

**Wisconsin Religious Collaborative
Board of Directors Meeting**

December 9, 2019

Minutes

Roll Call

Pat Cormack, SCSC	President	Present
Beverly Heitke, SDS	Vice President	Present
Theresa Sandok, OSM	Secretary	Present
Sue Ernster, FSPA	Treasurer	Present
Angelo Collins, OP	Board Member	Present
Diana De Bruin, OSF	Board Member	Present
Sharon Glumb, SLW	Board Member	Present
Rose Jochmann, OSF	Board Member	Present
Jean Steffes, CSA	Board Member	Present

Also present: Lyn Korte, Executive Director

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Religious Collaborative was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on December 9, 2019, by Pat Cormack, SCSC, via Zoom.

Prayer

Rose Jochmann, OSF, led the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Beverly Heitke, SDS, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Diana De Bruin, OSF, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Jean Steffes, CSA, moved to approve the October 28, 2019 minutes as written. Rose Jochmann, OSF, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Ernster, FSPA, reviewed the balance sheet and income statement for October 2019. Assets as of October 31, 2019, totaled \$206,947.03. YTD revenues totaled \$101,379.90, and expenses totaled \$48,282.55, for a net operating gain of \$53,097.35. Sue also provided a GHR grant tracking report. The Board asked Sue to include a budget comparison in future reports.

LCWR Spring 2020 Geographical Gatherings

LCWR is hosting five geographical gatherings for leadership teams next spring on the topic of the capacity of religious institutes for canonical governance. Pat Cormack, SCSC, said that these meetings are for leadership teams only, not for persons in Lyn Korte's position. LCWR may offer something for such persons in the future. Beverly Heitke, SDS, has signed up for the Baltimore meeting. Angelo Collins, OP, said all the Dominican congregations are going to the St. Louis meeting. Rose Jochmann, OSF, said her leadership team will decide tomorrow. The other WRC members plan to attend the meeting in the Chicago area.

Executive Director's Report

- **New Member Policies & Processes**

Lyn Korte said the Sisters of the Resurrection in Chicago, a province with about 22 members, are interested in exploring membership in the WRC. She asked the Board to articulate some membership guidelines.

The Board agreed on the following:

1. Only religious institutes whose headquarters lie within a six-hour drive of Milwaukee are eligible for membership.
2. Once the Tier One Founders approve a new religious institute for membership, that institute is on an equal footing with the other Tier One Founders and is entitled to have a representative on the Board.
3. New members are not required to make a three-year commitment to remain in the WRC, as were the original members. The Tier One Covenant says that members may withdraw from the WRC by giving a six-month notice to the other Tier One Founders and paying any remaining fees outstanding in the fiscal year as a condition of withdrawal.

4. All WRC members must maintain a listing in the Official Catholic Directory.

Lyn said it would be helpful to have a dues formula that she could present to prospective members. The Board appointed Pat Cormack, SCSC, and Sue Ernster, FSPA, to serve on a committee with Lyn and Hertha Longo, CSA, to draft a formula and report back to the Board in March.

Lyn will prepare a draft of the membership process and an application form for review by the Board in March.

- Digital Media Coordinator Update

Amanda Foley began work as the WRC Digital Media Coordinator on December 1. She operates a small digital media company, consisting of herself and a partner. She will assist primarily with the technicalities of the website. She will recommend how we can improve the homepage, how we organize the material, how we rotate and label photos, etc. She will also watch traffic on the website. Lyn said that Amanda has a flair for marketing and design. Lyn will have her work on turning a WRC PowerPoint into a booklet that can be used to introduce people to the organization. Lyn will also ask her to design a method for putting a link to the WRC website on our community websites.

- Blog Update

Lyn said she has been working on articles for the “Better Together: Sharing Our Journey” blog, which will be posted on the WRC website. She provided the Board with a list of possible topics that Board members and other women religious might write about, as well as a list of topics that she could address. She encouraged Board members to consider submitting blog entries.

- RCRI Proposal

Lyn presented a draft of a proposal to present a workshop on the WRC at the RCRI conference in St. Louis, September 29-October 2, 2020. She listed herself, Pat Cormack, SCSC, and Theresa Sandok, OSM, as co-presenters. The Board agreed that we will not seek reimbursement for the workshop but will suggest that a donation to the WRC would be appreciated. Lyn will revise the proposal and submit it to RCRI.

- Advisory Committee Update/Project Planner Update

Lyn said that five of the seven advisory committees have kicked off, and that the other two will do so shortly. She reviewed the progress made by each of the five committees already underway. Her report is posted on the WRC website, and she will update it after each call with an advisory committee. Pat mentioned that the Ongoing Formation Advisory Committee might benefit from looking into the Benedictine T-4 Wisdom Connections program. Lyn will bring this to the Committee’s attention.

- Sharing Our Journey

Lyn said she has been working on how we can package our past, including the process and the tools she has used. She is working with two interested groups in San Antonio. She advised them not to wait until they have everything organized, but to start working together on something.

Future Meetings (9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

Date & Time	Place	Prayer
March 5, 2020	SDS, Milwaukee	Theresa Sandok, OSM
April 24, 2020	Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton	Diana De Bruin, OSF
July 8, 2020	OSF, Green Bay	Jean Steffes, CSA
September 18, 2020	OSF, St. Francis	Angelo Collins, OP
November 16, 2020	CSA, Fond du Lac	Pat Cormack, SCSC

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 9:30 a.m., March 5, 2020, at the Salvatorian Sisters Community House, 4311 N. 100th Street, Milwaukee. Prayer: Theresa Sandok, OSM.

Adjournment

Jean Steffes, CSA, moved to adjourn. Diana De Bruin, OSF, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Sandok, OSM
Secretary, WRC