

**MADISON DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**  
**67<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**  
**All Saints Catholic Church, N8566 State Road 49, Berlin, WI 54923**  
**“God’s Chosen Treasurers”**  
**“God Chose You”**

**Minutes**

Present: Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt, Judy Lyons, Linda Ripp, Carol Rogers, Mona Matijevich, Sue Barker, Coreen Marklein, Jane Grinde, Gloria Lichtfuss, Barbara Unger, Jill McNally, Ellen Dargel

1. Welcome – Mona Matijevich, President of Columbia North  
Mona welcomed everyone to the Convention and thanked them for attending.  
Sue Koch, Secretary of Columbia North Vicariate, thanked the donors who had contributed items placed in the attendees’ gift bags.
2. Call to Order and MDCCW President’s Report – Judy Lyons  
Judy called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. To streamline the Annual Meeting the Convention Program contains the Treasurer’s Annual Report, Commission Reports, news from the Vicariates, information about nominees for office, various messages, and the Convention schedule.  
The NCCW Convention will be in Minneapolis on November 2-5, 2022; registration will open on July 1. Because of its location in a neighboring state, women are encouraged to attend and to find creative ways to help fund members who are attending. This event provides a view of the broad scope of CCW, gives access to major speakers in the Catholic Church, and provides opportunities to meet and make friends.  
Parishes are encouraged to be involved with Walking With Moms in Need. This national project is presently gathering information about services available in each locality that could assist young families.  
The installation of MDCCW Officers will take place in Church immediately following Mass.  
Judy thanked everyone for their loyalty to CCW and hard work during the Covid pandemic, especially for their ability to think in new ways... *We can’t do this, so we’ll do this instead*. She passed along her love and prayers for the members as she completes her two years as President.
3. Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel – Mona Matijevich, Spirituality Commission Chair
4. Pledge of Allegiance – President-elect Linda Ripp
5. Adoption of Agenda -- (see program) No change was made.
6. Spiritual Advisor’s Report – Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt  
Msgr. Duane told a story about Albert Schweitzer comforting a woman as she watched her son sail off to war by sitting near her and crying with her. The lesson to learn is that Christ knows

our troubles and is with us. He is here to touch us every day, comfort, and strengthen us. He equips us for sharing the gospel and inspires us to serve others. Grace is always present to us in proportion to the trial. Grace will help us and help others to reach Heaven.

7. MDCCW Board of Directors Report

- a. Secretary Carol Rogers noted that because of Covid the most recent Annual Meeting occurred in 2018 in Sinsinawa. Minutes of 2018 were filed as printed with no discussion due to the lag between that meeting and 2022. No Annual Meeting was held in 2019 or 2020. The 2021 Virtual Convention did not include a Board meeting.

Highlights from the Annual Treasurer’s Report as printed in the program are below.

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| Beginning Checking Balance June 2021                 |                   | \$1,111.64        |
| Ending Checking Balance April 2022                   |                   | <b>\$8,234.20</b> |
| Works of Peace Paid Nov. 2021                        | \$4,475.00        |                   |
| Works of Peace Equity May 1, 2022                    | \$1,865.00        |                   |
| The Works of Peace Equity is yet to be sent to NCCW. |                   |                   |
| Works of Peace Grand Total                           | <b>\$6,340.00</b> |                   |
| Beginning Savings Balance May 1, 2021                |                   | \$1,508.41        |
| Ending Savings Balance April 30, 2022                |                   | <b>\$1,508.57</b> |

Nominees for office were introduced (bios for each are printed in the program).

- President**                 **Linda Ripp** succeeds to the Presidency at the end of this meeting.
- President-elect**       **Carol Rogers**, presently serving as Secretary, is seeking this two-year position.
- Secretary**               **Coreen Marklein**, presently serving as Service Commission Chair, has served in several capacities for CCW, including as MDCCW President from 2012-14.
- Treasurer**               **Julie Zenz** was appointed to this position in Jan. 2022 and seeks to be officially elected; her term will end in June 2023.  
NOTE: Katie Crosby continued the work of Treasurer from June 2021 until a nominee was identified.

- b. Boxes of Joy (BoJ) – Judy Lyons and Coreen Marklein

In 2020 a total of 750 boxes were prepared and shipped.

In 2021 a total of 896 boxes were prepared and shipped, a 20% increase.

Parish and Vicariate representatives are encouraged to pick up boxes and cartons in the lobby to take home from this Convention along with the instruction sheet. The payment options were revised. No money to pay for shipping is to be placed in the boxes. A total check for all boxes prepared by a parish/vicariate will be sent to the address provided or payment may be made online.

Another way to participate in BoJ is to send a \$34 check per box to the address provided (\$25 for the contents + \$9 shipping) so that the box can be prepared by others.

BoJ are due at St. Peters in Ashton by Nov 1. Volunteers will be needed to pack the small Boxes of Joy into the larger crates (dates TBD). Volunteers will not load crates onto the truck for shipping. Parishes/vicariates that are closer to Oshkosh may deliver their BoJ directly to All Saints Parish, Berlin.

8. Standing Committee Reports

a. Nominations and Election Committee – Judy Lyons

Judy asked for nominations from the floor for the offices of President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. No nominations were submitted. Joan Slate moved that a unanimous vote be cast for all nominees. The motion was seconded and passed on a hand vote.

b. Ordination Reception – Coreen Marklein

Thanks were extended to all Ordination Reception volunteers who prepared, served, and cleaned up. Fr. Matthew Pearson was the one priest ordained in the diocese in 2022. Covid concerns changed how food was packaged and served - less handling, more items in individual packets. Thanks to Kathy Loy who did all the baking to ensure that safety and quality standards were met. Thanks to Jane Grinde for the article in *The Catholic Herald* about MDCCW hosting the reception. A new volunteer is being sought to organize this event in the future.

c. Spirituality Commission – Mona Matjevich

The Prayer for Priests campaign was again successful. Several people have received messages of gratitude from the priests for whom they are praying. The number of people praying for our priests doubled from last year.

d. NCCW Bus

Chartering a bus to Minneapolis for the NCCW Convention is being investigated. The cost might be \$75 round trip if the bus is full. The bus would leave on Tues. and return after five nights, allowing riders to participate in the tours prior to the convention, the entire convention schedule, and escape the \$50/night parking fee at the hotel.

9. Other Business – None

10. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Submitted  
Carol Rogers