

**MADISON CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB
BOARD MEETING, February 6, 2017
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL – BAY 5**

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

Present: Rose Boucher, Teresa DeVault, Lorraine Endres, Susanna Herro, Teri Kinney, Barb Kutchmarek, Ginny Nachreiner, Mary Quamme, Judy Riddle, Lois Schwoerer, Joan Statz,,Carol Strmiska, Judy Theobald, Rita Tubbs, Barb Unger, Karen Wilke.

Absent: Pat Anderson, Caryl Bremer, Mary Breunig, Pat Breunig, Janette Hermanson, Bev Kennedy, Mary Uhler, Peggy Weber.

Carol Strmiska led us in opening prayer. Carol also had the group introduce themselves and state what we had done for ourselves recently.

November 2016 Board Minutes

Approved by electronic vote.

Treasurer's Report – Janette Hermanson (presented by Carol Strmiska)

Checking account balance as of 10/31/2016: \$15,570.63. Deposits: \$4,512.00. Disbursements: \$7,285.25. Checking account balance as of 12/31/2016: \$13,780.56. Questions were raised about discrepancy in calculations of checking account. Carol Strmiska will contact treasurer. Savings account balance as of 12/31/2016: \$2,627.69.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Rita Tubbs

Board meetings are scheduled for the fall. Style Show will be Monday, September 11, 2017. The Board will meet on August 21, 2017.

Historian – Barb Kutchmarek

Susanna Herro and Barb met with Archivist Jonathan Carlson at the Wisconsin Historical Society to learn what records we should be keeping and also to find the original incorporation documents. Susanna will check with the Register of Deeds on this. Jonathan stated the Society looks for meeting minutes, project and committee files. They do not need bank statements, duplicates and routine correspondence. One thing to keep in mind is not to save anything that would not be of use to anyone in the future such as obituary columns. Historical records are better kept in printed form on archival safe supplies. Barb has also been in contact with the archivist at the Bishop O'Connor Center. They are trying to find our Board's missing meeting minutes from 1914 through 1957.

ACTION: Barb will research date of our first Style Show.

No Auditor report. Ginny Nachreiner volunteered to assist Judy Theobald with auditing at the end of the year if needed.

No immediate Past Presidents report.

Co-President's Report – Carol Strmiska

A focus group meeting was held with new members to determine why they joined the club and what they would like to be involved in. Susanna and Carol emailed Christmas and New Year's messages out.

If our group donates \$1,000 now to sponsor a table at the St. Vincent de Paul Care Café Fundraising Breakfast on May 5, 2017 at the Alliant Energy Center, we would receive Bronze Level Sponsorship for \$1,000 instead of \$1,500. We would receive a table for 8 with a sign, recognition in the Annual Report and MCWC printed in the program. The full \$1,000 goes to St. Vincent de Paul programming as the breakfast is underwritten by a donor.

MOTION was made by Mary Quamme, seconded by Joan Statz to donate the \$1,000 for this cause.

Board Positions – Judy Riddle

We are still in need for volunteers to step forward to fill the vice president(s) position, the auditor position and the pro-life position.

ACTION: Barb Kutchemarek needs Board position descriptions updated.

The Badger Honor Flight will be arriving at the airport on May 13. Dorothy Bollant, former Air Force nurse, and Lorraine Endres's daughter (each traveler must have an attendant under 70 years of age) will be attending. Anyone interested in representing our group when they arrive around 9:30-10:00 pm should contact Joan Statz.

Publicity – Rose Boucher gave an updated the group on what is being done.

Social Concerns – Lorraine Endres

Our new Vice President was present at the Pro Life March in Washington.

Mexico City's policy regarding the payment to foreign governments for abortions or discussing abortions is now back in effect.

World Magazine tells that tens of thousands of U.S. fertility treatments have resulted in a multitude of frozen embryos. Regulations prohibit fertility clinics from discarding them without patient consent unless parents abandon them. The mothers must decide....use them or lose them.

Parents Television Council (PTC) informs the public, enables us to hold advertisers accountable and sets the agenda for television reform. PTC's research is at the center of everything they do. When they release a study, it makes waves nationwide.

We need to ask Verizon to stop underwriting foul-mouthed, sexualized kids on the show "The Mick."

