

MDCCW Board Meeting minutes, Saturday, June 2, 2018, Sacred Hearts in Sun Prairie

- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 9:03 by Ellen Martin & Sue Koch.
- 2) **Opening prayer** by Mona Matijevich thanking God for our safe travels
- 3,4) **Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel** and **Pledge of Allegiance** recited by all.
- 5) **Agenda Review & Approval:** Msgr asked to be moved to later in agenda (needs to check if there is a Priest available for Confessions). Motion made and 2nd by Coreen Marklein & Mona M. All in favor.
- 6) **Introduction of Attendees:** new Sauk Cty President: Ellen Dargel, Blaine Hechimovich/Development Director at St Augustine University Parish/Platteville (will speak to us about 10:30 am).

- 7) **Secretary's Report/Linda Ripp** **Roll call:** attendance sign-in sheet was sent around. **March Board Minutes:** Correction by Msgr: **Annual Catholic Appeal** returns money exceeding goal to Parishes **not** "Priests for the Future". Motion made & 2nd to approve minutes as amended. All in favor.
- 8) Correspondence: Linda read a letter from Olbrich Gardens about reception for new Tribute Trellis donations (Fr Larry Bowns. It will be June 13, 2018. 6:00 pm. Linda Ripp will attend on behalf of MDCCW. Tribute will be on trellis for 3 years with option to renew in 2021 (\$500 donation) or receive plaque. Coreen suggested we get the plaque in 2021 and put it at Fr Larry's gravesite.

- 9) **Finance Report/Kathy Loy:** filed for audit. There was a question about who should receive NCCW "Connect/Catholic Women Magazine? Call NCCW directly.

- 11) **MDCCW Co-Presidents Report:** Sue & Ellen will continue as MDCCW membership chairs. Bring Vicariate banners to Convention. Madison Vicariate's isn't done yet. Sue & Ellen have traveled over 3000 miles during their Presidency (attending Leadership training, Diocesan Conventions, Vicariate meetings, etc.)

- 10) Msgr Moellenberndt/ **Spiritual Advisor Report:** The Vicariate meetings went very well and seemed to be well-attended. He thanked us for coming and finding the new meeting location at Sacred Hearts. He told us to "accentuate the positive". Invited us to do the outdoor Stations of the Cross at Sacred Hearts. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 24th at Sacred Hearts in the Gathering Room again.

- 12) **Commission Reports:**
 - A) **Service**—vacant
 - B) **Spirituality/Mona M:** will bring lots of materials, Rosaries, etc to convention. She is getting books donated.
 - 1) **Legislation/Coreen:** nothing right now. Legislation not in session.
 - C) **Leadership/Rosa Ropers:** Rosa will have a table at MDCCW Convention. Could we offer a 20% discount to NCCW individual memberships to first-timers, \$40 instead of \$50? MDCCW would pay the \$10 discount amount. You can be individual members even if your Parish pays NCCW dues. Mona M & Rosa R made motion to offer NCCW membership discount to 1st time members. All in favor. Ellen will donate to NCCW cookbooks, too.

- 13) **Standing Committees:**
 - A) **Public Relations:** 1) Karen Gramman/**website** 2) Jane Grinde/**newsletter:** They are doing nice job of promoting CCW! Kathy Loy mentioned we paid for individual memberships to NCCW for them last year. Motion made by Mona M & Alice Paul to fund NCCW memberships for Webmaster & Newsletter Editor every year (\$50 each). All in favor. This should be recorded in the annual budget. A thank you card should be sent to Karen & Jane letting them know we are paying NCCW memberships for them.
 - B) **Ways & Means:** 1) **Raffle tickets/Judy Lyons:** has tickets available for sale.
 - 2) **Silent Auction/Alice Paul:** Alice had silent auction forms available so donations can be filled out in advance—printed on heavy-duty paper. Attendees will have a number on their name tags to use for silent auction forms so don't have to put their names down.

14: Vicariate Reports:

- A) **Columbia North/Mona:** 114 people attended Vicariate meeting representing 13 of their 15 Parishes. It was held at Westfield. Poynette is thinking about hosting which would be first time in 20 years! Columbia North will have a new Vicariate President. Mona read a letter from 1996 about Parish President requesting CCW discontinuing and Deanery President's response. Still relevant for today! (Msgr printed copies for us). Mona is getting ready to turn over the reigns. She made up a binder to hand over to incoming President. She will continue mentoring them. First President elect sold house. Mona prayed to Holy Spirit and by end of day had a new President-elect. Mona told a story about Sr Jude. She had a bag of scapulars and Mona decided to hand out to attendees until they ran out—everyone got one! We should **include that story on the website**—great human interest story!
- C) **Grant/Bernadette:** focusing on Convention.
- D) **Jefferson/Judy Lyons:** Will try to schedule a Fall meeting.
- F) **Rock/Green** (Alice P, rep): would like to see active Vicariate again.
- G) **Sauk/Ellen Dargel:** They had a Saturday meeting at a local farm. Marie Lins spoke on "Sharing Faith" to about 25 people. They had a collection for the Vocation Purse Club. Deacon Ron spoke the women. On Mother's Day, women brought in purses in put money in their favorite which was then donated. They released balloons in memory of Fr Larry Bowens. They changed their bylaws to allow co-Presidents. They also offer individual memberships to Sauk Vicariate.
- H) **West Dane/Rosa:** Spring meeting theme was "Respecting the Dignity of God's Creation". Representative from Women's Care Center is now certified to teach about respect, dignity, chastity and is working on talking to students in HS, young women, etc. Main speaker, Sr Carol Haanen/5-Stones talked to us about Human Trafficking. . We had a full slate of Officers except for Vice-President. West Dane will provide workers to make up veggie trays for Priest's ordination on June 29, 2018. Rosa thanked Msgr for attending our meeting. We had a follow-up Board meeting in May. We want to be an active Vicariate. We plan on meeting every 5 weeks to set goals and come up with a Vicariate charity and try to fill Vice-President position.
- I) **Madison/Barb Unger:** The Madison Women's Club has Commissions and 1 is delegate to MDCCW/Vicariate Committee. Barbara gave an overview of Madison Women's Club activities/meetings. The new Madison Women's Club President is Kathy Wall (1102 Lincoln St, Madison, 53711, (608) 256-9489), effective June 20, 2018 for a two-year term. The Madison Women's Club will pay \$50 to join MDCCW as an **affiliate** (*like a Parish*, not as a Vicariate). Question about dues-- Individual member dues are billed in 2 groups (Jan-June and July-Dec for first year then in December for all. Dues for Vicariates/Affiliates are paid per calendar year.

