

NRVC/RFC Member Area Meeting
April 30-May 1, 2024, St. Placid Priory – Spirituality Center – Lacey, WA

The meeting began with introductions, prayer, and an ice-breaker.

Attendees in person:

Ana Orellana, SP	Marisol Avila Pacheco, SP
Anna Nguyen, SSMO	Patricia Lulay, SSMO
Charlene Herinckx, SSMO	Paz Vital, OSB
Chero Chuma, CSJP	Sheila Lemieux, CSJP
Laura Swan, OSB	Teresa Shields, SNJM

National Office Representatives:

NRVC: Debbie Borneman, SS.C.M.
RFC: Ryan Hoffman

By Zoom for Sr. Mary Pat's presentation

Diane Tomkinson, OSF
Lucy Wynkoop, OSB

Financial Report

Sr. Patricia gave the following report:

Previous Balance	\$2271.95
Income: Dues paid	550.00
CSJP, OSB-Lacey; OSF-Beaverton; OSF-Phil; SNJM, SP, SSMO	
Expenses:	
IT Support for April 2023 meeting	250.00
Current Balance	\$2571.95

National Organization Reports

Sr. Debbie and Ryan Hoffman met with vocation directors and formation directors, respectively, for updates on each organization's activities and resources.

Later in the meeting, they each shared briefly with the entire group.

Attendees appreciated having the national directors present and valued hearing about the two organizations and the direction they are taking.

Presentation by Sr. Mary Pat Garvin, RSM

Sr. Mary Pat made her presentation by Zoom (gratitude to Sr. Paz for the IT).

Her well-prepared topic was Well-being: a Gift to Self and Others.

Sr. Mary Pat offers a series of monthly presentations directed toward Vocation and Formation personnel from September through December. This year's topic is Graced Companionship.

Dates: September 21, September 16, October 14, November 18, December 9

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM (Eastern Time)

Platform: ZOOM

Donation: \$150 US Dollars per person -make check out to SISTERS OF MERCY -electronic transfer of funds (for international participants). Please request the needed information.

Registration by August 20, 2024

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Proposals:

Due to the importance of satisfying accounting protocols, Sr. Debbie suggested that the NW Area Vocation/Formation group consider depositing the current funds with the NRVC treasurer. These funds would be accessible to the area members at any time.

Sr. Debbie noted that the NRVC National Office provides an annual subsidy of \$1000 to cover the expenses of a speaker's stipend, housing, and transportation.

Motion: Sr. Sheila moved, and Sr. Anna seconded the proposal that the NRVC/RFC regional funds be transferred to the NRVC National Office after the expenses of this meeting (April 30-May 2, 2024) are paid. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Since speaker fees will be covered by the NRVC National office (odd-numbered years) and the RFC local directors could charge a fee for speakers to all those who participate (even-numbered years), Sr. Teresa moved, and Sr. Chero seconded the proposal that member area dues will no longer be charged beginning in 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Sr. Chero presented information about the opportunity for our member area to become a sponsor of the 2024 NRVC Convocation. The fee of \$500 would be considered an expense of this meeting and be paid prior to closing the local financial account for this member area.

Motion: Sr. Sheila moved, and Sr. Paz seconded the motion that our member area become a \$500 Diamond Lake sponsor for the NRVC Convocation in November 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer and Secretary

Sr. Patricia will follow up on payment of the expenses of this meeting and arrange for a check to be issued to NRVC for "safekeeping." She will need to continue to report on these funds held by NRVC. Sr. Charlene agreed to serve as secretary for another year.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be hosted by RFC area members, but the date or place has not been determined.

Respectfully submitted

Sr. Charlene