

Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2018
St. Ambrose

Call to Order: First Vice-President/President Elect, Casey Pond, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Opening Prayer: Susan Espinoza led the opening prayer service, with the help of Ernie Folks, Mary Valerio and Casey Pond. Suzie Brown was thanked for the beautiful liturgical environment display. Prayers were requested for the repose of the soul of Maxine Smith (Marsha Murphy's mother); and for Anne Smith, who will undergo surgery on February 2nd.

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice-President Pond led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions: Vice-President Pond welcomed Board members and guests and introduced the head table. Board officers present: Barb Kerouac, 2nd Vice-President/Ways & Means; Kathy Fazio, Secretary; and Becky Hicks, Treasurer. Other Board members present: Lisa Adamson, Jeanne Audiss, Suzie Brown, Becky Colombo, Delfina Cook, Susan Espinoza, Ernie Folks, Carol Harley, Bobbie Hunt, Barbara Jewkes, Cheryl Johnson, Kathy Jones, Barbara Larsen, Mary LeBaron, Angela Martinez, Margaret Cragin-Masarone, MaryAnne Mulvihill, Donna Murphy, Sylvia Orosco, Michael O'Shea, Holly Porter, Susan Porter, Mary Valerio, and Pat Voorhes. Board members excused: President Marcie Downs, Paula Hatch, Deanna Keller, Amy Kennedy, Marsha Murphy, Pat Musich, Susan Neilson, Rev. Renato Rodillas, Bonnie Siegrist, and Anne Smith. SL Deanery President, Margaret Cragin-Masarone, introduced Deanery officers, Affiliate Presidents, and guests.

Establishment of Quorum: Secretary Kathy Fazio stated that a quorum was present (28).

Acceptance of Proposed Agenda: Angela Martinez moved to accept the proposed agenda; Susan Espinoza seconded. The motion passed.

Reading of Minutes from November 11, 2017 Board Meeting: Susan Espinoza moved to suspend the reading of the minutes, which were distributed prior to the meeting. Barbara Jewkes seconded. The motion was approved. The 11/11/17 minutes included a request that the 9/30/17 minutes be corrected to record Ernie Folks as being in attendance. However, Ernie stated at today's meeting that this was in error – she had been excused from the 9/30/17 meeting and was not in attendance on that date. There being no other changes, the 11/11/17 minutes will be filed as corrected.

Spiritual Advisor Remarks: Father Rene Rodillas is excused.

NCCW Province Director Remarks: Pat Voorhes' report is on file and online. Her report included a list of NCCW events, member calls and deadlines, details about nominations for NCCW Treasurer and Our Lady of Good Counsel Award, and how to submit proposed resolutions. Pat will ask each SF Province DCCW to contribute \$50 toward a respect-for-life video being produced by the Catholic Mobilizing Network in partnership with NCCW. SF Province will donate a purse for the NCCW auction. Pat may ask each DCCW to contribute something. The San Francisco Province Meeting will be held Feb. 9-11 at the Crystal Inn in SLC. She

noted that NCCW Convention registration opens soon and hotel reservations are open. Those considering attending were asked to sign an interest sheet so roommates can be assigned if needed.

Reports of Officers:

President: Marcie Downs is excused. Her report will be posted online.

First Vice President/President Elect: Casey Pond. Report is deferred to later in the agenda.

Second Vice President/Ways & Means: Barb Kerouac. Her report is deferred to later in the meeting.

Secretary: Kathy Fazio. Thank-you notes were received from Bishop Solis for the DCCW's birthday remembrance, from Msgr. Bircumshaw for the gift package of bread, jam and honey, and from Hope-4-Utah in response to DCCW's donation from the 2017 Convention Mass collection.

Treasurer: Becky Hicks presented a Financial Activity report for the period of 11/10/17-01/26/18. Report will be filed for audit.

Immediate Past President: Bonnie Siegrist is excused.

Historian: Deanna Keller is excused.

Parliamentarian: Jeanne Audiss. Report is on file and online.

Reports of Commission Chairs

Spirituality: Susan Espinoza. No report.

Service: Lisa Adamson. Report is on file and online. Lisa distributed 30 pillows purchased with board meeting raffle money, to be given to women's crisis shelters throughout Utah.

Leadership: Becky Colombo. Report is on file and online, which focused on building trust within your group.

Legislation: Donna Murphy. Report is on file and online. Donna discussed bills that are currently being debated in the Utah legislature. She encouraged everyone to educate themselves about pending legislation by visiting www.lw.utah.gov, and accessing the Catholic Social Justice section of www.dioslc.com.

Reports of Deanery Presidents

Eastern Deanery: Barbara Jewkes. Report is on file and online.

Northern Deanery: Sylvia Orosco. Report is on file and online.

Salt Lake Deanery: Margaret Cragin-Masarone. Report is on file and online.

Southwestern Deanery: Mary LeBaron. Report is on file and online. Of note: St. Christopher's CCW in Kanab is once again affiliated with NCCW.

