

**Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2018  
St. Helen's, Roosevelt**

**Call to Order:** President Casey Pond called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

**Opening Prayer:** Mary Valerio and Susan Nielsen led the opening prayer service.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** President Pond led the attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Father Dass welcomed everyone at the beginning of the meeting before excusing himself.

**Welcome and Introductions:** President Pond introduced the head table. Marcie Downs (Past President), Becky Hicks (Treasurer), Becky Colombo (First Vice President & Acting Secretary). Excused: Fr. Rene, Margaret Cragin-Masarone, MaryAnn Mullvihill (Second Vice), Barbara Kerouac and Donna Murphy. Amy Kennedy reported on Barb Kerouac and her husband's accident and Bonnie reported on Donna Murphy's shoulder surgery and subsequent auto accident. President Pond introduced Eastern Deanery President Karan Curtis. Karan introduced members and officers of the Eastern Deanery. Gabby Veladez introduced those who helped prepare the food for today. President Pond introduced the past DCCW Presidents present.

**Establishment of a Quorum:** President Pond asked if there was a quorum present. Acting Secretary Colombo stated there was a quorum present.

**Acceptance of Proposed Agenda:** President Pond asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. Ernie Folks stated that the Sponsorship Commission is not listed on the agenda. Carol Harley made the motion to accept the proposed agenda; seconded by Ernie Folks. All in favor; none opposed.

**Reading of the Minutes from April 27 Board Meeting:** President Pond asked for a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes. Angela Martinez made the motion to suspend the reading; seconded by Susan Porter. All in favor; none opposed.

President Pond asked for any corrections to the minutes; Marcie Downs had a correction to sentence number 17 under "Unfinished Business" on page 3 of the minutes from June 2, 2018. Marcie used her personal number. That is not correct. She would like it to read: "In 2017 Marcie used her personal Sheraton number for the points and she will buy gift cards which she will donate to the raffle on behalf of DCCW. In 2018, in lieu of points, DCCW will receive a gift certificate to the Sheraton Hotels-equal to the reward point value that would have been earned." Ernie Folks commented it would be helpful to put page numbers on the minutes for easier reference when making corrections. President Pond stated that suggestion will be passed on for the next set of minutes. The minutes were approved with the stated corrections.

DCCW Spiritual Moderator Father Rene was excused. In absentia, Father Dass spoken prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**Report of Officers:**

**President:** President Pond presented her report. She spoke of Hope and Joy that was the topic of the priest's presentation at the annual NCCW convention. Christian Joy is our relationship with God. That joy between you

and God is your relationship with God. The President asked that we all begin preparing for our DCCW convention in April of 2019. It will be here before we realize. Spirituality and Service are the commissions for this year's DCCW Convention. She will be working closing with those Commission chairs. Talk to your friends and get everyone in your organization to attend the convention.

First Vice President/President Elect: Becky Colombo presented her report on the Resolutions that were presented and approved at the NCCW Convention in Pittsburgh.

Second Vice President/Ways & Means: MaryAnne Mulvihill was excused.

Secretary: Margaret Cragin was excused.

Treasurer: Becky Hicks presented the financial report. She reviewed the *revised* Convention financial report and her reasons behind the revision. She had passed out copies to everyone at the meeting. She gave the final balance of the checking/savings account. Pat Musich had a question as to what to do with the excess money in our account. Pat asked about a charitable donation or something. Becky Hicks stated we are allowed to have up to 2 years of operating expenses. Carol Harley made the comment that CWL has an endowment account now with their organization and Jennifer Carol would be happy to come and speak to us about this. There is a permanent endowment and a temporary endowment. More discussion followed about the difference in permanent and temporary endowment funds. We need to keep a certain amount of money in the organization to keep it running. Ernie Folks asked what GMAC stood for (Give Me a Chance). Ernie asked about the difference for transfer from Sponsorship Savings and Savings account balance for sponsorship fund. Becky Hicks explained.

Immediate Past President: Marcie Downs spoke about the reward points with the hotel. Our organization is currently very transparent. She stated when DCCW uses the Sheraton, the Diocese cannot set up a point account to receive all the reward points. Bonnie Siegrist realized that all these points could be shared by everyone when she was DCCW President. More discussion followed. We would like to move forward with the points that were earned during those years Marcie was president and Bonnie will help her with that. The amount we earned for the 2017 DCCW convention has been awarded to us in a gift certificate for a one-night stay at the Sheraton with breakfast for 2. **They will add this procedure to the Convention Guidelines, for rewards from the points collected.**

Historian: Cleo Mota let everyone know that there were 13 from the Salt Lake Diocese that attended the NCCW convention. It was her first year to attend the convention and she stated it was great. She encouraged people to attend NCCW Convention next year in Atlanta.

