

Minutes  
June 8th, 2024 Meeting  
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Location: St. Rose of Lima Parish

President Carol Harley called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Opening prayer was led by Gracemarie Belvedere and Marilyn Granato, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome and Introductions:** President Harley welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanks Monica Rich for hosting, St. Rose & Northern Deanery. Monica Rich introduces Northern Deanery & invites everyone to visit the relic of Carlo Acutis inside the church.

In attendance for the meeting were: Alexa Rosen, Barb Kerouac, Barbara Larsen, Becky Hicks, Carol Harley, Cathy Finges, Claudia Branch, Cleo Mota, Cynthia Acosta, Donna Kushlan, Gabby Gauchay, Gaylynn Huffman, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jamie Beert, Jennifer Streker, Jessica Jurkowski, Joan Cromeenes, Joan Simard, Jolene Guarniere, Judy Mellott, Lisa Medina, Louisa Trujillo, Marcie Downs, Margaret Sanchez, Margarita Rudolph, Marilyn Granato, Marion Berry, Pat Musich, Reinette Schultz, Remy Federspill, Roslyn Gunderson, Sue Bedard, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn, Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Vanessa Delgado, Vicki Motta

Excused: Amy Kennedy, Angela Martinez, Anne Boyer, Becky Columbo, Bonnie Siegrist, Donna Murphy, Jeanne Audiss, Pat Voorhes, Cheryl Johnson .

Establishment of not having a quorum was confirmed by President, Carol Harley.

**Acceptance of Proposed Agenda:** Pat Musich moved that the Proposed Agenda be accepted, Jennifer Strecker seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda was accepted.

**Reading April's Board Meeting Minutes:** Jamie Beert moved that the reading of the April 26, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes be suspended. President Carol Harley states it has been seconded. Barb Kerouac has correction to add under Unfinished Business that Monsignor has given exception for the Deaneries and DCCW to have savings accounts and to correct typos that were found.

Minutes will stand approved as corrected.

**Spiritual Advisor's Remarks:** Fr. Ariel welcomed us, stated summer season is around the corner but the heat of the summer is here, school year has ended but our mission of proclaiming the good news is ongoing and we are all being called to be vigilant in professing our faith, not only in words but by our daily actions in the manner of how we live our lives each day. We received the Blessed Sacrament that is being processed throughout the country and the church is calling us to focus on the Eucharistic miracles in the past and still happening to us, because the Lord continues to reveal himself in many events of our lives, he encourages us as members of the Diocese of Catholic Women to bring the presence of Christ to the different ministries not only for our families, community, parish but for the diocese as a whole, we are all partners in the vineyard of the Lord. With summer there is a tendency to slow down but the ministry of proclaiming the good news of salvation should not slow down we need to make more effort to proclaim but also to make real the good news of salvation in the different ministries we participate in the life of the church. He once

again welcomes us to the sisterhood meeting that we may always grow in our faith and keep the fire of God's love in us so that other's will continue to see the face of God when they look at us as women of faith.

**NCCW Immediate Past President and President Elect Report:** President Carol Harley excuses Immediate Past National President Pat Voorhees and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, President Elect Amy Kennedy they are on a zoom meeting with National Office.

**San Francisco Province Director Remarks:** Jeanne Audiss is also excused and is attending the zoom meeting with National Office.

**Reports of Outgoing Officers:**

**President:** Barb Kerouac –Report did not get on website. As Immediate Past President she has the responsibility of reviewing the evaluations, there was 111 fabulous respondents with only a few related to the food, bus transportation, and the sound system at the Cathedral. The lowest score on average was the board meeting. She thanked everyone and the convention committee for working hard at putting the convention together. There was also positive comments on having the convention at Little America this year even with the added costs. Speakers were also well received. She comments on looking at the convention as a whole and the rising costs and whether or not to hold the two-day convention fiscally and be fiscally responsible in the future and suggests there should be a committee to look at the costs. She created a list with Becky Hicks of items to improve on. She thanks everyone and is pleased on how the convention turned out.

