



NRVC Midwest Member Area Gathering May 13, 2024 – ZOOM MINUTES

Facilitators: Sr. Kathleen Branham, OSF and Sr. Jill Reuber, OSB	Recorder: Kathy Brady-Murfin	Prayer: Sr. Kathleen Branham
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Attendance: P = Present, T = Telephone, E = Excused, A = Absent, Z-Zoom

Sr Connie Bach, PHJC	Mr. Greg Darr (M.M.)	Sr. Jill Reuber, OSB	Friar Paul Joseph Langevin, OFMC
Corrie Christiansen	Fr. Henry, SCJ	Sr. Denise Glazik, OP	Gregory Plata, OFM
Ms. Suzanne Petrouski	Kathy Brady-Murfin	Sr. Heather Jean Foltz, OSB	Sr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ
Sr. Carolyn Martin, lsp	Sr. Kathleen Branham, OSF	Sr. Jill Laszewski, SSND	Sr. Stephani Thompson, SNDdeN
Sr. Katherin Marie Mujawamariya, SSM	Sr. Skolastika Wea, SSps		

#	Agenda Item	Findings/Discussion/Analysis	Decision/Recommendation/ Future Actions
1	Welcome	Sr. Kathleen Branham <u>welcomed</u> the members at 10:00 am EST	
2	Agenda	The agenda was reviewed by Sr. Kathleen Branham.	
3	Prayer	Sr. Kathleen Branham led prayer.	
4	Checking In	All present shared how they come and what they have been involved in.	
5	Small Group/Large Group Sharing	Announcements: Information on Convocation , which will be held in Minneapolis, 10/31-11/4. It is posted and registration is open. Pre-convocation workshops and a pilgrimage are options. Members are encouraged to invite non-members to attend. There are lots of tools to be found on the NRVC Member Toolbox , including new resources. Summer Institute will be held at Marillac Center in Leavenworth, Kansas. There are 5 workshop offerings, including a new one. There is also work being done on a Collaborator event page to inform vocation directors of mega-events and there is an event page for VISION for community events.	
6	Business Meeting: Minutes	The <u>minutes</u> of October 19, 2023 were reviewed and approved. Motion by Sr. Mary Jo and 2 nd by Sr. Stephanie.	
7	Finance Report	Current balance: \$2,617.95 1. Request to sponsor Convocation. (\$1000) 2. Members voted to sponsor Convocation	D-A \$1000 sponsorship will be made by the Midwest Member Area for Convocation.

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8	Area Coordinator Role	Sr. Kathleen announced that Marge is retiring from her position as NRVC Director of Database Management and that she will be taking on that role. Consequently, she will be leaving her position as Midwest Member Area Coordinator and it was necessary to find a replacement. She pointed out that there are several benefits to serving in this capacity, including getting to know more about NRVC and its members. Coordinators are elected for a two-year term, which can be renewed for up to three terms. The Coordinator is responsible for attending 2-to-3-member area meetings, including one in person. Sr. Jill and Sr. Kathleen also met 3 to 4 times via Zoom. Michael Einsaren and Sr. Heather, OSB both volunteered to take on the role. After they explained their interest and qualifications, an anonymous vote was taken via the chat. Heather will be our new Member Area Coordinator. We thanked both for their willingness. A parting prayer was said for Sr. Kathleen and a prayer for Heather and she was inducted.	
9	Ideas for Future meetings	The first suggestion was that we talk about ideas for promoting: What's working and what's not? With the cost of information tables at conferences, how do you decide which to invest in? It was suggested that we encourage vocation panels at conferences. Michael noted that his community on the southside of Chicago is developing its own vocation conference.	
10	Closing Prayer	Sr. Jill Reuber offered the closing prayer	
11	Adjournment	Sr. Jill Reuber adjourned the meeting at 10:55 EST.	