

**MADISON DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

**Board Meeting**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

**St. Andrew Church/St. Christopher Parish**

**301 North Main, Verona, WI**

**\* *Jesus has no hands but yours* \***

**+ *Love Always Wins* +**

**Minutes**

Present: Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt, Judy Lyons, Linda Ripp, Carol Rogers, Julie Zenz, Mona Matijevich, Sue Barker, Coreen Marklein, Jan Block, Barbara Unger, Alice Paul, Ellen Dargel

1. Call Meeting to Order – 9:08 a.m.
2. Opening Prayer – Mona Matijevich distributed copies of The Surrender Novena and led the prayer for Day 1. She encouraged regular use of this powerful novena.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome – Judy Lyons introduced the new Treasurer, Julie Zenz, to the Board. Julie is from the Grant Vicariate and attends St. Clement in Lancaster. The Annual Meeting at which elections and installation of officers will be held is June 21. Judy will officially hand the Presidency to Linda Ripp at the end of that meeting.
5. Agenda review – Approved after adding the following items:
  6. c. MDCCW Directory
  10. b. 2.) Boxes of Joy
  14. c. Elections
  14. d. Ordination Reception
6. Secretary's Report – Carol Rogers
  - a. Roll Call, 12 members were present.
  - b. Minutes of November 6, 2021 - Filed as printed
  - c. MDCCW Directory - An e-copy of the MDCCW Directory, updated March 31, 2022, will be sent to the Board with minutes of this meeting.
7. Finance Report – Julie Zenz, Treasurer
  - a. Balance Sheet (see Attachment 1) - Checking \$6,901.70 and Savings \$1,508.45 (use when the Milwaukee Province Director-elect is from MDCCW to support her NCCW Convention and installation expenses).
  - b. Profit and Loss Detail (see Attachment 2) – Both reports were filed for audit as printed. Vicariate dues (\$50) will be clearly labeled as distinct from parish dues (\$50).
  - c. Any Other Information – Judy Lyons has yet to be reimbursed for NCCW Convention expenses; the \$25 raffle renewal fee was paid; \$150 is seed money for Catholic Cross Outreach, Boxes of Joy in 2022.
8. Spiritual Advisor Report – Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt  
Msgr. Duane noted that for vicariate meetings the pastor is the presider at Mass and Msgr. gives the homily. A good practice is to have the parish CCW president make arrangements with the pastor, after which the Vicariate president will confirm the arrangements with the

pastor. Installation of officers is usually done at spring vicariate meetings. Email a copy of the installation ceremony to Msgr. prior to the event. Vicariate presidents need to have printouts of the ceremony and any needed props on hand.

Matthew Pearson is the only seminarian to be ordained on May 27, 2022. Continue to pray for vocations; several more priests will be retiring this year than are being ordained.

The bishop is pleased with the parish planning process for the Go Make Disciples initiative with activities already begun.

Over 200 participants have participated in the diocesan listening sessions to prepare for the Synod on Synodality in Rome in 2023.

## 9. President's Report – Judy Lyons

Judy shared that pornography is not a victimless crime; it destroys families. Few parishes have programs to address the issue. Use of porn is incredibly addictive because it changes the brain, and is, thus, difficult to overcome. Best practices are God-centered, provide practical help, and include a process of accountability. Parents need to talk to their own children about avoiding porn, even at a young age, because of the easy availability of it online or on their friends' phones. People need to become active to eradicate this scourge. Ignoring the issue does not help the addicted or the families affected. The U.S. is the largest consumer of child porn and obscene content. Of the 4.5 million porn sites worldwide, half originate in this country.

Use of porn is integrally connected to human trafficking. Visit the Web site, U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, to learn how one group is addressing the issue. NCCW has a representative on a national commission to study porn.

## 10. Commission Reports

### a. Leadership – Sue Barker

Renew CCW groups in the spring with invitations to women who have never attended or have stopped attending meetings and events. Extend personal invitations to women to attend the spring vicariate meeting with you. Plan now to invite new members to attend the MDCCW Convention in Berlin on June 21 (see Attachment 3, Leadership Commission Report).

### Membership – Jan Block for Bernadette Schaeffer

The Board is to review the MDCCW Plan of Action for New Parish Affiliates, 2022 (see Attachment 4). Email suggestions and comments to Bernadette. The plan will be submitted for discussion and acceptance at a later meeting.

### b. Service – Coreen Marklein (see Attachment 5, Service Commission Report)

#### 1.) Walking With Moms in Need (WWMiN)

Guest speaker, Kathryn Higgins, provided information about the progress of this initiative in the diocese. Kathryn works for St. Vincent DePaul Society. She, along with others at the diocesan level, is urging parishes to engage in this USCCB project that assists parents from pregnancy through early childhood. A survey is being taken to gather information to develop a map of services in the diocese. Parishes are asked to identify one or two persons to be parish leads and attend a training session. The next training session for parish representatives will be April 2 at Holy Name Heights--50 persons representing 30 parishes have already done the training. Virtual sessions will be held later in April. Contact [wwminmadison.wisc@gmail.com](mailto:wwminmadison.wisc@gmail.com) or [khiggins.wisc@gmail.com](mailto:khiggins.wisc@gmail.com) for more information.