Parliamentarian: Jeanne Audiss was excused because she is vacationing in Africa. President Casey read Jeanne's report. Jeanne would like to focus on the resolutions that were voted on at our DCCW convention in April. She left handouts for us to use on "how to make a motion". Parliamentary procedure is kind of "stuffy" but a great way to keep your meetings moving smoothly. There were handouts for everyone to take.

### **Reports of Commission Chairs:**

Spirituality Commission: Susan is excused to attend a Diocesan Deacon Retreat with her husband.

Service Commission: Barbara Larsen reported for Sylvia Orosco and Mary Nerio. There were handouts for Service Commission on donating to Women's Shelters in the state. Sylvia would like to know if there is a shelter close to each Deanery. *Please let her know if you have shelters that are not on her list.* Sylvia has set a deadline of December 1 to donate items for the holidays. Casey stated there are facilities that are closer to the different Deaneries, and affiliates could donate to those shelters. Karan Curtis asked if it is the same service we did last year, and it is. Casey asked Karan to let Sylvia know about their shelter in Vernal.

Leadership Chair: Barbara Kerouac is excused. No report.

Legislative Leadership: Donna Murphy is excused. No report.

### **Reports of Deanery Presidents:**

Eastern Deanery - Karan Curtis reviewed the affiliate reports.

Northern Deanery - Barbara Larsen presented a summary of Northern Deanery affiliates.

Salt Lake Deanery - Cynthia Acosta did not have a report but will have an official report next time. She attended NCCW Convention and was very renewed in spirit. Cynthia related a story about her “wow” moment at NCCW Convention that involved a gift of the Miraculous Medal to all the women in attendance.

Wasatch Deanery - Susan Porter gave her report and also attended the NCCW convention. She also suggested listening to Bishop Caggiano’s presentation on the NCCW website and stated he is also on Facebook and Twitter. Her “wow” moment came on her ride to the airport. Her Uber driver felt she was a joyful person, (which was the theme of the convention.) Susan then reviewed a brief summary of the Wasatch Deanery affiliates.

Michael O’Shea mentioned that Mary Chidester from St. Anthony’s in Helper was chosen for the Catholic’s Can Award. She will be honored at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on Oct. 7 at 11:30 a.m. More discussion followed about the Catholic’s Can Awards throughout the past years and how they are chosen. Kathryn Larson is the only representative from the Eastern part of the state and they need more reps from our area. President Casey read from a handout that Mike O’Shea had about the Catholics Can Award applicant and how to nominate an individual for the award.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

Director of Meetings - Bobbie Hunt is excused. She has the contract for DCCW convention for the last full weekend of April. The Bishop will not be able to attend. He will be celebrating the anniversary of his ordination with his family.

Convention Chair - Cynthia Acosta stated the Salt Lake Deanery just needs our help for the convention. She is overwhelmed and unsure of how to manage everything.

Website Editor - Angela Martinez did not have anything to report, but did ask that people not send their reports to her in **JPG**. Please send them in PDF. She appreciates those who send her things to post. Casey stated our website is accessible to everyone and to please make use of Angela’s talents.

Aware - Bonnie Siegrist is editor and she stated they were sent out to the board to be read and will then be sent out to everyone else. Please your articles to her in PDF and not as a JPG. She asked that people need to send articles and pictures to Marie Michell at Intermountain Catholic, because Marie is always happy to get them and we need to make our council very visible.

Sponsorship - Ernie Folks and Mary Valerio are in the process of improving the sponsorship application. People are having trouble with the application. Ernie asked everyone to take a look at it and make

Convention Registration - Pat Voorhes is excused.

Hotel Registration - Carol Harley was present but had nothing to report.

Liturgical Environment - Mary Valerio was present but has nothing to report. President Casey expressed everyone’s compliments for the beautiful spiritual environment today.

Finance - Becky Hicks asked if everyone had a copy of the proposed budget for 2018/2019. She asked if everyone had a chance to review the budget and discussed it briefly. Michael O’Shea, Becky Hicks, Angela, Marcie, Carol Harley, and Jennifer Street were on the finance committee. (Casey Pond was also present). On behalf of the finance committee, Becky Hicks made the motion to accept the proposed budget for 2018/2019. President Casey stated the motion was made and discussion has been held. The President asked for a vote. (No second was required). All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried. President Casey stated that people should not want to be on the board due to expenses.

Audit Committee - Bonnie Siegrist reported for Jeanne Audiss. The auditor stated the books of Becky Hicks were very organized and easy to follow. Bonnie had a copy of the report for the Treasurer, President, and Secretary.

