



NRVC Hudson Valley Member Area

Zoom Meeting Minutes

Date: October 28, 2023 (10:00am – 11:30am)

Facilitator: Sr. Gloria Ardenio Agnes, MM

Prayer: Song: Yesterday's Dream from YouTube

Attendance: Br. Edward Shields, F.S.C.

Br. Tim Smyth, C.F.C.

Sr. Celia Deutsch, N.D.S.

Sr. Gloria Ardenio Agnes, MM

Sr. Mary Ellen Shirtz, CSJ

Sr. Mary O'Donovan, O.Carm.

Sr. Yolanda Flores, M.S.C.

Prayer – The meeting started with a prayer using the song Yesterday's Dream from YouTube.

Welcome and Check-in – Sr. Gloria Welcomed and thanked the group for joining the virtual meeting.

Discussion:

- Sr. Gloria reminded the participants to consider taking the NRVC Courses, and visit the NRVC website from time to time and encouraged the group to put the Convocation 2024 on their budget. The Convocation will be held in Minneapolis on October 31- November 3, 2024.
- Since time is too short to plan for National Vocation Awareness Week on November 5-11, 2023, the group decided to do something as individual congregations. This is also something to consider for planning a group activity for next year.
- Commitment and active participation in the meeting seem challenging to the group. To find direction for our future journey together in the Hudson Valley Area, the group decided to send a survey.

Questionnaire / Survey:

- As Vocation Minister, do you see the value of coming together? Is personal sharing with other Vocation Directors important/helpful to you?
 - As a Hudson Valley Area member are you willing to commit to meeting in person and / or by Zoom?
 - If not, why not? What stands in the way for you?
 - How can we best empower each other in the difficult task we share?
- Gloria will send out the survey to all members. She will compile all the responses by November 10, 2023, and will send it to the group.

Various:

- Even though there will be few people to show up and commit to the meeting (virtual or in person), the meeting will still go on.

- The group finds it helpful to meet together as Hudson Valley Area Members and to share experiences as Vocation Ministers (virtual and or in person).
- Once we collate the survey's responses, we will plan for our next meeting, hopefully, it will be an in-person meeting.
- The group plans to have a vocation activity in the near future.

Conclusion – The meeting was concluded with an expression of gratitude to each one.


Sr. Gloria Ardenio Agnes, MM
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