

Meeting convened at 9:06 AM and began with a prayer by Kathy Wall. Kathy Wall led the meeting. **Attendees:** Carol Strmiska, Susanna Herro, Karen Wilke, Terry DeVault, Judy Riddle, Joan Statz, Teri Kinney, Kitty Maas, Kathy Wall, Jan McNally
Rose Boucher and Janette Hermanson were absent.

The meeting minutes from February 4, 2019, were approved with corrections. Kitty Maas made the motion to approve and Karen Riddle seconded. All voted in favor to approve the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Janette Hermanson was not present but gave a summary financial report to Kathy Wall via email on 3/2/19. Total checks written in February were four with a total of \$1850.75. (\$30.00 to Msgr. Dunn for saying the February Reschedule Mass, \$406.50 to Woman's Care Center; \$406.50 to Pregnancy Helpline, \$75.00 for Christmas Lunch Singers) Deposits in February = \$2557.00. Checking account balance = \$15,948.92 and savings account balance = \$2632.95.

February Baby Shower - originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 12 at St Bernard Parish in Middleton was canceled due to a snow storm and was rescheduled for Tuesday, February 19 2019 at St. John the Baptist in Waunakee. The caterer (TJ's) had to charge MCWC \$200 for the salads that had been prepared for the original date but was able to donate them so they did not go to waste. There were 98 reservations for the original date and 85 attendees on 2/19/19. The Board acknowledged the efforts of Kathy Wall, Kitty Maas, and Jeanette Head for all of their efforts and hard work to reschedule the event.

A motion was made to create a cancellation policy that states that if the Madison Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, then the MCWC event is also canceled. Kathy Wall will look into having the event cancellations posted on one of the news channels if needed. Jan McNally will add the cancelation policy information to the membership booklet copy and the website. As part of the policy, we will also tell members to check their email. A motion was also made to create a membership phone chain to be used when we have to cancel an event.

Some feedback regarding the speaker included the fact that the speaker could not be heard from the back of the room and that the questions should have been repeated by the speaker before they were answered. The presentation was considered to be just ok and not energetic. Kitty Maas explained that part of that may have been that we asked the speaker to create a presentation around our theme, instead of using one of the speakers' formal presentations. Kitty also explained that the speaker had health issues the day of the presentation that may have influenced her energy level. The board members that attended the Baby Shower event suggested that the speaker not be asked to run the 2019 Day of Reflection that is hosted in collaboration with the MDCCW.

Janette Hermanson stated in the Treasurer's report that because of the \$200 cancelation fee and the fact that the speaker fee was \$750, MCWC lost money on the event. A discussion took place regarding the cost of the speakers at events throughout the year. Carole Strmiska explained that last year it was agreed that speakers would be paid a maximum of \$250. Susanna Herro offered the idea that we should consider paying extra for some of the speakers so that we can offer an enhanced spiritual enrichment experience to our members and attract more new members with nationally known speakers. Susanna Herro also recommended that the event Chairs be involved in the event planning from the beginning in conjunction with the programming chair so that it is more inclusive and the pricing can be structured according to actual expenses. It was suggested that we balance the more nationally known speakers with other presenters that do not charge a fee throughout the yearly events.

Christ Child Circle Chair – Judy Riddle: 2019 Baby Shower Report

Gift Donations: \$1448.93 Cash Donations: \$813.00 TOTAL for 2019 = \$2261.93
Monetary donations were split evenly to the Pregnancy Helpline and the Women's Care Center. (\$406.50/each). Judy Riddle noted that the donations decreased by \$661.18 due to the winter snow storm.

Terri DeVault – Membership:

Ann Marie Sweeney passed away on February 21, 2019. She was a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Madison.
One new member joined in February - Mary Jane Ripp of St. John the Baptist Parish-Waunakee

Sunshine Coordinator Update: Kathy Wall has been unable to reach Nancy Magestro about taking over the role of Sunshine Coordinator.

Knitting & Crochet Club - Joan Statz explained that they meet on the third Tuesday of each month at St. Peter Parish at 1:00 PM to make hats and shawls for various groups in need. Baby hats and prayer shawls for St. Mary's Hospital are based on specific patterns that St. Mary's has requested. Joan Statz will send the patterns to Jan McNally for distribution to the membership via email, as well as adding them to the website. Joan Statz is happy to teach others how to knit these items. This is another form of giving by MCWC members to those in need.

Pro-Life Legislation - Susanna Herro

Catholics on the Capitol - April 30, 2019 downtown Madison. Members should be encouraged to attend via an email. It was also recommended that we try to connect attendees to carpool together. Volunteers from MCWC are needed on April 29 to make up packets of information for distribution at the event.

Susanna Herro's Written Report for Pro-Life Legislation:

Wisconsin Right to Life is sponsoring a Legislative Conference on March 12. Registration is available at www.wisconsinrighttolife.org.

1. On March 14, Pregnancy Helpline will be having a Comedy Night. It's a very happy fundraising event. Doors open at 6 pm, Cocktail hour is 6 - 7 pm and live comedy begins at 7. It's \$20 in advance through 3/13 at www.pregnancyhelpline.net. Popcorn and dessert are provided and there's a cash bar.

2. UW-Madison Students for Life are sponsoring two events:

Tuesday March 12 in the first floor library of St. Paul's (723 State St.) at 7:30p. They will show the movie, *Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer* with snacks and popcorn. Gosnell is the story of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, whose dangerous and unethical practices in his abortion clinic led to a trial of if he is a killer or not. This movie exposes the truth of what abortion is--the brutal killing of not-yet-born babies (and in the Gosnell case) babies routinely killed after they had been induced to premature birth. Here is a link to our Facebook event! https://www.facebook.com/events/593173794426484/?notif_t=plan_user_associated¬if_id=1551464032196809

April 25, the UW-Madison Students for Life are bringing in Dr. Levatino, a former abortionist. Time and place will be announced.