Nomination Committee - Marcie Downs was present but had nothing to report. She is in observation of all the ladies and searching for possible candidates.

MDR - Amy Kennedy was contacted by someone from St. Mary's Parish (Carol Harley). She will catch up with her later. On Council Sunday, you may contact Amy to invite her to your "party" and will take any questions and share her knowledge.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Council Sunday - DCCW Council Sunday is October 21, 2018. The President reviewed suggestions and asked for any ideas to share. After your Council Sunday, please write up an article and put it in the parish bulletin.

2018 NCCW Convention Overview - President Casey thanked DCCW for allowing her to attend the NCCW convention. The "elephant in the room" was addressed concerning the priests and the recent scandal. The Bishops understand the importance of this council. They didn't sugar-coat the current scandal and accountability was mentioned several times. The speakers were very good; we had lots of fun. The vendors were great. At the Province dinner; Aretha Franklin's memory was honored and her songs were sung. The women did the chicken dance and the priests joined in. Amy Kennedy talked about people in our group that were loved by other NCCW people, such as Father Rene. The prayer services and liturgies were beautiful.

President Casey discussed NCCW memberships. She asked that we please get them in on time, by December 31. She encouraged individual memberships and the ability for us to vote for Pat Voorhes as President Elect. Individual memberships are due by February 1. Marcie Downs stressed the importance of these memberships. Becky Hicks and Pat Voorhes will let you know if your membership is due. Pat Musich added that the Western U.S. does not have a huge population to get votes for Pat Voorhes. Individual membership dues are \$50 and a supporting member is \$100.

NCCW Convention Scholarship - Marcie Downs is the Chair for this committee. She presented a report about the survey from the June meeting concerning the NCCW Convention Scholarship. There were 35 responses received. Marcie reviewed the questions. She stated 97.1% of those surveyed agreed with the idea of having this scholarship, as long as funds permit. We will have a representative from each Deanery as well as the Treasurer and the Chair. They will meet to move forward with this. The survey results will be available through email (through Margaret). President Casey will bring some extra copies to the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

Bylaws, Standing Rules, Convention Guidelines - Discussion followed about the revision/update of bylaws, standing rules, and convention guidelines. These documents were sent to you online with the Call to Meeting. Please review these and send any suggestions to Barb Kerouac by email. [Barb0235@msn.com](mailto:Barb0235@msn.com).

Attendance at Board meetings - Deanery reps to the boards are expected to be at the DCCW Board meeting. Casey asked Deanery presidents to consider replacing any reps who are not able to attend the board meetings.

DCCW Convention is April 27-28, 2019 at the Sheraton in Salt Lake City.  
NCCW Convention is Aug.21-24 in Atlanta, Georgia. (Atlanta was already under contract). The following year we will be going to Washington DC for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Discussion followed about the survey offered about the time of year that NCCW convention is held.

October is Domestic Violence month. Check out the NCCW Website for more information for your October affiliate meetings.

**Correspondence** - Becky Colombo read 3 items of correspondence.

**Announcements** - Michael O'Shea reported on the number of "Boxes of Joy" across the U.S. through NCCW, DCCW, affiliates that were reported at NCCW Convention.

Hollie Porter spoke about the Catholic Women's League Fall Tapestry luncheon on Oct. 6, 2018 at Little America. Proceeds from the opportunity drawing will go to the Peace House and St. Frances Xavier School. Tickets are on sale today. Reservations need to be in by Sept. 27.

Angela Martinez spoke about a note of thank you from the Carmelite Nuns. Everything they do is by donation and they are thankful we are helping to support them. Mike O'Shea shared a story about the kindness of the nuns last convention when items were stolen from the hotel room and the nuns replaced the items free of charge.

Kathryn Larson spoke about the Pastoral Congress last Saturday and the Pastoral plan. Cynthia Acosta also attended the Congress.

The new Utah Valley University president is from the Phillipines and she credited her Catholic education for her success. We will pray for all of our nuns.

**Raffle:** The 50/50 generated \$145; Becky Colombo won her share. Becky Hicks asked about where we want the \$75 to be donated. Marcie suggested Water for Life. Casey suggested the Domestic Violence shelter.

**Closing Prayer:** The closing prayer was led by Mary Valerio.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm

**Next Meeting:** November 10, 2018 at St. Joseph the Worker in West Jordan (Wasatch Deanery).

Casey thanked the women again of the Eastern Deanery and especially from St. Helen's Parish. She thanked everyone for making the trip to the meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Colombo, Acting Secretary*