

**MADISON CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB
BOARD MEETING, April 3, 2017
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL – BAY 5**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by co-President Susanna Herro.

Present: Rose Boucher, Lorraine Endres, Janette Hermanson, Susanna Herro, Barb Kutchmarek, Ginny Nachreiner, Mary Quamme, Judy Riddle, Lois Schwoerer, Joan Statz, Carol Strmiska, Judy Theobald, Barb Unger, Peggy Weber, and Karen Wilke.

Absent: Pat Anderson, Caryl Bremer, Mary Breunig, Pat Breunig, Teresa DeVault, Bev Kennedy, Teri Kinney, Rita Tubbs, and Mary Uhler.

Peggy Weber led us in opening prayer.

March 2017 Board Minutes

Approved by electronic vote.

Treasurer's Report – Janette Hermanson

Checking account balance as of 2/28/2017: \$14,214.31. Deposits: \$3365.00. Disbursements: \$1907.00. Checking account balance as of 3/29/2017: \$15,672.31. Savings account balance as of 12/31/2016: \$2,627.69.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Rita Tubbs – absent

Please pray for Rita who fell and broke her hip and is now at Oakwood East.

Historian – Barb Kutchmarek

With the new archives department at Holy Name Heights, things are not going along as quickly as expected. The room set up for research and study is not ready for use. It will be summer before the room is ready for researchers. Barb thinks it will be Fall before we can research records for our club from 1914-1957.

ACTION: *Barb will check back on the progress of the archives department in June or July.*

Auditor – no report.

Immediate Past co-Presidents' report – plans going smoothly for May banquet at Blackhawk.

Co-President's Report – Susanna Herro and Carol Strmiska

Carol presented different types of permanent name tags we could purchase for our group with costs. After much discussion and comparisons, **MOTION** was made by Mary Quamme, seconded by Karen Wilke to purchase the lesser expensive name tags and see how those work for us (\$97 for 300 tags). Motion passed.

Carol also questioned whether we could have one person do registrations for all general meetings rather than a different person for each meeting. Following discussion, it was decided that this could work. Judy Theobald volunteered to take this responsibility on.

Susanna reported that they met in Portage with Peggy Weber and the co-presidents of the MDCCW (Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) to begin the planning process for the October Day of Renewal. Peggy will include details under her Spiritual report.

Old Business

Joan Statz reported that we had 24 honored guests at our March Priest and Religious Recognition Day. Several parishes don't participate. We'll make contact with those parishes and have more discussion at a later date. There was some discussion on a new purpose for the March meeting to increase interest and attendance. Discussion to be continued.

New Business

Lois Schwoerer reported that all is well with plans for our April general meeting. Habitat for Humanity CEO Valerie Johnson and Catholic Charities Jackson Fonder will join us.

Mary Quamme and Karen Wilke reported that plans are going well for the May Spring Banquet.

Programs – Ginny Nachreiner

We have 3 entertainer/speakers committed for next year and are working on 2 more.

Projects – Teri Kinney

In Teri's absence, Carol reported from the Projects meeting held on March 29. St. Vincent de Paul Society is receiving money for the Care Cafe and will not receive additional money this spring. That \$1,000 was split up among the four organizations that had received only \$250 the previous year. The Cistercian Sisters, Fr. Phillip Schoof's Parish in Mexico, Pregnancy Helpline, and Women's Care Center will each receive \$500 this year. All other donations will remain the same.

Publicity – Rose Boucher

Rose reported that 10 parishes post our meetings in their bulletins and 10 don't. Some parishes say they don't have room in their bulletins to include our meetings.

ACTION: *Rose will get the name of a parish member in the parishes that don't post and have that person post in their bulletins.*

Social Concerns – Lorraine Endres

An important Supreme Court nominee, Judge Neil Gorsuch, is to be voted on. He has a good record for family, religion, etc. Prayers are asked for him to be voted in.

afa Journal is a Christian family magazine that has very good information of upcoming events, etc. Catholic pro-life teacher Bill Diss from Portland, Oregon was ruled out when he excused himself from facilitating a Planned Parenthood presentation in his class, etc. Another article states "Parents want a change in sex ed."

One Million Moms have success stories when they contact TV programs. My Pillow Company responded to concerns of 1MM members regarding the company's recent ad placement on the "Mick" show.

The Catalyst, a journal of the Catholic League, had a good write-up in their March issue about Betsy DeVos, the new Secretary of Education. She is for school choice and will shake things up. She is for Catholic schools, private schools and charter schools.

The Watchdog Media Research Center tells about journalists brutally attacking Donald Trump, and their hatred for Trump extends to members of his cabinet, his White House staff, and even his wife and kids.

Lorraine distributed the 2017 Dirty Dozen List of major contributors to sexual exploitation.

Life Site News misquoted a Vatican academy member stating that “Pope Francis has urged us to have fewer children to make the world more sustainable.” What the Vatican academy member actually said was, “We need at some point to have a limited number of people which is why Pope Francis and his three most recent predecessors have always argued that you should not have more children than you can bring up properly.” Life Site News apologized for the error.

Spiritual Committee – Peggy Weber

Three very qualified nominees for the Christian Achievement Award were submitted. Peggy had the board anonymously rank the three nominees. Judy Stolper from St. Peter Catholic Church was selected to receive this year’s CA Award. Judy works with the pastor in ministry to parish members with serious or life limiting illness, other life struggles, transitions, including frequent visits when Hospice becomes involved at end of life. For years, she has maintained professional relationships with colleagues in other parishes and organizations.

Peggy made a suggestion for a speaker for our October 16 Day of Renewal. The board consensus was to have Liz Kelly, International speaker, join us for our day of spirituality. She has excellent reviews, and she wrote a book titled “50 Reasons I Love Being Catholic.” Because this meeting will be joint with the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, we will only need to cover half of the speaker cost.

Sunshine Committee – Janette Hermanson – no report.

Christ Child Circle – Judy Riddle – no report.

Vicariates – Barb Unger

Susanna Herro announced upcoming meetings:

May 6 - MDCCW Board meeting; we’re invited to attend meeting and plan October Day of Renewal (Barb will attend).

June 14 – Meeting in Fort Atkinson with keynote speaker Fr. John Terrigano of St. Norbert’s who died and came back to life. There will also be Leadership Share Shops. (Barb will attend.)

September 6-9 – National Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

October 27 - Meeting in Rockford, IL, Katerina Rosenblatt who wrote *Stolen* will be speaking at Giovanni’s Restaurant on human trafficking.

Membership – Lois Schwoerer

No new members this past month. Peggy Weber brought it to the attention of Ginny Nachreiner who maintains the web site that Joan Oakey from St. Patrick’s, Cottage Grove, passed away.

Membership Book and Mailings – Joan Statz - no report.

Pro-Life and Legislation – Susanna Herro, Carol Strmiska, Ginny Nachreiner

Susanna, Carol, Ginny and Lisa Fahrney attended Catholics at the Capitol. Carol and Ginny reported on their sessions that they attended. Ginny attended Human Trafficking and Carol attended Racism and Education. There wasn’t time at this meeting for Susanna to report and Lisa was absent.

Next meeting is Monday, August 28, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Nachreiner

Minutes approved April 29, 2017