

Minutes  
January 28, 2023 Meeting  
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Host: Wasatch Deanery Location: St Joseph the Worker, West Jordan

President Barb Kerouac Called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Opening prayer was led by Susan Espinoza and Susan Nielson

Immediate Past President, Becky Colombo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and introductions: President Kerouac welcomed everyone, including ZOOM participants to the meeting. Barb introduced the officers present and announced Fr. Ariel had a baptism and may arrive later.

Wasatch Deanery host: Loretta Lazar welcomed everyone to St Joseph the Worker and introduced the ladies/men who were helping with breakfast and lunch.

In attendance for the meeting were: Amethyst Stephens, Amy Kennedy, Amy Henry, Angela Martinez, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Barbara Larsen, Becky Columbo, Becky Hicks, Bonnie Siegrist, Brandy Farmer, Carol Harley, Casey Pond, Cheryl Johnson, Christine Corley, Cynthia Acosta, Cleo Mata, Dawn Haberkorn, Donna Kushlan, Donna Murphy, Elisebeth Price, Erin Stephens, Gabby Gauchay, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jessica Jurkowski, Joan Simard, Julie Carlin, Karen Fawbush, Kathy Fazio, Loretta Lazar, Lydia Farnell, Mindi Allen, Patricia Voorhes, Robin Marvive, Roslyn Gunderson, Ruth Penderghast, Stacey Oliveto, Susan Espinoza, Susan Nielson, Susan Vaughn, Trisha Ramos-Yarber.

ZOOM participants: Anne Boyer, Bridgitt Ames, Chris DeHerrera (and 3 other St James members), Judy Greene, Mary LeBron, Mary Skomal, Sharon Paetzke, Suzanne DeMaio, Trish Christensen

Establishment of quorum was confirmed by Secretary, Jamie Beert.

Acceptance of Agenda: Angela Martinez moved that the Proposed Agenda be accepted. Lydia Farnell seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda was accepted.

Reading of minutes November Board Meeting: Susan Espinoza moved that the reading of the November 19, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes be suspended; Susan Vaughn seconded. Loretta Lazar requested a change to the Spirituality section to “shared variety of Advent information / activities” and Jeanne Audiss requested correction for elections from “Province” to” NCCW”. The Minutes will be filed as amended.

Spiritual Advisor’s Remarks: Fr. Ariel submitted a report for the Aware. He was able to make the meeting and reported it was good for us all to be back together and sharing blessings of God. He is looking forward to the DCCW Convention as well as Utah hosting the NCCW convention

NCCW President Remarks: Pat Voorhes thanked all who have already volunteered for the NCCW Convention. She is grateful that her NCCW Convention as NCCW President gets to be in Utah! She shared all except one of the speakers are Utah Catholics. Tours and Entertainment are still being planned. Report on File.

San Francisco Province Director Remarks: Province meeting will be held March 10-12, 2023 at the University Marriott in Salt Lake City, all are invited to attend. There are 3 members from California coming. She shared the Salt Lake Diocesan Council is the most dynamic group of God loving women in

the Province. California struggles to get younger women involved and Nevada has never been affiliated. She also shared that Amy Kennedy is nominated for VP-President Elect position on NCCW Board. It is great having Utah represented on the board. Affiliates and Individual members can vote. If you are not already an individual member of NCCW, please become a member and vote for Amy! – Report on File

### **Reports of Officers:**

**President:** - Barb Kerouac thanked St Joseph the Worker for Hosting. Report on File

**1 st VP:** Carol Harley – Shared the deadline dates for DCCW Convention, 3/15/23 for Program Ads and Woman of the Year forms/pictures, 3/22/23 Convention and Hotel Registration, and 4/1/23 Board Members/Committee Reports. - Report on File

**2 nd VP** – Tisha – Reminded all of the request for each parish to donate: Table Centerpiece (reminded to not have it very tall so people at the table can see over it), Raffle Item, Silent Auction Item and Ugly Purse. She requested for the Raffle and Silent Auction items to provide a list of contents as well as which Parish donated it. She is still working on getting vendor donations for raffle/auction. She does not yet have a quilt. She is updating the display boards. - Report on File

**Secretary:** Reminded attendees to initial the attendance sheet and those on ZOOM to email names to her.

**Treasurer:** Roslyn Gunderson – Reported all outstanding debts to the DCCW have been resolved. Report sent out with Call to Meeting. Report will be filed for audit.

