

## Madison Catholic Woman's Club

### Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Hospital, Bay 5

1. Call to Order - Co-President Carol Strmiska
2. Opening Prayer – Peg Weber
3. Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Board Meeting – approved through emailed publication, Recording Secretary, Pat Anderson
4. Treasurer's Report - Janette Hermanson (attached)
5. **Officer Reports**
  - a. Corresponding Secretary – Rita Tubbs – MCWC board meetings for the fall are as follows: Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018. All meetings will be in Bay 5 at St. Mary's Hospital.
  - b. Historian - Barb Kutchmarek: Is working on history highlights for May event.
  - c. Auditors – Judy Theobald and Karen Wilke
  - d. Immediate Past Co-Presidents – Karen Wilke and Mary Quamme
  - e. Co-President's Report – Carol Strmiska and Susanna Herro
    - (1) Carol will attend the April 24 event on trafficking at St. Francis Church.
    - (2) Susanna is working on setting up a meeting with Traci Dalsin for all those involved in membership.
6. **Old Business**
  - a. Report from March Chairperson, Kay Wittenwyler and Reservation Chairperson, Joan Statz
  - b. Discussion held over from March Agenda:
    - (1) How can MCWC reach out to attract more women to MCWC?
    - (2) How can we improve the Membership Booklet?
    - (3) How can we attract members through the website and Facebook?
7. **New Business**
  - a. Nominating Committee: Kathy Wall met with Judy Riddle and has been contacting members to fill leadership vacancies. Kathy has agreed to run for vice-president. She will continue making calls.

Action Requested: After hearing report of Nominating Committee chair, vote for vice-president, becoming president for 2018 – 2020.
  - b. Report from April Chairperson, Lois Schwoerer
8. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Christ Child Circle – Judy Riddle, Mary Breunig
  - b. Vicariates – Barbara Unger:

The MDCCW board meeting on Sat. March 10 lasted 3 1/2 hours. The March 22, 2018 Catholic Herald had a nice article on some things about the meeting.

Much of the meeting covered details for their Annual Conference to be held June 13, 2018 at Sinsinawa (Grant Vicariate). Conference is MDCCW's fund raiser for the year. It has a raffle, and Vicariate's put together "baskets" of nice items of all sorts for a silent auction. Lunch at the Mound will be whatever is being served that day for residents.

During the Vicariate President's reports (I'm listed as the Representative of Madison and Carol Strmiska was listed as MCWC guest) I asked if anyone knew why MCWC was not part of MDCCW? No one knew because that happened back in the mid 50's. The co-presidents Ellen Martin and Suzanne Koch said the past is past, whatever the reason MCWC did not join MDCCW is not important now. They also said that they have always considered MCWC part of MDCCW because we are a Catholic Women's group in the Diocese of Madison. The two groups should talk about how to proceed. Both Ellen and Suzanne are stepping down at end of their term as co-presidents (I think June 2018).

The West Dane Vicarate reported that for their spring meeting on April 24 they are having Sr. Carol Haanen talk on INNOCENCE Sold, "The Realities of Sex Trafficking". The talk is at 7 pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cross Plains. Everyone is invited to the talk (they are welcoming parents and youngsters 12 years old and older). Their whole meeting starts at 4:30 pm and has a rosary, mass, business meeting, election of officers, lite supper then Sr. Carol's talk. Only the talk at 7 pm is open to others. Free will donations will be accepted for the talk.

- c. Membership – Teresa DeVault, Lois Schwoerer, Membership/Hospitality – Pat Breunig: Received notice of the deaths of members. Mary Kennedy and Lois Schweiger.
- d. Membership Book and Mailings – Caryl Bremer
- e. Pro-life and Legislation – Susanna Herro
  - Review of Pro-Life Progress at federal level - January 2017 to January 2018
  - 1. Neil Gorsuch appointed to the Supreme Court
  - 2. Federal legislation passed to allow states to remove Title X funding from Planned Parenthood. Also, Justice Department announced a formal investigation into possible involvement in illegal trafficking in fetal tissue and body parts.
  - 3. The Mexico City policy was reinstated. It denies US aid money to international groups that provide funds for or promotes abortion. The policy was expanded to cover a wider range of U.S. foreign health spending. United National Population Fund is also under scrutiny.
  - 4. Expanded the Religious and Conscience exemption to the Health and Human Services Department's contraception mandate so that religious employers such as the Little Sisters of the Poor will not have to pay for abortifacient drugs and other contraceptives.
- f. Programs – Ginny Nachreiner, Pat Anderson: Meg Nielsen, Triangle Community Ministry Outreach Director, will present at the April meeting. She will bring a laptop and projector but will need either a projector screen or will project on the wall at St. Bernard's, Madison. Her fee will be \$200.
- g. Projects– Teri Kinney, Mary Uhler
- h. Publicity – Rose Boucher
- i. Social Concerns – Lorraine Endres
- j. Spiritual – Peggy Weber: Nomination for Christian Achievement Award
- k. Sunshine – Janette Hermanson

9. **Evaluation of meeting**

10. Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, September 10 , 2018

Note: because of the leadership transition, there might need to be a summer meeting or voting via email to confirm future candidates.

11. Adjourn