**1st VP:** Carol Harley – Spoke on how one of the biggest jobs of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is creating the program for convention, how advertising is sold for the program and how successful the Eastern Deanery is for buying advertisements. This year 25 full page ads, 31 half page ads, and 9 quarter page ads was sold which generated \$4,250. She apologizes that unfortunately at least 5 full page ads did not make it in the program, is not sure how that happened, and states refunds will be given if preferred. She thanks all who contributed.

**2nd VP:** Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Spoke on how great the raffle was and how nice it was having it held in the two rooms. For silent auction there were 38 items with highest bid at \$390, 19 ugly purses with highest bid at \$105 and 38 raffle baskets. She thanks everyone for their help. President Carol Harley asks Cynthia Acosta if she would like to say anything as the new incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> VP? Cynthia says she is excited and hopes to have the support of everyone and acknowledges Tish on doing a good job.

**Secretary:** Jamie Beert – Spoke on to RSVP to meetings on time for the hosting parish and have reports done on time and given to Angela Martinez so they can be posted on the DCCW website which gives everyone a chance to review them before the meeting, also review the minutes and provide corrections before the meeting so that they can be revised, sign attendance sheet at the meeting. President Carol Harley asks Tisha Ramos-Yarber if she would like to add anything as the new incoming Secretary? Tisha says to be patient with her as she learns. President Carol Harley asks the Deanery Presidents to review the directory and to let Tisha know any changes. Barb Kerouac also says to let NCCW know of any officer changes for our affiliates.

**Treasurer:** Roslyn Gunderson – Spoke on the Financial Report being sent out late and had one person responding with a question, she stated she can't fix the report due to the audit, however with the expenses from the Leadership training being more in the positive from the Leadership savings it is a mistake caught on June 1<sup>st</sup> and there will be \$480 more dollars coming out of the Leadership savings, she apologizes for the mistake. President Carol Harley then asks Gaylynn Hoffman if she would like to report anything as the incoming Treasurer. Gaylynn states she is scared to death but has been in contact with Roslyn who is going to help her and are going to have a luncheon to get into more detail. She says how awesome Roslyn is and to hang in there with her, she sees there are many reports and thanks everyone.

**Historian:** Susan Porter – President Carol Harley asks Susan Porter who has agreed to stay on if she has anything to report. Susan asks if anyone has pictures from convention, everyone in the bathtub or banquet, dancing or Father singing, she would love to have them. President Harley thanks her for staying on.

**Parliamentarian:** Casey Pond and Jeanne Audiss – President Carol Harley says that neither the past or current Parliamentarian are at the meeting, and both have been excused.

### **Reports Commission Chairs:**

**Spirituality:** Gracemarie Belvedere & Marilyn Granato – Report on file.

**Service:** President Harley speaks on Outgoing Ruth Penderghast not in attendance and asks incoming Service Chair Monica Rich to report, who asks if anyone has ideas done locally that she will be able to adopt and talks about the ladies at St. Rose taking communion and having Bible study at nursing homes and that any resources will be good guidelines and will ask Angela to post online her email for anyone to contact her with any ideas to do things together as a community. She says people from Holy Family, St. Rose and St. Joseph's gathered to see The Eucharist movie. Community events to do together in different areas.

**Leadership:** Outgoing Dawn Haberkorn and Incoming Marie Devereux – Not in attendance.  
No Report

**Legislative:** Donna Murphy – not in attendance (excused). On behalf of Donna Murphy, Joan Simard encourages everyone to vote in the primaries. President Harley says to fill out ballots and get to learn who your candidates are and make an informed decision if possible.

