **Standing rules**—regarding Province Director expenses. Carol handed out copies with recommended changes.

C: **Other business:**

Green Bay Diocese may be able to host a National Convention. They will submit an application.

Carol Brennan/Province Director: NCCW's theme is "Living the Joy of the Gospel", Carol's theme: 1st year: "Reflecting the Joy of the Gospel", 2nd year: "Living as faithful missionary Disciples". She had suggestions for the MDCCW Convention theme: We decided on "Joyful Disciples of God". Joy is mentioned over 600 times in the Bible.

D: **LTD training**—Aug 4, 2018, Milwaukee Province: somewhere in LaCrosse

E: **NCCW annual gift giving:** ask parishes to think about donating to National—sponsor poorer parishes. We already have it in the MDCCW budget to donate \$250/year (\$500 for 2 years). Bernadette & Rosa made motion to donate \$500 to National gift giving. All in favor of donating.

F: **Fr Bowens memorial:** There is a headstone at the cemetery. There is \$1225 in the savings account for a memorial. Previously, we had talked about a bench or plaque at Olbrich Gardens. Rosa & Coreen will check into options. Maybe contact the parishes where Fr Larry was (LaValle, Lime Ridge, etc) and see if they have ideas, if they want something in his memory.

The **meeting adjourned** at 12:05 pm.

The **next meeting** will be ***Saturday, March 10, 2018 at St Bernard's in Middleton.***

(note the agenda included "Save the Dates" for Diocesan Conventions & National Convention)

Minutes submitted by Linda Ripp, MDCCW Secretary

