

2021-12-22 Archives Advisory Committee Notes

This committee met via Zoom at 1:00 p.m.

Present: S.Theresa Sandok-WRC Board Liaison, Beth Komisarek-SSMs, Jennifer Lukomski-CSAs, Dee Gallo-ACWR rep- Rhode Island, Celia Struck-Lake OSFs, and S. Julie Tydrich-WRC Interim Exec.Dir. WRC.

Unable to attend: Rebekah McFarland-SLWs & HARC, Cassie Vazquez-SinsinawaOPs.

The meeting began with introductions-and the get acquainted question: What is your one most favorite piece of Christmas prep? Beth – Decorating, Celia-her pre-lit tree, S.Theresa-viewing Christmas lights in peoples yards, Jenny – St. Nick’s feast and ornaments, Dee-hoping to be lifted up, S.Julie -hanging multicolor lighted wreath on front door.

Opening Prayer—prayerfully name one thing you want for our world this Christmas: S. Julie –that we can successfully kick Covid to the moon where there are no people, Celia – peace to hearts, Jenny – more understanding of peoples varied views, Beth – an end to violence-less guns, S.Theresa-hearts open to immigrants-people in need, Dee-an understanding of needed behavior to overcome an epidemic.

What do we need to do to meet Archive Planning Needs of members of the Wisconsin Religious Collaborative?

Discussion: HARC is too expensive for some, researching fundraising, grants, collaborations with universities, etc. Discovered Marquette can not do it. Perhaps Conrad Hilton Foundation might help with a grant. Per LCWR Foundations are getting requests for funds to help with archival needs.

Some of our WIS congregations will be sending or have sent Archival Records to Switzerland, Rome, Cleveland as they come to completion or relocate. There is a Dominican U. in Chicago, there is a group doing Franciscan Archive (not sure of location yet), an eastern U.S. group is sending theirs to a Santa Clara, CA University archive to get it used and done soon. University of Notre Dame has the LCWR archives. SSNDs will have theirs at Mount Mary. The Mercy’s have Mercy Heritage Center in Belmont, North Carolina. Any potential with Wis Historical Society? UW-Milwaukee? Milwaukee Historical Society? Hub of Wisconsin Religious is Milwaukee.

Potential: Should we survey the WRC congregations or LCWR Region 9 (all Wis Religious Congregations) regarding their preference for placement of their archives? It could help point us in the right direction. There was consensus that this would have value. Who would be willing to help create the survey instrument? Jenny and S. Theresa volunteered to work with S. Julie. S.Theresa will find HARC’s survey instrument for reference. Jenny will surface information for archival grant funding up to \$150,000.

Subcommittee meeting date/time: Zoom 1-7-21 at 1 pm.

Next Full Advisory Committee Meeting: Zoom 1-21-22 at 1 pm.

Meeting adjourned with greetings for holy, happy, healthy Christmas and New Year feasts.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Julie Tydrich FSPA