Wasatch Deanery: MaryAnne Mulvihill. Report is on file and online. MaryAnne suggested that before collecting items for the women's shelters as part of DCCW's service project, local shelters should be contacted to verify what items are needed.

Reports of Standing Committee Chairs

Finance Committee: Becky Hicks. No report.

Director of Meetings: Bobbie Hunt. Report is deferred to later in the agenda.

Aware: Bonnie Siegrist is excused. The winter AWARE will be published soon. Casey thanked those who submitted articles, and for respecting the deadline.

Website: Angela Martinez. Angela commented on everyone's cooperation in submitting reports. She noted that colors do not work well and asked that dark fonts be used for any submissions. Also, she asked that items be submitted in Word format as well as pdf.

MDR: Anne Smith is excused.

Bylaws Committee: Becky Colombo and Pat Musich. Report is deferred to later in the agenda.

Nominating Committee: Bonnie Siegrist is excused. Her report is on file and was presented by Angela Martinez. The Call to Nominations was sent to the DCCW Board and affiliate presidents.

Sponsorship: Mary Valerio and Ernie Folks. Report is deferred to later in the agenda.

Unfinished Business

NCCW Dues: Becky Hicks. Becky will contact affiliates if necessary regarding 2018 dues.

Bylaws and DCCW Convention Guidelines Changes: Becky Colombo introduced a proposal that a process be initiated to award one sponsorship each year to the NCCW Convention to a woman who is active in DCCW, but who would not otherwise be able to attend. There was discussion about full vs. partial sponsorship, budget concerns, and criteria for choosing a recipient. It was noted that if we are going to initiate the sponsorship for the 2018 NCCW convention, this needs to be presented for a vote at the April DCCW Board meeting. Becky asked that the Board submit ideas and concerns to her soon so that she can present a proposal in April.

Resolutions: Jeanne Audiss. Included in the Call to Convention packet is a form for proposing a resolution for the 2018 DCCW Convention. She hopes to receive at least one suggested resolution from each deanery. Submission deadline is March 26th.

2018 DCCW Convention – Call to Convention: Packets were given to the Deanery Presidents for distribution in their deaneries, with a request that these be disseminated promptly. Contents of the packet were reviewed in detail, with an emphasis on respecting deadlines.

Ways & Means: A clarification on rules regarding inclusion of alcoholic beverages in the auction/raffle baskets will be obtained by Barb Kerouac and Bobbie Hunt. This information will be sent to the Board.

Registration: Kathy Jones stressed the importance of printing clearly on the registration forms to assure that name tags are correctly printed. In stressing the registration deadline, she noted that banquet tables are assigned on a first received/first assigned basis.

Hotel Reservations: Carol Harley noted that the quoted hotel rate may not be honored for reservations received after the deadline. She also stressed the need to print clearly on registration forms.

Sponsorship: Ernie Folks noted the first submitted/first served policy. She emphasized that shared costs are permissible (i.e., parish pays half; DCCW pays half).

Poster and Throw Down Challenge: Becky Colombo reviewed the rules for the throw down challenge and encouraged affiliates to display a poster highlighting their activities.

Donations: Lisa Adamson reviewed items that will be collected at the convention.

Director of Meetings: Bobbie Hunt and President Downs will do a food tasting at the hotel next week and will choose the menus. Bobbie encouraged the Board to attend the dinner on Friday evening just before the Board meeting. This dinner helps us meet our quota with the hotel.

Woman of the Year: Bobbie Hunt stressed the submission deadline of March 26 to assure that the names of all honorees are included in the program and banquet flyer.

Convention Chairperson: Mary LeBaron displayed the convention bag that is embroidered with the convention logo. Hostesses are being assigned, and bag contents are being gathered. She asked everyone to consider donating toward convention bag expenses by sending their donation to the DCCW Treasurer, who will forward them to the Southwest Deanery.

New Business:

Mass Collection: Casey Pond asked for ideas for recipients of the Convention Mass collection. Three suggestions were introduced: NCCW Vocations Purse, Give-Me-A-Chance, and the Carmelite Sisters. Following discussion, Casey asked for a show-of-hands to divide the collection equally among the three. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Announcements:

T-Shirts: Becky Hicks presented a proposal to offer t-shirts for purchase with the convention logo. She discussed cost (about \$10) and colors, and noted a required minimum order of 24, and a deadline of March 26th for orders. Kathy Fazio asked that the royal blue color be avoided, since this will be the color shirt that the hostesses will wear. A decision was not reached at today's meeting. Becky asked that each Deanery President get the opinions of their affiliates and advise Becky of whether they like the idea.

Raffle: The Board agreed to donate the DCCW's portion of today's 50/50 drawing to the YWCA for their domestic violence prevention program. The remaining half was given to the winning ticket holder.

Closing Prayer: Susan Espinoza led the Board in a closing prayer.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 27, 2018, Sheraton SLC Hotel.