



NRVC Minutes

NRVC Lake Erie/Ohio River Member Area Minutes

Spring Gathering

Via Zoom

May 8, 2023

Present: Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP; Sr. Barbara Ann Smelko, SC; Fr. Steve Dos Santos, CPPS; Sr. Elizabeth Oettel, OSB; Fr. Daniel Bowen, OdeM.; Sr. Cathy Bauer, OSB; Sr. Ruth Lubbers, SND; Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU; Sr. Caryn Crook, OSF; Sr. Stephanie Thompson, SNDdeN; Sr. Valerie Zottola, CSJ; Sr. Sandra Delgado, OP; Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM; Sr. Regina Fisher, SND; Sr. Tracy Kemme, SC; Bro. David Henley, GHM; Sr. Carole Blazina, SC; Sr. Barbara Jean Miller, OSF; Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP; Sr. Mary Slattery, HM; Sr. Judith Blizzard, CSSF; Sr. Lois Goettke, SC

Also present: Fr. Aaron Wessman, GHM, Presenter

1. Prayer leader – Sr. Caryn
2. Welcome and Introduction/Check-In – Sr. Caryn
3. Sister Monica Seaton will take minutes.
4. Introduction of Fr. Aaron, speaker – Sr. Monica
5. Presentation “Vocation Ministry in a Time of Polarization and Cultural War” with discussion – Fr. Aaron
6. Planning Fall 2023 meeting – Sr. Caryn
 - a. October 23-25, 2023, seem to work best for members present.
 - i. Sr. Caryn will reach out to Villa Maria Retreat Center to ensure these dates are available.
 - b. Possible Topics
 - i. Young adult panel or younger religious panel
 - ii. How has Covid changed our ministry and what have we learned in terms of our vocation ministry?
 - iii. Hyde Research group presents on young people
 - iv. Invite Nones and Nuns to hear their perspectives.
7. NRVC Update – Sr. Monica
 - a. Summer Institute will offer 4 workshops at the Marillac Center in Leavenworth, KS, July 6-23.
 - b. The Fall Institute will offer 3 virtual workshops, October 9-26.
 - c. Behavioral Assessment 2 will be offered at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, AZ, December 2-3.
 - i. All workshop information is on the NRVC website.

- d. Sr. Monica's term as Lake Erie/Ohio River Member Area is coming to an end on June 30th. The new term begins July 1, 2023.
 - i. Be thinking about names you would like to submit to serve in the capacity of coordinator, you may submit your own name also. An email will be sent out with more information in the coming weeks.
- 8. Closing prayer - Sr. Caryn

The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm ET

Respectfully submitted,
Sister Monica Seaton, OSU