

**MADISON CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB  
BOARD MEETING, April 02, 2018  
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL – BAY 5**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Co-President Carol Strmiska

Present: Rose Boucher, Caryl Bremer, Mary Breunig, Pat Breunig, Teresa DeVault, Janette Hermanson, Susanna Herro, Ginny Nachreiner, Mary Quamme, Lois Schwoerer, Joan Statz, Carol Strmiska, Judy Theobald, Barb Unger, Kathy Wall, Peggy Weber, Karen Wilke, Pat Anderson.

Absent: Lorraine Endres, Beverly Kennedy, Teri Kinney, Barb Kutchmarek, Judy Riddle, Rita Tubbs, Mary Uhler.

Susanna Herro introduced Kathy Wall. She is working on Nominating Committee.

Carol Strmiska had a question for all of us: What were we looking forward to this spring?

Peg Weber shared a reading: "God's Faithfulness"

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Approved by the electronic vote.

**Treasurer's Report** – Janette Hermanson:

Checking account balance as of 03/31/18: \$17,748.31; Total Deposits: \$2,431.00  
Disbursements: \$3,428.75; Savings Account Balance as of 03/31/18: \$2630.32.

**Officer Reports**

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.

Historian – Barb Kutchmarek:

Barb is working on history highlights for the May event at Black Hawk Country Club.

Auditor – Judy Theobald, Karen Wilke:

A meeting will be scheduled for April for auditing.

Past Co- Presidents – Karen Wilke, Mary Quamme:

Everything is ready for the May 8, 2018 event at Blackhawk County Club.

Co-President's Report – Susanna Herro, Carol Strmiska:

Carol will attend the April 24, 2018, event on trafficking at St. Francis Church.

Susanna is working on setting up a meeting with Traci Dalsin for those involved in membership.

**Old Business**

Priest and Religious Recognition Day on March 13, 2018. Joan Statz, Reservation Chairperson, reported that there were 87 reservations which included 24 guests at the event.

Discussion from March Agenda:

**How to reach out to attract women to MCW?**

We might have to spend money to bring in new members. Redesign the website to include upcoming events with dates and places, photos of past events and current information. Carol noted that events had better attendance when members were contributing things like the Christmas gifts for St. Vincent de Paul and the February Baby Shower. Do more events that are for places with need, etc. We need good programs that will be interesting to younger women also.

**How to improve membership booklet?**

Some people want to go back to the smaller colorful booklet. Caryl Bremer explained the reason for the larger booklet was that it cost less to print without color and it can be mailed in a business envelope to save mailing cost. A discussion suggested a new design for the booklet and to add back information such as the list of past presidents.

Pat Breunig suggested we include the names of all past and present Christian Achievement Award women in our next booklet.

**How can we attract members through the website and facebook?**

The MCWC Facebook will need to have someone to be in charge to keep it current. The Facebook page would be available for the public to see what the club is doing, etc. Also advertise what we do for the community with the project money.

**New Business**

Nominating Committee: Kathy Wall is making calls to fill positions on the board. Programs, Recording Secretary, Sunshine and Spiritual are vacant positions.

**Motion:** Mary Quamme, second Karen Wilke that Kathy Wall be elected vice-president now and as president in June 2018-2020. **Motion passed. Kathy Wall was elected.**

A summer meeting might be a possibility. Frostwood Farms in Middleton is a place that could be used for the meeting. It is a good size place and they serve food. Kathy Wall is going to look at the set-up. Sr. Torres, Franciscan of Eucharist, from Chicago is a possible guest speaker. Date, time and place for the summer meeting will be announced at a later date. The goal would be to have a lunch meeting and an evening event to try to attract women who are not available during the day.

Lois Schwoerer reported that everything is set for the April 10, 2018 program.

**Committee Reports**

Christ Child Circle – Judy Riddle:

No Report

Vicariates – Barb Unger:

Carol Strmiska and Barb attended the March 10, 2018, MDCCW board meeting.

Discussion: Should MCWC belong to the National Organization and the MDCCW?

**Motion:** Peggy Webber, second by Karen Wilke that the Madison Catholic Woman’s Club joins the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. There is a \$50.00 fee. **Motion passed.**

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.

Projects - Carol Strmiska:

Carol mentioned that the Projects Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to determine how to distribute the \$10,000 available for charities.

Membership – Terry DeVault, Lois Schwoerer:

Membership/Hospitality – Pat Breunig:

No new members as of April 02, 2018.

Membership Book and Mailings – Caryl Bremer, Joan Statz:

No Report

Pro-Life – Susanna Herro:

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.

Programs – Ginny Nachreiner:

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.

Ginny Nachreiner will contact Jessica Michna in April to remind her of her May presentation of Mary Todd Lincoln. Jessica's fee will also be \$200.

Publicity – Rose Boucher:

An article about the May event at Black Hawk Country Club mentioning Jessica Michna's performance as Mary Todd Lincoln "The Widow Reflects" for the Catholic Herald and church bulletins.

Social Concerns – Lorraine Endres:

No Report

Spiritual – Peggy Weber:

Peggy's nomination for Christian Achievement Award is Carol Viviani. The award will be presented at the May 8, 2018 luncheon at Black Hawk Country Club. Peggy shared some written testimonials on Carol Viviani.

Sunshine Committee – Janette Hermanson, Beverly Kennedy:

Janette sent Easter cards to all the inactive members.

Evaluation: Carol Strmiska is pleased that MCWC is joining the MDCCW. Happy to have Kathy Wall on the board. Other members joined in to say we covered a lot of material and made progress.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am

Next meeting is Monday, September 10, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Anderson*

Pat Anderson, Recording Secretary

