

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH
 Chapter 2018-19 Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1) Prayer	The day began with a prayer at 9:00am on Saturday, November 10 th , 2018.	Sister Mary Herrmann officially opened the Chapter 2018-19 November session at 9:00am.
2) Roll Call	Sister Mary Ann White performed the roll call of the 56 delegates. (13 inches of snow fell Friday night so some were unable to make it to the meeting)	Roll call of the Sisters acknowledged 49 delegates.
3) Opening statements / Communal discernment review	Sister Mary Dacey began by sharing that every group is called to be prophetic – to discern how we are called to live today. Our humanness says we would prefer to have “I” not “we”, but communal discernment calls us to think of the good of the group instead. She reminded the group of the steps of active listening: to allow each person at the table to share uninterrupted; then ask members for clarification if needed, and probe further into each person’s viewpoints; finally, to determine the common themes that are for the greater good of the community.	
4) Mission Theme	The home and consensus table conversations focused on the questions: 1. How do we foster within and among ourselves a ministry of presence that furthers our mission? 2. How do we nurture and develop the charism in our partners in mission to sustain our sponsored ministries into the future?	
5) Leadership model review	After lunch Sister Mary Dacey reviewed the leadership model and reminded everyone present that we have had three in leadership and 2 additional councilors-at-large since 1999, and this is a canonical directive. She also shared that it is good to keep canon law vague, because it leaves more	

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	<p>room for expression. The word “team” came up a lot in group discussions. You won’t find the word “team” in canon law, but it is there in spirit – through words like collegiality, subsidiarity, participative. Our Constitution lives and breathes working together. Serving in Leadership is a very challenging ministry in today’s society. What can be done to free up the leadership?</p> <p>The home and consensus tables discussed the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given our Chapter 1999 decision and the October 2018 conversation feedback, can we affirm the current leadership model? 2. What critical considerations do we want to offer the next leadership team? 	
6) Wrap-up	Sisters Mary Drexler and Marianne Stuckert will take the Mission and Leadership consensus statements and will work to compose directional statements that will be presented at tomorrow’s Chapter session.	
7)	The Saturday Chapter session stopped at 3:45 pm., and ended with Mass at 4pm.	

Submitted by Jenn Woodard, Recorder