ABC's "The Real O'Neals contained more sexual dialog involving teen and child characters than any other prime time program or broadcast.

The National Center on Sexual Exploitation drafted a resolution recognizing pornography as a public health crisis. It was introduced in the State of Virginia and passed unanimously.

Spiritual Committee – Peggy Weber (presented by Carol Strmiska)

Please forward suggestions for names of speakers for our joint Spiritual Day of Renewal in October.

Please forward names of nominees for the 2017 Christian Achievement Award (CAA) to Peggy via email or regular mail. The purpose of the CAA award is to reach out beyond the Madison Catholic Woman's Club giving honor and support to individuals or groups performing charitable and civic activities in the community at large. Peggy suggests characteristics of a person that are spiritual, social, charitable, friendly, religious, generous, organized, uplifting and caring. Please include the person's background, current position, parish and your reason for nominating them.

Sunshine Committee – no report.

Christ Child Circle – Judy Riddle

Christmas 2016 gift donations for St. Vincent de Paul:

Value of gifts: \$2,535.93.

Check and cash donations: \$630

Total donations: \$2,835.93

Increase from 2015: \$221.58

Vicariates – Barb Unger

The Madison Diocese Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) has 2 newsletters in spring and fall. The fall newsletter had reports from leadership, spirituality and service commissions. The Province Director from the Province of Milwaukee encouraged everyone to recruit new members for their local groups. The next national

meeting of the National Council of Catholic Women is in Dallas, TX September 7-9, 2017 at which time a new Province Director will be installed. The MDCCW Convention is June 14, 2017 at St. Joseph Parish in Fort Atkinson. If our group wants to invite MDCCW members to our events, it should go in the MDCCW Spring Newsletter (date yet unknown). Just a short article encouraging them to attend and then refer them to details in the Catholic Herald.

Membership – Terri DeVault

We had one new member in January and 17 new members since June 2016.

Membership Book and Mailings – no report.

Pro-Life – Susanna Herro

We are changing the Pro-life Committee name to simply Legislative. Ginny Nachreiner expressed interest in being involved on this committee. Barb Kutchmarek thought Rita Endres would also be a good representative if she is interested.

Programs – Ginny Nachreiner

Speakers and entertainers are in place through May 2017. We are currently working on programs for next year. Ginny was wondering if we should pay Four Seasons Theatre more for their March performance but because they have an outreach program that partially funds them, the group decided it was not needed.

Ginny was wondering why we don't have more fundraisers like the Style Show during the year. It was explained that we do raise funds by having members donate more than their annual membership dues and we have the flower fundraiser coordinated by Margie Blau. It was also asked why the Board doesn't meet every month of the year. This is because the months that we don't meet, we are planning for upcoming events.

Susanna was contacted by Jane McGowan of Catholic Charities to inquire if Jackson Fonder, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, could present at one of our meetings about their services and specifically about the new homeless initiative. They want to get the word out about how they will be helping homeless families, children and individuals in Dane County through the homeless day resource center (still to be named). The group agreed we should invite Jackson.

ACTION: Susanna will get Ginny contact information for Catholic Charities.

Projects Committee – Teri Kinney

Teri spoke with Ralph Middlecamp, Director of St. Vincent de Paul and learned that they are sometimes short of toys when they offer people to come in to select a toy for their child. Teri suggested we have people bring toys to donate to St. Vincent de Paul at our December luncheon rather than clothing. Barb Unger stated that in St. Vincent de Paul's December gift give away, clothes and gifts for older children and teens are often needed. More toys and gift cards would also be appreciated. Soccer balls, footballs and basketballs are chosen quickly.

ACTION: Judy Riddle will look into this and report back so we can change December request in our MCWC booklet for next year if necessary

Teri and Mary Uhler both received 2 large bottles of vanilla from Fr. Phil Schoof and his parish in Mexico. (Fr. Schoof is Jean Elvekrog's brother.) Teri suggested that we sell the 2 bottles of vanilla as a donation to his parish in Mexico. The consensus was that we should use the vanilla at the Style Show raffle in September.

Evaluation of Meeting – Everyone seems to like receiving the reports prior to the meeting for review.

Next meeting is Monday, March 6, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Nachreiner

Minutes approved February 12, 2017