### **Reports Standing Committees:**

**Director of Meetings:** Becky Hicks – Speaks with reference to the convention and the positive feedback about the hotel. Last year at The Sheraton prices were upped in order to take the next step and go to another hotel. Last year we did very well and this year we tried to cut costs because of the increase in prices, trying to cut back on drinks but knew we needed to have it readily available and to having one screen but with all who attended the convention a second screen was needed and doubled the cost. These were outside of what was planned, and we barely made even. But we should be in good shape for next year because the costs should be around the same. Prices will be increased next year to make extra money to take care of all the other expenses for convention. Becky Hicks asks if anyone has any questions. Joan Simard talks about the location being phenomenal, hotel being cheery and thanks Becky Hicks for all her hard work and to encourage communicating to the ladies of our faith to attend and share their ideas to increase attendance. Pat Musich also says to encourage others and to explain what all the costs are, so we understand. To come together as a group and plan in order to have the funds to attend. Becky explains the use of the screens for one day was \$1600 and a 25% surcharge on everything. Susan Vaughn says the service at the hotel was also phenomenal and the service we received was much better than in the past. Becky Hicks explains that Jonathan Bocker being the sales manager and also Catholic was excited about having the Catholic women in the hotel. 2025 has been penciled in and working on the contract to start preparing for next year. She explains to keep in mind that there are two times a year at Little America which doesn't have two bedded rooms which lands on our weekend for next year but they are offering a king size bed for half the price. Gracemarie Belvedere speaks on how St. Marguerite's does a budget plan where starting in January the payments are broken into installments where it becomes affordable and to work with your Deanery or Treasurer. Becky Hicks commented that Blessed Sacrament has committed to pay half of the registration fee of every attendee to think about fundraisers etc. she thanks everyone for their time and looks forward to seeing everyone in 2025. President Harley thanks Becky Hicks and Marcie Downs for agreeing to stay on and Jamie Beert for joining them as Director of Meeting. President Harley has attended the meetings at Sheraton and Little America and was astounded at the costs.

**AWARE Editor:** President Harley mentions that Bonnie Siegrist is no longer the AWARE editor, Susan Espinoza will be taking that over. Neither are not in attendance (excused). -No report

**Website Editor:** Angela Martinez – not in attendance (excused). -No report

**Convention Scholarship:** Kathy Fazio and Mary LeBaron have stepped down. Jessica Jurkowski from St. Mary's & Carolyn Wold from Holy Family will take over. Jessica encourages everyone to apply, there was many applicants, and the report is on the website to refer to. Barb Kerouac would like to re-establish the fund, it was taken down to a minimum, if there are a lot of applicants there will not be enough funds to cover them all, to encourage your deaneries and affiliates to make donations or have a fundraiser for the scholarship fund. It was at \$5,000 and is now down to \$1400 and there is not going to be the funds to support the 18 women that we supported this last year. Kathy Fazio has put in the report to form a committee to come up with new guidelines to not cover the cost of the hotel, only convention that Carol will have to come up with. A question was asked if we are endangering pricing and not able to get down to the level for the average lady being able to attend. Becky Hicks has stated National convention registration is \$400 and most of the meals are

on your own, including airfare and suggests starting saving, do fundraisers. Pat Musich has stated when she was DCCW President that the money coming from the bishop would be used for the women wanting to attend and to rethink how to get the women there, for the committee to decide and highlight to use that money for women to attend convention and inspire others to be leaders. Barb Kerouac says when the finance committee gets together, they earmark where the money goes and set the budget for the next year, some of that money will go back for scholarship but it has been depleted so much it is reliant on donations. So if you have women applying for scholarships to have your deanery or affiliate put some of that money back into that fund, it would be beneficial to rebuild it.

**Convention Registration Chair:** Cheryl Johnson has agreed to stay on-not in attendance (excused).

**Hotel Registration:** Karen Fawbush has stepped down, President Harley explains that someone is needed to do hotel registration, it's one of the jobs that nothing is done all year then two months before convention you'll be receiving the registration forms, inputting the data and reporting it to the hotel. Jamie Beert asks to consider doing a group rate and everyone does their own reservations. Becky Hicks explains that by going under a master account we get to take advantage of the tax credits and if you do your own you will have to pay taxes and fees. President Harley asks if anybody or if you know someone that is interested to contact her.

**Membership Development:** Bonnie Siegrist and Michael O'Shay-not in attendance (both excused), have agreed to stay on but would like a third person, maybe a deanery president that would like to be involved for that committee to contact President Harley.

**Affiliate of the Year:** President Harley asks Barb Kerouac if it's the Immediate Past President? Barb Kerouac explains that it's voted on by the Immediate Past Presidents. Pat Voorhees is the Chair and Becky Columbo is the Co-Chair.

