

2022-1-21 Archives Advisory Committee Notes

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

Present: S. Theresa Sandok-WRC Board Liaison, Jennifer Lukomski-CSAs, Dee Gallo-ACWR rep- Rhode Island, Celia Struck-Lake OSFs, Cassie Vazquez-Sinsinawa Ops, and S. Julie Tydrich-WRC Exec .Dir.

Unable to attend: Rebekah McFarland-SLWs & HARC, Beth Komisarek-SSMs.

The meeting began with prayer for blessings on our gathered persons and our work for WRC.

Review of Minutes: One correction was made to reflect that the LCWR Archives are at the University of Notre Dame (not with HARC).

Chicago Archive Collaboration Project:

Between meetings members viewed the recording Jennifer Lukomski-CSAs located regarding the Chicago Archive Collaborative received Jan. 17, 2022. It is over 2 hours, first 50 minutes is about buildings. Two buildings available in Chicago, owned by the Federal Government, may be available to form a collaborative with Dominican University to create a religious archive depository. Partnership with University could provide student work-study interns, etc. City of Chicago is supportive. Interested persons are investigating this potential including a preservation guy that is looking into foundations and grants for support of such a project. Celia stated there is strong interest in a Franciscan Central Archive Institute due to HARC being too expensive for some. Dee added that Franciscans are really moving – looking at Chicago area along with others. Celia volunteered to become our point person to research this Chicago option by contacting persons involved in the Chicago Project: Christopher Allison-Dominican, in conjunction with Ward Miller.

Archives Survey Form & Cover Letter:

Attendees made several improvements to the 1st draft of the cover letter so it can be sent via e-mail with an embedded link to a Google survey form, and with PDF format attached. The PDF allows the survey form to be printed for Archivists use with Leadership Teams for discussion prior to completion/ submittal of the online survey form. There was consensus to forward both to the WRC Board for approval to distribute to Archivists to obtain reply results by March 15, 2022.

Future Work for Next Agenda:

Research into the potential Chicago Archive Collaborative – report from Celia Struck

Review of Survey Results - if approved to proceed received from WRC Board Jan. 28, 2022.

Next Archive Advisory Committee Meeting: Fri. 3-25-2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned with gratitude for good team work and voluntary contributions.

Recorder: Sister Julie Tydrich FSPA/Exec. Dir. WRC