

MDCCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2020 Video Zoom meeting due to Covid-19

Present: Judy Lyons, Linda Ripp, Carol Brennan, Katie Crosby, Bernadette Schaefer, Mona Matjevich, Sue Barker, Coreen Marklein, Jane Grinde, Jan Block, Rosa Ropers, Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt.

1. **The meeting was called to order at 9:10** by President-elect, Linda Ripp, as Judy was having difficulty getting on-line.
2. **Opening prayer** was by Mona Matjevich. Normally we would have a remembrance Mass in November in which we would remember the ladies from our CCWs who have passed away during the year. Instead Mona asked us to remember them in our prayers.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Linda Ripp.
4. **Welcome:** She welcomed everyone for joining us on Zoom. We appreciate Coreen Marklein for setting this up for us.
5. **Agenda:** A revised donation sheet is added to the agenda. The agenda was approved with this addition.
6. **Secretary's Report** – Carol Brennan
Roll Call was taken with 12 members present.
The Minutes were approved as written.
Correspondence: Rita Marklein sent a thank you for presenting her with a Star Award at our last convention. All 4 newly ordained priests sent cards of thanks for our prayers and the monetary donations at their ordination.
7. **Finance Report** – Katie Crosby:
Balance sheet shows Total Assets are \$6,042.31. However, this includes the savings account for a Province Director-elect. So total funds available for us to use are \$4,534.24
- 8 **Spiritual Advisor Report** – Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt
He has retired and is living at All Saints Senior Apartments. His new address is:
8202 High View Dr., Apt. 237, Madison, WI 53719.
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He states some schools are going on-line after Thanksgiving.
The Bishop has suspended confirmation again. There may be confirmation in the spring of 2021, possibly during Lent.
There will be an ordination on December 7th at Holy Name Heights: Fr. Kumud Nayak who was a brother in the Cannons Regular of Jesus the Lord-Russia before becoming a deacon in our diocese. He is currently at St. Olaf's Parish in De Forest and will be ordained for the Diocese of Madison at Holy Name Heights, Madison.
9. **President' Report** – Judy Lyons
In these very strange times and gatherings Judy suggests shopping at NCCW's store online. They have several Santa's Special Bundles which are very reasonable.
Susanna Herro sent us information on Walking with Moms in Need. The USCCB and Bishop Hying, are supporting this. The website is www.walkingwithmoms.com. Judy would like to see us support this program. Susanna would like contact people from MDCCW to help. Rosa suggests Judy give Susanna the vicariate presidents' emails and she can give them more information which they can pass on to their ladies. Susanna's phone is 608.255.2020. If you have questions call her.
Vicariate presidents: also check out NCCW's similar program **Helping Mom's in Need**.

FOR DETAILED REPORTS SEE THOSE EMAILED TO YOU.

10. Commission Reports:

A. Leadership – Sue Barker

Keep in contact with your group so they will know we are still active, although in a different way. Try a zoom meeting where you can see faces. Keep in touch by phone or email. Many activities have been cancelled and some groups have modified events to comply with covid-19 rules. Keep in contact with your group!

Try a Mini-Newsletter to keep in touch with the ladies.

NCCW has Reflections with Advent. Share this with your ladies.

B. Service – Coreen Marklein .

Coreen was able to participate part of the time with our audio portion of the meeting and had emailed her Service Commission Report.

Boxes of Joy – There was terrific response to this project and a total of **725 BOXES** from our diocese were sent. Thank you to all the vicariate presidents who helped deliver and collect them. Parishes are eager to do this again next year.

Other Service Project ideas: Prepare birthday bags for food pantry, Adopt a family in need for Christmas, Set up contact list of CCW members & contact them during this pandemic, Pen Pals.

C. Spirituality - Mona Matijevich

Postcards for the priests. She is composing a post card for people in the parishes to pray for priests. **First you must get the approval of your parish priest** for this project. Ideally these cards will be handed out to the people (or possibly placed in bulletins) Holy Thursday. You then mail it to the name of the priest on your card and let him know you will be praying for him for the coming year.