15: Unfinished Business:

- A) **MDCCW Convention** will be June 13, 2018. Coreen asked question about adding registrations. Due June 4, 2018 Currently about 74 registrations. The Heritage Center will be available on Tues for set-up. There is an elevator. Drop passengers at top of hill and then park below. Shuttles will take drivers to Convention. Bernadette read the convention agenda and job assignments (for liturgy, readers, offertory, etc). We need to be in line for eating at 12:05. Ellen & Sue would like to meet with Vicariate, MDCCW Board at 8:30 and have all officers march in to Mass. Need to check on flag for convention, KC's color guard before welcome?

Special Guest: Sue introduced **Blaine Hechimovick**, Development Director at St Augustine University Parish in Platteville (Lafayette Vicariate) and 2 assistants—Christine & Sandra. The Parish is made up of students. The Catholic Church is "bleeding". About 80% of Youth age 18-25 are leaving the Church. The best hope is to put a bandaid on and get students at the University level. Free Neuman dinner attendance rose from 20-80. Currently, their building isn't meeting their needs. They have about 30 Bible Studies a week. They try to make it a home away from home—be safe, have fun activities, sports but keep God in Center. Pledges to sobriety & purity. Being Catholic isn't trendy. We need Catholic families. The Church needs Catholic people! There are Newman centers throughout the US. Washington DC offers training in 4 Focus ministries. 8 men have gone into seminary and one is being ordained this year. St Augustine is recognized as a club at Platteville. They are looking at a capital campaign for a building fund. They would like to have a table at convention.

More for convention. Historian isn't going to be able to set up at Convention. Kathy Loy would be able to put out a table if Sue can bring scrapbooks. Kathy has the Presidents' Tree. Legislation will need a table.

B) **By-law changes:** Carol Brennan will present changes at Convention. We will need a motion to accept bylaw changes. Judy Lyons will make motion at Convention.

C) **Ordination, June 29/Coreen:** West Dane will make up veggie trays Friday morning. There will be 3 priests ordained. Lorie Ballweg/Diocese will take care of centerpieces. Coreen will get sheet cakes from Costco (\$28). Coreen has list of jobs, just needs to fill in names. Will start about 6:30 pm. MDCCW usually gives each priest \$50. Motion to do so by Coreen & Alice. All in favor. Based on last year, budget is \$500. Coreen obtained Parish contacts in case we have questions about kitchen/supplies, etc.

D) **Future convention dates:** Some would like to see an annual convention date, set a weekend for annual meeting. Milwaukee—last Saturday in April. Sauk Vicariate is scheduled for next Convention and West Dane the year after. They don't have any large parishes. Lodi/St Pat's once hosted Convention (that is in Columbia North Vicariate). If it is held on a Saturday, when would Mass be?

E) **Leadership training.** Info is on website, Aug 4 in LaCrosse. This is a Province function. Each Diocese pays \$100. Motion to pay by Alice Paul & Judy Lyons. All in favor. Attendees will receive a questionnaire so training can meet their individual needs.

F) **NCCW Convention, Sept 6-9, 2018, Pittsburg:** Who's going? Bernadette & Judy are flying. Room is \$169 single, \$209/double. Rosa, Sue Barker, Coreen, Mary Stasek, Mona M. Karen Ferstahl/Superior is trying to get a bus. Need to have 20 for a bus. Early registration is June 15. We usually donate a Silent auction item. Motion by Kathy Loy & Ellen Dargel to donate St Mother Theresa print (by Sue Koch's daughter) and spend up to \$75 for framing it. Any extra money will be included with print. Province ad and donate \$25 for purse auction. Motion by Judy L, Ellen D. All in favor. Convention charity is "Pregnancy & Parenting" —bring baby items, diapers, size 3-5.

G) Other new business: Stoles: Coreen mentioned it would nice if MDCCW would buy a stole for priests to wear at MDCCW events. Bernadette will check to see if she can find someone to make or purchase one. About \$100.

New Business:

Convention fees for Commission Chairs: Rosa /Leadership; Coreen /Service Commission chair; Mona M / Spiritual Chair. Motion to pay early registration fee for Pres. Elect by Alice P and Kathy L. All in favor.

Closing Prayer by Msgr Moellenberndt. Thank you prayer as we celebrate Feast of Corpus Christe and an Our Father.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Minutes submitted by Linda Ripp/MDCCW Secretary