

**Wisconsin Religious Collaborative
Board of Directors Meeting**

October 7, 2024 - Zoom

Minutes

Roll Call

Pat Cormack, SCSC	President	Present
Sylvia Anne Sheldon, OSF	Vice President	Present
Theresa Sandok, OSM	Secretary	Present
Sue Ernster, FSPA	Treasurer	Present
Rose Jochmann, OSF	Board Member	Present
Mary Ann Pevas, OP	Board Member	Present
Sharon Pollnow, CSA	Board Member	Present
Marie McKenna, SLW	Board Member	Excused
Jean Schafer, SDS	Board Member	Present
Julie Schwab, OP	Board Member	Present
Julie Tydrich, FSPA	Executive Director	Present

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Religious Collaborative was called to order by Pat Cormack, SCSC, at 8:30 a.m. Pat welcomed Julie Schwab, OP, who replaced Jeanne Tranel, OP, as the Board representative for the Sinsinawa Dominicans.

Opening Prayer

Theresa Sandok, OSM, led the opening prayer.

Agenda

Pat Cormack, SCSC, asked to add to the agenda the selection of a topic for Dr. Emily Cash's November presentation. With this addition, Sylvia Anne Sheldon, OSF, moved, and Rose Jochmann, OSF, seconded the motion, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of July 29, 2024 Minutes

Theresa Sandok, OSM, moved, and Sylvia Anne Sheldon, OSF, seconded the motion, to approve the July 29, 2024 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Finance Report

Sue Ernster, FSPA, presented the treasurer's report. As of August 31, 2024, assets totaled \$533,853.65, and liabilities totaled \$600.00. YTD income totaled \$59,869.51 and expenses totaled \$2,147.50, for a net gain of \$57,722.01.

Sue said that hiring a Shared Services Director will not affect dues going forward this year. We have enough cash to cover the cost if and when we hire someone. There are no expenses for the Office of Executive Director because Julie Tydrich, FSPA, is serving in a volunteer capacity. We budgeted \$50,000 for contributions. FSPA gave \$25,000 by August 31, 2024.

Pat Cormack, SCSC, noted that the final report for the GHR grant is due November 15, 2024. She will share the report with the Board.

Sue Ernster, FSPA, moved, and Rose Jochmann, OSF, seconded the motion, to accept the finance report as presented. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

Julie Tydrich, FSPA, referenced her written report in which she detailed her activities since the last Board meeting. She said she is happy to be able to be a volunteer and mentioned that the Executive Committee met with her recently to review the changes in the scope of her role. The Board expressed appreciation for Julie's service.

Governance Committee Report

Mary Ann Pevas, OP, reported on behalf of the WRC Ad Hoc Governance Committee. The Committee met with canonist Lynn Jarrell, OSU, via Zoom on September 5. All Board members were invited to attend the session, which was recorded. Mary Ann sent Board members a link to the recording and encouraged them to discuss it with their team members.

The session with Lynn clarified for the Committee that even if the WRC were to become a PJP, the WRC could not perform the role of a commissary for member religious institutes. The Committee, therefore, recommended that the WRC not pursue becoming a PJP. With regard to commissaries, the Committee recommended that the duties of the Special Services Director include surfacing the names of potential commissaries for member institutes requesting such assistance. The Board accepted both recommendations.

Pat Cormack, SCSC, said that at the 2024 RCRI Conference there was a panel discussion by commissaries and institutes looking for commissaries. The focus was primarily on diocesan institutes. The workshops were recorded and will be posted on the RCRI website.

The Governance Committee plans to meet on October 30 to review the progress it has made on the tasks assigned to it by the Board.

St. Luke Institute Consultation

The Board discussed possible topics for the November 25 session with Dr. Emily Cash. Among the suggestions were the following: positive dimensions of aging and letting go; the personal and communal grief that comes with letting go; befriending our transitions; exploring the tendency of the elderly toward isolation; practicing living in community as we get older; witnessing to the world around us how we let go and move on.

Pat Cormack, SCSC, reminded the Board to invite their team members to attend the November 25, 2024 session with Dr. Cash and to put the May 30, 2025 joint session with Dr. Cash on their calendars. The joint teams will meet from 9:30 a.m. to noon, followed by a Board meeting after the lunch break.

Future Meetings

Date	Place/Type	Prayer Leader
November 25, 2024	Zoom	Sylvia Anne Sheldon, OSF
January 27, 2025	Zoom	Mary Ann Pevas, OP
March 24, 2025	Zoom – Annual Meeting	Jean Schafer, SDS
May 30, 2025	Zoom – Joint Teams	Sharon Pollnow, CSA
July 21, 2025	Fond du Lac	Pat Cormack, SCSC
September 15, 2025	St. Francis	Julie Schwab, OP
November 17, 2025	Zoom	Sue Ernster, FSPA

Executive Session

The Board met in executive session from 10:10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Adjournment

Sylvia Anne Sheldon, OSF, moved, and Mary Ann Pevas, OP, seconded the motion, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Sandok, OSM
Secretary, WRC