Challenges were discussed such as attendance at Mass is down, leaving in a basket to pick up, put in bulletin or online, etc.

More information will follow.

D. Legislation – Vacant

E. Public Relations

1. Website – Karen Gramann no report

2. Newsletter – Jane Grinde

Newsletter deadline is November 30th. Send to janegrinde@gmail.com

Also, let her know of ideas for articles for the Catholic Herald.

Msgr. Duane states there may be a push in the diocese for rural issues and how we can help. Jane is willing to write articles about them.

11. VICARIATE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

A. Columbia North – Mona Matijevich

No vicariate meeting was held in the fall but did have a Board meeting with election of officers.

Our Constitution and By-Laws were updated by Sue Koch and Carol Brennan.

Most parishes in the vicariate are not having their regular monthly meetings.

Our vicariate contributed 240 Boxes of Joy to the project.

B. East Dane – no report

C. Grant – Jan Block

There were no spring or fall vicariate meetings.

Only one parish CCW is having meetings.

They participated in Boxes of Joy and Jan helped with distribution & pickup.

They do not have anyone for president and secretary at this time.

D. Jefferson – Judy Lyons

There have been no vicariate meetings.

There is no new president yet.

This is a time for us to “Think outside of the box”.

E. Lafayette – vacant

F. Madison – Kathy Wall & Kitty Maas, Report emailed:

The Madison Catholic Woman's Club held two virtual events and one in-person/virtual event this fall. The September Style show raised \$6005 in donations. These went to Pregnancy Help Line, Women's Care Center, Catholic Multicultural Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Luke House and Triangle Nurse Ministry.

October a retreat day was held via Zoom with a recorded message from Bishop Hying on the new evangelization program Go Make Disciples. A Q&A followed with Michelle Nilsson director of Catechesis and Evangelization.

November they had a memorial Mass, preceded by the rosary, in person and online at St. John the Baptist Church, Waunakee.

December they plan to have a Zoom meeting with ideas for Advent and to bring some cheer to members. Go to madisoncatholicwomansclub.org for details.

G. Rock Green – no report

H. Sauk – no report

G. West Dane – Rosa Ropers

She helped with delivering Boxes of Joy to St. Martens Drop Off site.

MDCCW Convention 2021: They met virtually for a convention meeting. They have chosen the date, Saturday, June 12th. At this point the general consensus is to have it virtually. They will make a decision Feb. 2nd regarding date and type. Coreen Marklein and Kathy Wall have volunteered to help.

Ideas:

*Msgr. Duane recommends having a Plan A – Together, & Plan B – Virtual. If things turn around we could have a big turnout as people will be wanting to get out.

* If virtual: parishes could have a "Watch Party" at their parishes, especially for people who aren't tech savvy.

*Possibly push the date out to August or further

12. Unfinished Business

A. NCCW Convention – August 25-28, 2021. This will still be a 100th Anniversary celebration. The Location, agenda and speakers will all be the same. Encourage your ladies to attend this wonderful celebration of our organization and maybe they can get financial assistance through their parishes and vicariates.

B. Walking with Moms in Need see the NCCW website.

C. Friends with Pens – This is writing to those in prison. See info on NCCW's website under Service Commission.

13. New Business

Revised Donation sheet: Carol is revising this to make it easier for our parish CCWs to understand and to clarify things for our MDCCW Treasurer. Carol will send this out to the Board, Vicariate presidents should send this on to your parish CCWs to copy. Every time a donation is sent to our MDCCW Treasurer one of these forms should accompany the check.

Donation in memory of Msgr. Duane's father: Mona made a motion we donate \$100 to Sacred Hearts school building fund in memory of Msgr. Duane's father plus \$10 to have a Mass said. This was seconded and motion carried. Judy will take care of this.

14. Next MDCCW Board meeting: March 13, 2021

15. Closing Prayer was by Mona Matijevich

15. Meeting Adjourned 11:00 Sue Barker moved the meeting be adjourned which was seconded and motion carried.