**Women of the Year:** Lydia Farnell and Susan Neilson have stepped down and Jennifer Stryker and Margaret Sanchez from St. Mary's have agreed to take it on. Jennifer has volunteered to do Women of the Year program and hopefully the power point presentation which will help the First Vice President, President Elect. Reinette Shultz speaks on Women of the Year program being the best she has seen from past years. President Harley's daughter was the one who put the program together. Barb explains one of the main jobs is keeping the bio's down and keeping the flow also Father Ariel's upbeat song being phenomenal. To keep in mind that it is a celebration for the women.

### **Reports Deanery Presidents:**

**Northern:** Cleo Mota – Report not on file

In April, Holy Family had election of officers, baby shower, in May they hosted reception for Confirmation youth and are in the process of planning their parish picnic in June. For St. Rose in March, they got people to go to confession, they have selected their president but need to decide on the board and hosting this meeting. In March, St. Mary's elected their board members, in May they celebrated Flores de Mayo with a Tea Party with Mary and a bilingual living rosary. They honored their Golden Rose with the letter coming from Barb Kerouac and the Women of the Year was awarded with a gift. They also participated in the Crowning of Mary and continue Fourth Tuesday Adoration and rosary and now preparing for their summer festival in June. Northern Deanery is planning and fine tuning their retreat in September. St. James members are not present today due to having their "big" yard sale. They also need to install their newly elected officers; in May they'll have their spaghetti dinner. CCW provided funds for their Easter egg hunt, coffee and donuts, and 300 Eucharist Journey books for their parishioners.

**Salt Lake:** Susan Vaughn – Report not on file

Women in the Salt Lake Deanery are electing new officers and shutting down for the summer and staging for the fall. CCW, the Cathedral, are keeping busy with their community service projects by providing volunteers for St. Mary Magdelene's feast day in July and have volunteers ready for the Ministry Fair at various masses to promote CWS. The Catholic Women's league has collected supplies for St. Martha's Baby Guild, Ladies of Charities food bank and conducted diaper drive, attend First Friday masses and pray the rosary. In April they held their annual tea, they honored the Woman of the Year. Our Lady of Lourdes helped with confirmation class, this summer they will be helping with the Victor Marquez golf tournament which will benefit the CCD center reconstruction. In fall they will hold their spaghetti dinner. St Patrick's holds their Bingo night each month, the past and present Women of the Year from their parish was honored at a mass. St. Vincent de Paul held their election for officers, they do coffee and donuts twice a month, each week they have women from CCW preparing bulletins for the week. In May they held a shower for The In Between.

**Wasatch:** Gabby Gauchay- Report on File

**Eastern:** Becky Columbo not present (excused) on behalf of Becky Columbo, Pat Musich.

St. Helen's made 3<sup>rd</sup> in miles traveled at convention she speaks on the how many people got to participate with the Eucharistic Pilgrims with the walk, mass, adorations, and the rosary. They was honored they came to St. Helen's and had the mass out at Fort Duchesne, Kateri Tekakwitha. There was 6 pilgrims and 2 priests that travel with the group, they started in San Francisco and come from four directions in the United States. In Utah they went to Salt Lake, Logan, Park City and then to St. Helen's. They joined them with the rosary and adoration, they take the Blessed Sacrament back into the monstrance on a platform and travel in silence in the adoration of Our Lord Jesus. Pray for North, West, East, and South pilgrimage to carry it in your heart. President Harley asks if they have an itinerary or map to follow on their website. Susan Vaughn speaks on the Eucharistic Congress 2024 and how all the pilgrimages will gather together in Indianapolis. In Salt Lake, Bishop Solis went to Jerome Idaho to meet the pilgrimage to bring the Eucharist to The Cathedral. Joan Simard speaks, she is parish point person for St. Thomas for Eucharistic Revival and explains to go to Eucharist Revival website, to make a donation for the pilgrims.