3. Wisconsin Right to Life sponsors an Education Fund dinner with Ben Shapiro on **May 16**. Reservations are available at the website (above) at a cost of \$125 each. Ben Shapiro recently spoke before a large meeting of the American Bishops. A friend of ours was present and quoted him as saying, "I think I'm the Catholics' second favorite Jew." I guess he speaks before Catholics quite a bit!

4. Catholics at the Capitol is on Tuesday, **4/30/19** at Monona Terrace in Madison. It's \$40 in advance, but students are only \$12. It includes breakfast and lunch, a large array of topics to choose from and the possibility of going to speak to your legislator with like-minded people.

MCCW is looking for volunteers to help prepare the materials for the conference on Monday, 4/29/19. Please contact Susanna Herro at 608-255-2020 if you can help for an hour or two

Project Committee: Teri Kinney stated that the meeting to determine the distribution of funds to area charities will take place on March 27 2019 at 11:30 AM at the Elks Club in Madison. Attendees will include Co-President Kathy Wall (Kitty Maas will be out of town and unable to attend), Immediate Past Co-Presidents Susanna Herro and Carole Strmiska, Treasurer Janette Hermanson, and Projects Co-chairs Teri Kinney and Mary Uhler. Last year \$12,000 was donated and the group will discuss and agree on the amount to be distributed this year. As of the board meeting date, \$1500 has already been donated to SVdP Society of Madison, and \$200 was donated in the form of salad to the needy because of the snow cancelation of the first Baby Shower Luncheon.

This year's charity recipients will be listed as an infographic on the website and as part of the May Luncheon event program.

Nominations for the 2019 Christian Achievement Award are due before the April 1, 2019 Board Meeting so that a vote can be taken for this year's recipient at the meeting. Teri Kinney suggested Michael Kloess, MD from Our Lady of Hope Clinic in Madison. Joan Statz suggested Susan Hundt-Bergan for her work with the Dane County Jail Ministry through Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please contact Gail with your nominations by March 28, 2019. (ggys@sbcglobal.net; 608-577-0131)

NEW BUSINESS -

MDCCW and MCWC:

The **2019 October Day of Renewal** will be hosted in collaboration with the MDCCW on October 8 or 15 2019 at St. Maria Goretti Parish. Reservations will be taken through the MCWC website and email for both groups. Kathy Wall is working on catering choices, as well as possible speakers with Kitty Maas and Gail Yellen Shiring and women of the MDCCW. Committees need to be formed now to help with all aspects of the event.

MDCCW Vicariate Banner - Barb Unger generously donated a wall hanging kit of the Madonna and Child to be used to help create the MCWC Banner for the MDCCW Convention in June 2019. Susanna Herro has the rest of the materials and the post to hang it from while it is in use at the June Convention. Kathy Wall has the Madonna and Child kit. We are in need of a member that is good with sewing to help assemble the kit and the balance of the banner. Kathy Wall is the contact.

Recruiting new volunteers - Kitty Maas and Kathy Wall will create a survey to be distributed at the March event at Blessed Sacrament requesting volunteers for the day of renewal committees, as well as a Sunshine Chair, Recording Secretary, and Historian for the Board. Job

descriptions will be included in the survey. A volunteer is also needed to create the MCWC banner for the MDCCW Convention in June

A motion was made by Susanna Herro to add a **Mass of Remembrance in November** in honor of All Souls Day and All Saints Day to 2019-20 Events Calendar. Kitty Maas seconded the motion and all voted in favor. It will be held at St. John the Baptist in Waunakee and will also include light refreshments and a short presentation by Pastor Msgr Gunn about the church's architecture. It was also agreed that we will host the 2019 Christmas Luncheon at Nakoma Country Club.

It has been recommended that we keep track of attendance at each event so that we can better estimate future event attendance, as well as monitor our member's participation and ensure that they are doing well. Carole Strmiska explained that if we notice a member has not attended several events in a row, we reach out to check on them. Carole has been doing the track on the email address spreadsheet for a few years. All Reservation and Event Chairs for events should submit the attendees' list with the Event Report to the President and Carole will add the information to the Master Member database.

Next Board Meeting is **April 1, 2019, at 9:00 AM in BAY 4** at St. Mary's Hospital.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM by Kathy Wall.

REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS (NOT DISCUSSED DURING MEETING)

March Event - March 12, 2019 - Priest, and Religious Recognition Day - Rosary, Mass, Luncheon, Speaker. City of Madison Police Chief Mike Koval will speak about "Mental Illness and Criminality. Blessed Sacrament Parish is hosting. Kay Wittenwyler is chairperson and Joan Statz is taking reservations. Cost is \$18.00.

April Event - Monday, April 8, 2019 - Hosted at St. Bernard Parish - Atwood Ave. in Madison. Rosary at 10:40 am, Mass at 11:00 am, followed by lunch and a presentation on "Re-entering Society after Incarceration" by Janie Ocejo from Madison Urban Ministry. Cost is \$18.00 and Guests are welcome. Reservations are due by April 1 to Judy Riddle - 4282 Severson Dr. Madison, 53718; 608-221-1740; 1.toc.tprdrs@gmail.com. Thanks to Lois Schwoerer and Carol Doran for hosting this event.