

Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

September 21, 2019

Christ the King in Cedar City

Call to Order – President Pond called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Opening Prayer- Susan Espinoza led the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance – President Pond led the pledge.

DCCW Objective/Mission Statement – All members recited the mission statement.

Welcome and Introductions – Mary LeBaron, President of the Southwestern Deanery, introduced her Board members and visitors from the SW Deanery. Melissa Bogle, President of Christ the King CWC, introduced host members. **Present:** Trish Christensen, Becky Colombo, Karan Curtis, Marcie Downs, Susan Espinoza, Ernie Folks, Carol Harley, Becky Hicks, Barbara Jewkes, Cheryl Johnson, Barbara Kerouac, Mary LeBaron, Angela Martinez, Maryanne Mulvihill, Michael O’Shea, Casey Pond, and Bonnie Siegrist. Fourteen guests were present. Also introduced was Fr. Adrian Komar, Pastor of Christ the King and newly appointed Spiritual Advisor for the Southwestern Deanery.

Establishment of Quorum – A quorum was present.

Acceptance of Proposed Agenda – Under Unfinished Business, “DCCW Convention sponsorship” was added. Under New Business, “Convention Registration Chair” and “Service Commission Chair” were added. Carol Harley motioned to approve the amended agenda; Barbara Jewkes seconded, and the motion passed.

Reading of Minutes from April Board Meeting –As the minutes were sent in advance, Carol Harley motioned to suspend reading the minutes and Ernie Folks seconded. One correction to the minutes, a misspelling of the word, “nominations,” on page 2 under “Reports of Standing Committee Chairs,” will be made, and the minutes will be filed as corrected.

Spiritual Advisor Remarks – Fr. Rene is excused. Fr. Komar welcomed everyone to Cedar City. He commented on today’s opening prayer and reminded us of our call to serve God and each other.

NCCW President-Elect Remarks – Pat Voorhes is excused.

Reports of Officers

President – On file; the DCCW Board attended a summer retreat facilitated by Susan Espinoza; NCCW Convention was attended by 17 DCCW Board members and Fr. Rene; Give Me A Chance fundraiser was attended by 14 Board members, and supported by many raffle items; thanks to all for renewing leadership roles in DCCW.

1st vice-president – On file.

2nd vice-president – On file; Maryanne supplied a handout on praying the Rosary to end human trafficking.

Secretary – We received thank-you notes for: convention Mass donations from Cathedral of the Madeleine, NCCW, and Fisher House (\$1,035 each); Judge Memorial High School (\$500 gift to annual appeal); Give Me A Chance (\$85 raffle proceeds & \$75 speaker honorarium); Utah Food Bank (\$98 raffle proceeds); and Catholic Relief Services (\$94.50 raffle proceeds), and from Fr. Frez (Christmas greeting).

Treasurer – A revised DCCW Financial Activity report for 4/26/19-5/31/19, and a current Activity report for 6/1/19-8/31/19 were available and reviewed. Becky commented that NCCW dues should be paid directly to NCCW but asked that she be notified of the check number and date for her records. Becky will send this information to affiliates and deaneries.

Immediate Past President – Deferred to later business.

Historian – No report available.

Parliamentarian – Excused.

Reports of Commission Chairs

Spirituality – Susan reported that she led a DCCW Board retreat and an evening of spirituality at St. Joseph's this summer.

Service – Sylvia is excused due to health issues.

Leadership – On file.

Legislative – Excused.

Reports of Deanery Presidents

Eastern – Karen displayed a produce bag similar to one given at NCCW Convention and asked if each deanery would help make bags for our next convention. Karen can provide a pattern for these easy-to-make bags. President Pond asked deanery presidents to contact their affiliates about this. A decision will be made at the November Board meeting.

Northern – No report available.

Salt Lake – No report available.

Southwestern – On file.

Wasatch – On file.

Reports of Standing Committee Chairs

Finance – Deferred to later business.

Director of Meetings – Bobbie is excused.

Aware – Next Aware deadline will be 9/21/19 (today).

Website – Angela thanked the women for their support; she asked that flyers be sent to her for web posting.

MDR – Excused; report is on file.

Bylaws, Standing Rules, Convention Guidelines – Barb is working on revisions to the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Convention Guidelines. Suggestions for changes should be sent to Barb.