**Immediate PP:** Becky Colombo: There will be a memorial service at convention. She is also collecting for Silent Auction / Raffle items for the Province Meeting in March. - Report on File

**Historian:** Nadia Neumier has resigned from this position – We will need to find a replacement

**Parliamentarian:** Casey Pond. Shared this quote from Pat Reymann about Protocol, “To me protocol means official good manners. It is a set of customs or code of etiquette that properly respects the offices that members and guests may hold. Good manners also dictate that only one person speaks at a time; side conversations are a breach of protocol as well as manners.” Casey also reminded us that only Board Members and Deanery Reps can vote. - Report on File

### **Reports Commission Chairs:**

**Spirituality:** – Susan Espinoza - Report on File

**Service:** Ruth Pendergrast – There are Baby Bottles for each deanery to share with their affiliates for donations to the Pregnancy Resource Center. All are asked to bring the bottles/donations back with them to DCCW Convention. Please place a piece of paper with parish name in the bottle as well, for tracking purposes. Report on File

**Leadership:** Dawn Haberkorn – Report on File

**Legislative** – Donna Murphy – Currently there are three Bills in Utah Legislature that need your attention (two Pro-Life and a bill requiring Clergy notification of child abuse). Please reach out to your legislators. - Report on File

### **Reports Deanery Presidents:**

**Eastern:** Becky Colombo – Fr Albert Kileo tragically passed away. He was a kind soul and served in each of our three parishes since 2002. He was also the Eastern Deanery Spiritual Advisor. He will be greatly missed. There were raffle tickets sold for a quilt and cedar chest for the Deanery. The drawing will be held March 26. - Report on File

**Northern:** Jessica Jurkowski - Deacon Tom Devereux has been selected as the Deanery's new Spiritual Advisor. Hosting Convention planning is ongoing, requesting donation of \$50.00 from each deanery to help, they only have four affiliates in their deanery, so every dollar helps. - Report on File.

**Salt Lake:** Stacey Oliveto – Cathedral of Madeleine Women's Society prayed rosary using new NCCW Rosary Book. – Report on File

**Southwestern:** Mary Skomal – They have seven women on the ZOOM meeting. - Report on File

**Wasatch:** Annette Pressley – Announced and introduced Deacon Sunday Espinoza as the Wasatch Deanery Spiritual Advisor. Deanery applied to be a Vendor at NCCW Convention to sell Calendars with Gabby's artwork. - Report on File.

### **Reports Standing Committee Chairs:**

**AWARE:** Bonnie Siegrist – Thanked everyone for their reports, Deadline for Convention Aware is April 11 – Reminder to make those reports more concise to save on printing costs

**Website:** Angela Martinez – Please get your reports to Angela timely, so she can get them on the webpage

**MDR:** Michael O'Shea and Bonnie Siegrist – Asked how many knew what the MDR is and what they do. They are reworking their brochure and will have a table with handouts. Posters and sign-up sheet at Convention. Stop by and have all your questions answered. They would like to have a representative from each Deanery on their committee. – Report on File

**Bylaws/Standing Rules/Convention Guidelines:** Dawn Haberkorn, Kathy Fazio – Defer to unfinished business for Convention Sponsor Levels. They announced their work is done for the year ☺.

**DCCW Convention** – Defer to unfinished business

### **Unfinished Business**

**Deanery Bank Accounts:** Barb recommended to table the issue until she meets with Msgr Bircumshaw and Diocese Finance Officer

**DCCW Convention Sponsor guidelines:** Kathy Fazio. Kathy presented the suggested changes for Sponsor Guidelines for Corporate or Individual Sponsors. Levels will be Diamond, Emerald, and Ruby. Donna Murphy motioned to approve as amended. Motion passed.

**Spiritual Advisors:** Spiritual Advisors were contacted and accepted. Fr Ariel has sent request for official appointment from the Bishop, A job description for spiritual advisors was adapted from the NCCW job description to meet the needs of the Diocesan and Deanery Spiritual Advisors. It was reviewed and approved by the Advisory Board.

Northern Deanery Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Tom Devereaux – St James the Just, Ogden.

Wasatch Deanery Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Sunday Espinoza – St Joseph the Worker, West Jordan.

