

## 2022-3-25 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, Celia Struck-Lake OSFs, Cassie Vazquez-Sinsinawa OP, Beth Komisarek-SSMs and S. Julie Tydrich-WRC Exec .Dir.

Unable to attend: Rebekah McFarland-SLWs & HARC, and Dee Gallo-ACWR rep Rhode Island.

Rebekah reported her only availability for meetings is if they are Tues. or Thurs. 10 a.m. -3 p.m.

The meeting began with prayer for blessings on our gathered persons, our work for WRC and sharing of a word relative to our current Lenten journey to date.

Review of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected notes of the January 21, 2022 meeting.

Chicago Archive Collaboration Project: Point person Celia Struck has left messages for project personnel but has not received reply to report any progress.

Archives Survey Form & Cover Letter: Both were distributed according to plan to obtain 16 reply results by March 15, 2022. Only 8 replies were received at that date. A reminder was sent to non-respondents extending the date to March 23 achieving participation from two more respondents. Advisors recommended we again remind non-respondents to participate by April 25 or inform us by email reply why they will not be submitting survey information.

Survey results to date were reviewed and are on file. Highlights in the findings were that:

CSAs and SSNDs have some openness to explore becoming archive depositories for religious. CSAs will know more after installation of leaders late August. Currently CSA might possibly be able to store 200 linear feet of files for OSMs Ladysmith; more than that might require construction to expand their footprint for file storage.

S. Julie will pursue conversation with SSNDs who are known to be the depository for their 8 provinces and for having established more storage area.

Suggestion received was to consider surveying the men's religious institutes in this CMSM Region. Sr. Theresa will contact this CMSM Region's rep for contact information. Sr. Julie will consult the WRC Board Mar. 28 about expanding our survey to men religious.

Help requested at this time varied: no help needed, assistance with preparing archives for transfer elsewhere, handling of artifacts, or how to hire a trained archivist. Committee member knowledge surfaced:

- there is a Dominican Institute of Arts-Artifacts-Images occurring this summer
- job openings can be posted with the Society of American Archivists (SAA) at:

<https://www.archivists.org>. SAA offers annual conference and education opportunities

or with Archivists For Congregations of Women Religious at:

<https://archivistsacwr.org>. ACWR holds a conference every 3 years, offers a listserv, as well as other helps and educational events.

-Archivist training is available with the following degrees:

Masters -Library Information Science or Studies with focus on Archives

Masters -Media Specialist with focus on Archives

Certification is not as important as the educational backgrounds.

More information is available at the above related websites

#### Future Work for Next Agenda:

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

Review of Survey Results from additional responders and from CMSM Region if approval to proceed with survey of men religious is received from WRC Board on Mar. 28, 2022, with results due a month post issue date, well ahead of next meeting.

Next Archive Advisory Committee Meeting: Thurs. 5-19-2022 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 1:50 p.m. with gratitude for good teamwork and voluntary contributions of time and talent.

Recorder: Sister Julie Tydrich FSPA/Executive Director, Wisconsin Religious Collaborative

**N.B. Mon. Mar. 28 the WRC Board approved our surveying the religious men's groups in our WI Region.**