Becky Hicks speaks on the Jesus Thirsts movie and that the US CCB states that 7 out of 10 do not believe in the transformation during the Eucharist. Gabby Gauchay speaks on accessing the link to

view the videos of the procession on social media. President Harley speaks on that the movie will be included for one of the fundraisers at the national convention in Oklahoma.

**Southwestern:** Mary Skomal – not present, no report on file.

### **Unfinished Business**

President Harley speaks on the 2024 DCCW Convention wrap up Convention Chair and hands it to Barb Kerouac who speaks on reading the guidelines which tells you what each job does. The President is the Convention Chair, the Deanery is convention hostess. Read job descriptions, By-laws, standing rules and convention guidelines to understand what the Leadership training was all about. That maybe every other convention we should do doing training instead of just having fun, we are losing the concept of what the organization is about and need to pass on to the next ones that are going to take us to the next 95 years. Need youth to carry on the tradition, new ideas, invite new ladies. Reports and minutes are so important, they are our history.

Barb Keroauc speaks on the Golden Rose award not being under etc. and how no committee was chosen but got the exec committee to decide. The convention guideline people who will rewrite the Leadership will have to designate who they want for the selection committee and who will lead that. There was a suggestion that the Golden Rose Award be given out by the bishop and be included in the Woman of the Year banquet.

**Finance Committee Chair** – Roslyn Gunderson says the Financial Report was sent and will take any questions and explains we made less and paid more and that everyone agrees it was worth it. She thanked Tish for the raffle that it saved us and we made \$1700 more than the year before. Also, the program ads took care of the printing. Refunds will be sent to the ones that didn't get their ads put in the program but asks to reconsider that since we made only \$9,347.29, which goes towards our budget for next year's expenses, to ask your women's group to donate the reimbursement. Question was asked if it can be applied to next years convention. President Harley responded with yes and will pass the information on to Annette. Barb Kerouac mentions when COVID hit there was multiple ones that was carried over to the next year. President Harley mentions there's left over programs and annual reports available.

### **New Business**

President Harley speaks on vacancies for board positions and will be meeting with individuals. Contact her on any position that isn't filled and that you'd be interested in doing.

Speaks on that it's tradition at national to attend several dinners the Provence dinner with the ladies from the San Francisco Provence and a Salt Lake Diocesan dinner.

Mentions that Gracemarie did an ad for the national program and asks if anyone needs to share a room there is a sign-up sheet, if anyone would like to donate for the silent auction item that we need to take. Explains the convention will be held August 13-17 at the Omni Hotel in Oklahoma City "Called to an Encounter With Jesus", registration ends June 14<sup>th</sup>, call national for the package deal and make arrangements.

**Announcements:**

Annual meeting with the Bishop will be Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm usually attended by the executive board.

Next DCCW Board Meeting will be held at the Southwestern Deanery not Salt Lake Deanery as mentioned on the agenda. Not sure where it will be but will be on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Wasatch will host November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. President Harley asks Susan Porter to talk about deanery activities going on, she speaks on supporting the Give Me a Chance fundraiser on September 7<sup>th</sup>, to vote at your deanery meeting and address donating a basket or going to the event. Golf tournament for the Fisher House on July 27<sup>th</sup> to volunteer or donate a basket to contact her. President Harley will have to change the date for the Southwestern meeting.

Susan Vaughn-St. Vincent de Paul: Bunco Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> with raffle.

Cleo Mota-St. Mary: Eucharistic Revival Parish Mission June 17-19<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup> with potluck.

June 17 topic: Intention during the Eucharist in the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe

June 18 topic: Love and Adoration

June 19 topic: The Eucharistic Powering Consecrated Life

Teri Miller-Our Lady of Lourdes: June 8<sup>th</sup> Bingo with the Knights of Columbus, CCW Bake Sale  
Golf tournament June 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Ridge

Jennifer Stryker-St Mary: Summer Fest, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2-9 pm food, music, raffle

**Correspondence:** Tisha Ramos-Yarber – None

**Closing Prayer:** Gracemarie Belvedere

**50/50:** Gaylynn Huffman



**Lost and Found:** Becky Hicks

**Blessing of food:** President Carol Harley

**Raffle announced:** 50/50 winner 12: 16 pm \$72.00

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Secretary