

**MDCCW Convention Minutes, June 13, 2018, Sinsinawa, WI hosted by Grant Vicariate**

The meeting began at 9:00 with a **nun skit** the “students” told us about MDCCW & NCCW and programs (Cross Relief Services, Water for Life, Help a Child, Madonna Plan, etc).

**Welcome** by Jan Block on behalf of host Vicariate.

**Pledge & Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel** by all in attendance.

Motion made & 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve agenda. All were in favor.

There were no corrections to **minutes** as printed in booklet, so filed as written.

**Financial Report:** Barbara Agasie audited the MDCCW finances. Everything in order, balanced with statements. No recommendations. Filed for audit.

Jan Block will give **attendance numbers** after lunch.

**Introduction of Guests** by Sue Koch/MDCCW co-President: Jean Kelly, NCCW President-elect; Carol Brennan/Milwaukee Province Director; Past MDCCW Presidents in attendance; MDCCW Board of Directors—Bernadette, Judy, Linda, Kathy and Commission Chairs—Coreen, Rosa, Mona and Vicariate Presidents in attendance.

**Bylaw Change—term limits/** Carol Brennan: were published 30 days advance notice. Change to allow Treasurer & Secretary positions to serve two consecutive two-year terms. Treasurer would be elected in odd years to allow more continuity with incoming MDCCW President. Carol Rogers made a motion to change bylaws. She thinks it is a good idea. As past Secretary, she said it took a year to be comfortable as secretary and it would be nice to have a longer term to provide better continuity. All designated voters were in favor of bylaw changes.

**Election of Officers/Rosa Ropers:** there were no nominations from floor. Motion by Carol Rodgers & seconded to approve slate of officers: Bernadette Schaefer moves up to President; Judy Lyons –President-elect; Kathy Loy – Treasurer; Linda Ripp—Secretary. Sue Koch & Ellen Martin will continue to chair membership commission for MDCCW. All in favor.

**Alice Krystoviak Award:** A Madonna statue was presented to the youngest, first-time attendee at MDCCW Convention. 4 ladies were younger than 40. Avery Crooks, St Clement Parish Lancaster, 14 years old, was the recipient.

Bernadette Schaefer introduced **Morning speaker, Mary Pedersen**, Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. **“Women Called to Missionary Discipleship”**. She didn’t see NCCW mission statement being carried out in Parishes. How do we get the Word out? All about Evangelization. In years past, we didn’t need to evangelize because we grew up in Catholic neighborhoods. Pope Paul IV recognized that the world was becoming more secular—we’re not talking to people about being Catholic. Pope John Paul II—We need to get the word out worldwide, Who is Jesus? Pope Benedict XVI—Year of Faith in 2012. Pope Francis—“Joy of the Gospel” in 2014. All the baptized are called to Evangelize. The Church exists to Evangelize. God Loves you is the message and the reason Jesus came into the World! We now need to evangelize our own Children.

**Mass:** Concelebrated by Msgr Duane Moellenberndt & Fr Vernon/St Clement’s, Lancaster

**Lunch:** chicken breast, wild rice, mixed vegetables, pumpkin bars

**Attendance Numbers:**

148 registered  
15 Parish Presidents  
6 Individual members  
40 Parishes  
8 guests/speakers  
57 first-timers  
4 past Presidents

**Rosary:** For the Dignity of Women

**Afternoon Speaker: Joanne Pohland** presented **“How Jesus Encounters Women and Calls Them Forth”**. We need to be “good salt” for the people. CCW—We are all on a MISSION to empower and educate (mission statement). CCW=Christ’s **C**hosen **W**omen. Work with Diocesan offices. What are the needs of the women in the Diocese? INVITE!. Have at least one contact person in each parish. Be Missionary Disciples—pray for the newly baptized, recently deceased. Make all we do an encounter with Christ. Don’t just bring a cake to a funeral, help “bury the dead”—Corporal Work of Mercy. AFFIRM one another, step out of our comfort zone. Be merciful and Joy Filled. Pope Francis said “being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in any city”

**Jean Kelly/NCCW** President-elect invited us to attend **National Convention** in September. Early deadline is June 15. Theme is “Missionary Disciples—Mission Possible”.

**Carol Brennan/Province Director:** Communicate & share info with Diocesan & Vicariate Presidents. The Women in the Pews get the work done. They are trying to get a bus for NCCW Convention, but need at least 20 people. The NCCW President represents us at the US Bishop’s Conference. Our projects come from the Bishops.

**Leadership training** will be Aug 4 in La Crosse. Deadline is July 23, 2018.

Submit names of new Officers to National CCW.

Newly elected President, Bernadette Schaefer said thank you to outgoing Presidents. Her theme will be “He is the Vine, We are the Branches”. She had business cards available.

\$752 was collected in the Offertory Collection. It will go towards stopping Human Trafficking.

Closing Prayer by Mona Matijevich.

The next convention will be hosted by Sauk Vicariate.

Minutes submitted by Linda Ripp/MDCCW Secretary