Fr Ariel installed Deacon Sunday Espinoza as Spiritual Advisor

**2023 NCCW Convention- “Path of Renewed Encounter”** August 24-26, 2023, Hyatt Regency, Salt Lake City UT.

Barb announced an appointed position for Exhibitor Coordinator was created and Nancy Reading will serve in that position.

Silent Auction – Bonnie Siegrist

Liturgies – Anne Boyer

Tours – Becky Hicks and Barb Kerouac – Looking into Red Trolley Tours, Grace Marie looking into a 5 hour tour to visit various Churches in the state

Exhibitors – Nancy Reading – Any suggestions, please send to Pat Voorhes and Nancy Reading

Banquet Entertainment – Barb Kerouac

Volunteers – Becky Hicks – Sign-Up Genius program should be launched on April 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with registration.

Host Fundraising – Susan Vaughn - Letters of solicitation have been mailed out, no responses have been received. Considering putting in Ad in Intermountain Catholic. Michael O’Shea recommended going to businesses in person requesting donations. Main request would be for money, however if a business wants to donate items, we can offer to put something recognizing their donation in the Convention bag.

DCCW has received two donations towards the funding of hosting the convention.

Barb has asked Maureen Gardner to work on local information

Reminder to coordinate list of businesses being contacted with Nancy Reading, Amy Kennedy and Pat Voorhes so businesses are not receiving multiple requests from different people.

Next plan is to work on Table Centerpieces and Signage

**NCCW Dues:** Jeanne Audiss reminded us that new affiliate memberships will renew on a rolling schedule in the month you sign up. She also spoke of benefits of being an individual member and encouraged everyone to join.

**2023 DCCW Convention April 22-23, 2023:** Barb Kerouac - “DCCW Wide Open Hearts: Abiding in Faith, Hope and Love for the Eucharist” With the “Eucharistic Revival” called by our USCCB for the next 2.5 years, important to focus on this important topic. There will be a Statewide Mass celebrated on July 9 at the Mountain America Expo Center.

Thanks to all who chose to receive their Convention Packets electronically. Next year Barb will propose that all board members receive electronically. Last year our focus was saving the planet. We need to be more in tune with what we are doing to promote being green and leaving less of a

carbon impact on our environment. Receiving electronically also decreases the cost of printing and postage, since majority eventually ends up shredded. Jamie passed out the packets to those at the meeting. Those not attending the meeting had their packets mailed out Friday evening. The Convention documents are also available on the DCCW Website.

There was a price increase for Registration this year. There is little to no margin above the cost the DCCW is incurring in the new registration pricing. There will also be parking charges this year. The Sheraton has turned the parking lot over to a parking company.

In the Convention Packet is a Flyer with all the due dates, two to a page. Cut in half and place on your refrigerator and desk as a reminder to get the forms in on time.

The flyer and poster for Convention have an English and Spanish version. Please display the posters at your parishes (add your affiliate contact information to the poster) and make copies of the flyer to share with many.

Excited to have the 39 panels of the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Display at convention. It is ours to promote usage and display. It will first be displayed at the Joshua Project youth rally on February 18 at St Rose of Lima in Layton. After our convention, working with the Knight of Columbus the plan is to have it available for Parishes, Schools and other Catholic events to display throughout the Diocese.

Bishop Solis may not be able to attend the convention. He has a schedule conflict. If he is not able to resolve the schedule conflict, Fr Ken Vialpando will represent him.

DCCW Convention Committee Reports:

**Director of Meetings:** Becky Hicks – Offered a reminder to be cautious using the word “raffle” when advertising events due to Utah gambling laws. There have been requests to hold convention in St George area. She would appreciate any information and ideas on places that could host the event in the St George area.

**Co-Chair:** Carol Harley.

**Ways and Means:** Tisha Ramos Yarber – Reminder that each affiliate is asked to provide: Table Centerpiece (Be mindful of height so your centerpiece doesn’t end up sitting on the floor), Raffle item and Silent Auction item (Please provide a list of content and Affiliate name) and Ugly Purse. Please let Tisha know as early as possible what your donations items will be, especially if you need extra space to display your item(s).

**Host Deanery:** Jessica Jurkowski – Working on Convention Bag items, requested that each Deanery donate \$50.00 towards the bags. There are only four Affiliates in the Northern Deanery.