2.) **Boxes of Joy**

The 896 boxes sent in 2021 represent a 20% increase over 2020. Coreen expressed thanks to all who volunteered to pack the boxes. She will continue to lead this effort in 2022 (her final year on this project). Boxes will be ordered to distribute at the June Convention. Judy Lyons thanked Coreen for her work on this project. Barbara Unger recommended that a news story with pictures be sent to *The Catholic Herald*.

c. Spirituality – Mona Matijevich

The Prayer for Priests campaign will be done again this year. Postcards and labels were given to Board members to distribute in parishes. The postcard is to be sent to the priest before Holy Thursday, and other cards/notes of encouragement might be sent throughout the year.

Legislation - vacant

11. Standing Committees

Public Relations – Judy Lyons for Karen Gramann

The next Newsletter will be the Convention issue.

12. VICARIATE REPORTS

a. Columbia North – Mona Matijevich

The Spring Vicariate meeting will be Thursday, April 28 at Holy Family/St. Joseph Church in Markesan. The speaker is Kim Holliday, president of Green Lake County Right to Life.

This vicariate will host the MDCCW Convention on June 21, 2022.

b. East Dane – Maria Gaboury (new contact)

c. Grant – Jan Block

The spring vicariate meeting will be at St. Mary in Fennimore (Queen of All Saints Parish). The date is yet to be determined.

d. Jefferson – Vacant

e. Lafayette – Vacant

f. Madison – Barbara Unger for Gail Yellen-Shiring and Jill McNally

The Madison Women's Club met on Mar. 15 for priest and religious recognition day. The Apr. 20 topic will be a call to think globally and act locally. The end of year luncheon will be May 18. Full details are listed on the Madison Catholic Women's Club Website and in the MCWC report, (see Attachment 4 on the Nov. 6 MDCCW minutes). Activities for next year will be planned during the summer.

g. Rock Green – Alice Paul. Nothing new to report.

h. Sauk – Ellen Dargel

The Sauk Vicariate Spring Meeting will be May 13 at St. John, Spring Green. The theme of this daytime meeting is "To Trust During a Storm." The Offertory collection will be for Ukrainian refugees. The invitation will be sent to all Board members by email.

- i. West Dane – Sue Barker  
The West Dane Vicariate Spring Meeting will be May 12, at St. John the Baptist in Waunakee. Registration is at 4:30. One new officer will be installed, Vice President Angie Sailing; she produced the video for the virtual MDCCW Convention in 2021.

13. Unfinished Business

- a. Rejuvenation Committee  
The committee is considering what/how to work with the data from the July 2021 MDCCW Survey. Linda Ripp distributed a list of all women who completed the survey online. A letter is being developed to thank women who took the survey. This letter will be sent to the Vicariate Presidents who will forward it to their own members.
- b. Our Lady of Hope Clinic Support - Judy Lyons  
As a follow-up to Blaine Hechomovich's presentation to the Board at the July meeting, Carol Rogers moved that the Board donate \$200 to the Clinic (2<sup>nd</sup> Coreen Marklein). The motion passed unanimously.

14. ~~15-~~ New Business (nos. changed at this point from printed Agenda)

- a. National Convention Update - Judy Lyons
  - 1.) November 2-5, 2022
  - 2.) Marriott Minneapolis City Center
  - 3.) To register, go to nccw.org; registration starts July 1, 2022.
  - 4.) No bus will be rented by MDCCW for travel to the Convention due to high cost. Carpooling is encouraged with parking fees of \$20-\$30/day being more economical.
- b. MDCCW Convention Update - Mona Matijevich  
The Convention will be June 21 in Berlin. Bishop Hying will be attending. The theme is God Chose You. Susan Hilliard will speak on St. Philomena. Vicariates will each bring a basket for the raffle/sweepstakes. Reports to be printed in the program include the following:
  - Secretary (minutes of most recent Annual Meeting, 2018)
  - Treasurer (Annual Finance/Budget Report)
  - Commission Chairs (summary of year and new initiatives from NCCW)
  - Vicariate Presidents (summary of year, highlighting new, unique activities)
- c. **Elections** - Judy Lyons  
The slate of officers is as follows:

President-elect	Carol Rogers
Secretary	Coreen Marklein

Elections will be held during the Annual Meeting at the Convention, followed by installation of the newly-elected officers. The ceremony will include Linda Ripp who ascends to the Presidency, Julie Zenz, who recently accepted the office of Treasurer, and the newly-elected President-elect and Secretary.

Jan Block accepted the appointment to Service Commission Chair.
- d. **Ordination** - Coreen Marklein  
Ordination of transitional deacons will be May 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monona at 7 p.m.

Matthew Pearson will be ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 2022, at St. Maria Goretti Church at 7 p.m. MDCCW presents a gift of \$50 to the new priest. MDCCW will again sponsor the reception following ordination; the public will be invited this year. Coreen needs volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up.

15. Closing Prayer – Mona Matijevich

16. Adjournment: 11:57 a.m.

17. Next MDCCW Board Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2022, at St. Martins, in Martinsville.

Submitted  
Carol Rogers