

Southwest

National Religious Vocation Conference Member Region

NRVC Southwest Member Area Minutes
Adam's Mark Hotel / Convocation 2018
Buffalo, NY
2 November 2018

Present:

Title	First Name	Last Name	Community Initials
Br.	John Michael Paul	Bartz	CSJ (Brothers of St. John)
Sr.	Marichui	Bringas	CCVI
Sr.	Yolanda	Cruz	SSMN
Sr.	Anna Marie	Espinosa	IWBS
Sr.	Misty	Garriga	CDP
Fr.	Paul	Henson	O.Carm
Sr.	Lou Ella	Hickman	IWBS
Sr.	Emmanuela	Le	CSFN
Sr.	Martha	Lopez	MSC
Sr.	Helen Marie	Miksch	CDP
Sr.	Miriam	Mitchell	SHSp
Sr.	Ana Cecilia	Montalvo	F.Sp.S.
Br.	Mark	Motz	SM
Fr.	Ronan	Newbold	CP
Sr.	Theresa Mi	Nguyen	IWBS
Sr.	Joann	Saenz	IWBS
Fr.	Mario	Serrano	OFM Conv.
Sr.	Kim Phuong	Tran	CCVI
Sr.	Mildred	Truchard	IWBS
Sr.	Lola	Ulupano	SSMN
Sr.	Bridget	Waldorf	SSND

Agenda:

- Introductions / New Members – **Member Area Coordinator S. Bridget Waldorf** invited participants to introduce themselves and in which city they reside
- Look forward to 2018-19 – annual gathering
 - What – suggestions made
 - Addictive behaviors
 - Synod of Bishops on “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment” follow-up
 - Cultural dynamics of family relationships
 - Social Media (including apps, video-making, effects of social media / gaming on discerners)
 - Self-care / Suicide
 - Human Sexuality (suggested presenters: Kevin McClone and Fr. Bryan Silva)
 - Reaching out to the Periphery – being a missionary church (and/or conversations about racism, marginalization, social justice, etc.)
 - When – typically February – is this still a best time? **YES**
 - Tag on to pre-scheduled gatherings (i.e. regional vocation retreats, diocesan programs, etc.)

- Where – suggestions
 - Something along the border of South Texas/Mexico?
 1. (Connect it to activity with Annunciation House)
 2. McAllen TX – Sr. Norma Pimentel
 - San Antonio – in conjunction with the NCDVD – Diocesan Vocation Directors
 - Arizona
 - Colorado
- Who – speakers; tasks, etc.
 - Speaker budget - \$1000 available from NRVC for speaker fees/housing/travel
 - Adam Macdonald – in [person, energizing
- **Resources**
 - NRVC Website
 - Southwest Facebook page
 - Other suggestions for communicating with each other? **WhatsApp** – will use more deliberately
- Member Sharing / Upcoming Events and Invitations
 - World Youth Day San Antonio – January 26, 2019 St. Pius X Catholic Church
 - World Youth Day PANAMA – January 22-27, 2019
 - SEEK Conference January 3-7, 2019 Indianapolis
- **Misericordia Fund:** members approved donation of \$500.00 to the Misericordia Fund. S. Bridget will contact the NRVC office.
- **Co-leadership of Southwest Member Area**
 - Nomination Form – Attendees were made aware of nomination form and invitation to submit possibilities to S. Bridget
 - S. Bridget talked about the benefits of being a Member Area Coordinator – including a free NRVC workshop
- Group Photo (see attached)

Next Steps: S. Bridget will reach out to members about upcoming business and plans for meeting in 2019

Respectfully Submitted,
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