**Sponsorship:** Kathy Fazio / Mary Le Baron – There are sponsorships available; please remind affiliates to offer to their members. We want as many women to come as possible. The sponsorship forms must include a letter of recommendation from the affiliate CCW President or Priest. Forms received without that letter will not be considered. Kathy motioned that for future we change “sponsorship” to “scholarship” to avoid confusion with our requests for business sponsorship. Donna Murphy seconded the motion. Convention documentation will be changed after this year’s convention.

**WOY:** Susan Neilson / Lydia Farnell

**Affiliate of the Year:** Pat Musich / Becky Columbo - Change to Affiliate of the Year, if an affiliate wins, there must be a 2 year wait before they can win again.

**Spirituality:** Susan Espinoza

**Leadership:** Dawn Haberkorn

**Service:** Ruth Penderghast - – Diocesan Service Project – 100 Baby bottles to be filled with donations (cash, checks) and returned at Convention. All donations will be given to the Pregnancy Resource Center to help mothers in need. Bottles were given to Deanery Presidents to share with their affiliates. Please follow instructions on the flyer, so they can track which parishes returned the bottle and donations.

**Parliamentarian:** Casey Pond

### **New Business**

**DCCW Secretary email address:** New email for DCCW Secretary is [dccw.sec@gmail.com](mailto:dccw.sec@gmail.com).

**Convention Mas Collection Recipients:** Barb Kerouac- It was added to the Convention Guidelines that the Cathedral would be a permanent recipient of the Mass collection. I would like to ask for one or two other recipients. Amy and Donna suggested the DCCW fund for NCCW Convention. Susan Porter suggested the Lamb of God Maternity Home, currently being constructed. They offer a place to stay for mothers giving up their baby for adoption. Supported by Diocese office of Life and Family. Donors can decorate a room, purchase registry items, monetary donations.

Discussion held about what DCCW has to provide as Host of NCCW Convention. Items mentioned were: Printing costs, Corsages for Past Presidents, Centerpieces, Entertainment (Barb mentioned many acts she has contacted range from \$2300 - \$2700, she has found an all-female Barbershop Quartet for \$250.00.). DCCW has \$5000.00 set aside for convention.

Kathy Fazio motioned for the Mass Collection recipients to be the Cathedral and DCCW fund for NCCW Convention. Roslyn Gunderson seconded. Vote passed.

**Eastern Deanery Spiritual Advisor:** Barb Kerouac: Father Kileo passed unexpectedly from a tragic fall. He was honored in masses at Helper and Cathedral of the Madeleine. He will be interned in his home country of Tanzania. He was honored by his order with 6-7 priests who came from Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada. After the Vigil at the Cathedral, five of the priests stayed to say the Rosary, joined by Bishop Solis as well. I will hold off until fall to address filling the vacancy.

**San Francisco Province Meeting:** March 10-12 at Marriott University Park, Salt Lake City. Registration due date is February 10. (\$250.00 includes all meals).

**2023 NCCW Elections:** We are again honored and excited to have an Utahan as a potential NCCW President, Amy Kennedy is nominated for the President Elect position. We are honored to have Amy represent us. We thank her for her dedication to the CCW, DCCW and NCCW. Make sure

your memberships are current and promote individual memberships in your parishes. Voting will take place April 3 – May 1.

**Correspondence:** Christmas Cards were sent to all Priests in the Diocese. DCCW received Thank you card from Pat Voorhes for our end of year donation to NCCW. DCCW received a Thank You card from Jeanne Audiss for Caring Angel and Book congratulations gifts for her Our Lady of Council award. Received a Christmas Card from the Catholic Foundation of Utah.

**Announcements:**

Carol Harley - The Joshua Project youth rally on February 18 at St Rose of Lima in Layton. Information from Mike Edwards will be emailed to all Board Members following the meeting.

NCCW Resolution - Please promote doing a daily Rosary and first Saturday devotion.

There is an online project for Walk With Moms in need on January 1/31. It is a free webinar. Information on how to start at parish level will be shared.

Please review Previous Meeting Minutes and other documents and send your comments, corrections, etc. **prior** to the meeting, so they can be incorporated in time for the meeting as well as saving time at our meeting.

**Closing Prayer – Susan Espinoza**

**The Next Board Meeting is April 21, 2023, at the Sheridan Hotel Salt Lake City**

**Rose Stenho won the 50/50 raffle: \$108.00**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Beert, Secretary.