



NRVC Midwest Member Area

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Portiuncula Center for Prayer: Retreat and Holistic Center
October 10, 2023
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Present: Sr. Jill Reuber, OSB, Sr. Kathleen Branham, OSF, Sr. Susan Marie Pleiss, OSF, Sr. Jill Laszewski, SSND, Sr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, Sr. Denise Glazik, OP, Fr. Greg Plata, OFM, Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, Sr. Maria Brizuela, OSF, Sr. Julia Walsh, FSPA, Sr. Jessie Beck, PBVM, Sr. Stephanie Thompson, SNDdeN.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes from the last meeting held on May 11, 2023

Treasurer Update Report: According to Maureen Cetera, our balance for the NRVC Midwest Member Area is \$4,140.94 before paying for the gathering in Frankfort, IL. So, our final balance should be \$1240.95.

National Office Update:

Sr. Kathleen shared updates from the NRVC office that Sr. Debbie sent her.

1. There's still room to register for BA1 and the new workshop, *Accompaniment and Communication with Young Adults* at the Fall Institute because we are offering them virtually. See the NRVC website for more information and to register. You can also apply for a Misericordia Scholarship if finances are needed.

2. We are on-site with Rev. Raymond Carey, it'll be Advent in the desert, for the [Behavioral Assessment 2 workshop](#), December 2-3, 2023. To register and for more information, go to the NRVC website.

3. There's still room to volunteer with the NRVC at the [National Catholic Youth Conference \(NCYC\)](#) in Indianapolis. The NRVC is hosting a t-shirt swap and more information is on the website.

4. [National Vocation Awareness Week](#) is celebrated November 5-11 and there are a bunch of ideas on the NRVC website to magnify this week.

5. [The Bold and Faithful StoryMap](#) is our newest digital resource, which combines the content from Vision Vocation Network, A Nun's Life Ministry, Called and Consecrated Curriculum, and Global Sisters Report, made possible by a GHR Grant. If you have ideas for the StoryMap, contact Sr. Dina as content will be swapped out.

6. We're still learning more about the Jubilee Year in 2025 proclaimed by Pope Francis. It will include a Jubilee for Consecrated Life and a Jubilee of Young People.

7. NRVC has been active in advocating for your needs and for vocation ministry with a presence at the Religious Brothers Conference, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, LCWR, CMSWR, RCRI, and we will be at the RFC Congress. When we are invited to exhibit and as guests, Sister Debbie has access to conversations with your leadership to help them see the resources available and to encourage you in your ministry.

8. The [NRVC Annual Report for 2022](#) will be published this month for accountability and transparency in our organization's goals, mission, and vision.

9. Always feel free to call or contact any NRVC team or Board member. Five new incoming Board members begin their terms in December, Friar Mario Serrano, OFM Conv., Brother Joseph Bach, OFM Conv., Brother Edward Shields, FSC, Sister Gail Trippett, CSJ, and Sister Margarita Hernandez, SP, and we thank outgoing Board members, Sr. Mindy, Sr. Belinda, and Father Adam at this Board meeting. Applications for [Board service](#) for 2024-2027 will become available in January.

10. Mark your calendar for Convocation, October 31-November 4, in Minneapolis! The theme and logo will be announced next week in the Catalyst, outer mid-month member update. If you are not receiving the Catalyst, please call Marge to check on your email address. Membership renewals will be emailed this month, too!

Member Area Business:

We discussed what the next gathering might be for the spring. We discussed culture with the subtopic of power and dynamics. We discussed having Br. Mark come to discuss culture. We will have this gathering via zoom.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment: The next meeting will be in the Spring of 2024.

The meeting was adjourned, and all present said their goodbyes to each other and wished them all the best.

Minutes submitted by: Sister Jill Reuber, OSB