Nominating – In accordance with the Bylaws, Marcie Downs activated the Nominating Committee, and reviewed the rules pertaining to the make-up of the Committee. Deanery Presidents will each appoint one person from their Deanery to serve on the Nominating Committee. Marcie called for nominees for the at-large committee position. Susan Espinoza offered herself for consideration. Nominations were closed, and the Board voted to appoint Susan to the Nominating Committee.

Unfinished Business

2019 Province Meeting Report – Casey Pond and Becky Colombo attended. Report is on file.

2019 NCCW Convention Report – Report is on file. Several attendees shared their impressions and experiences. 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the founding of NCCW. Convention dates: 8/26-29/2020, in Arlington VA.

NCCW Individual Memberships – Individual members were asked to check their expiration date (listed on the Catholic Woman magazine). Check NCCW website for renewal form.

NCCW Convention Sponsorship – Marcie Downs reported that the Committee recommends these guidelines for sponsorship: must be active in their parish; must have attended a DCCW Convention; must be a first time NCCW Convention attendee. Two award options were offered to the Board to be considered for the year 2020 only: 1) give \$1,500 to one woman; or 2) choose 1 woman from each Deanery to receive \$1,000 each. The Board voted to accept option #2. Application forms will be available at the November Board meeting. Deadline for applying is January 25, 2020. Marcie will receive the applications and her Committee will choose the recipients.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Affiliate of the Year Award – Mary LeBaron and Melissa Bogle reviewed details of the award which will honor one affiliate each year at the DCCW Convention. Following discussion, the Board voted to accept the suggestion that the DCCW Advisory Board will form the OLGC Affiliate of the Year Committee with Cheryl Johnson chairing for the year 2020. Submissions will be sent to Cheryl who will blind them and distribute to her Committee. The Committee will choose the honoree and announce their choice at convention. The top 3 submissions will be notified that they are finalists. It was noted that the process for this award will be a work in progress and may need some revision after the first year of implementation.

Give Me A Chance Fundraiser – Bonnie Siegrist reported that 14 Board members attended the September 7th annual dinner, and that 17 baskets were donated by women's councils.

Carmelite Fair – Angela Martinez reported that the fair was a success and passed on the Sisters' gratitude for all that DCCW and its affiliates do to support them.

Sponsorship for DCCW Convention – Ernie Folks presented a revised application form for convention sponsorship. It will be available on the DCCW website.

New Business

Proposed 2019-2020 Budget – Becky Hicks reviewed the proposed budget, which was recommended for approval by the Finance Committee. As there were no questions, Becky moved to accept the budget as presented. The Board accepted the 2019-2020 budget as presented.

DCCW Council Sunday – October 20, 2019 – President Pond asked that we please begin now to plan for the event. An ad will be placed in the Intermountain Catholic. Bonnie Siegrist agreed to create the ad.

DCCW Convention Memorial Service – President Pond announced a plan to honor members of DCCW affiliates who passed away from 3/1/18 to 3/1/20. She asked that submitted names be limited to members of affiliates only. When submitting names, she asked that the name of the Parish, Council Name and Deanery be included. This memorial will be held, hopefully biennially, during the Sunday morning prayer service.

Hosting the 2022 NCCW National Convention – President Pond announced that our Salt Lake City DCCW has been recommended to host the 2022 NCCW Convention. Angela Martinez motioned and Carol Harley seconded that the SLC DCCW agree to host the 2022 NCCW Convention. The motion passed. President Pond will submit the required paperwork.

Convention Registration Chair – The current Convention Registration Chair, Pat Voorhes, has advised President Pond that she will need to step down due to her new responsibilities as NCCW President-Elect. She offered to work with her replacement for the 2020 DCCW Convention. President Pond asked for Board members to prayerfully consider this. This item will be placed on the November 2019 meeting agenda.

Service Commission Chair - President Pond announced that Sylvia Orosco is unable to complete her term as Service Commission Chair due to serious health concerns. She asked for suggestions for a replacement who is willing to develop a service project and follow it through until convention. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Announcements

Fr. Rene, our DCCW Spiritual Advisor, has invited us to hold a Board meeting at St. James the Just in Ogden. Since the 2019-2020 calendar is already set, President Pond suggested we consider a “road trip” to attend Mass and hold a short meeting to familiarize the ladies of the parish with NCCW/DCCW.

Melissa Bogle, President of Christ the King CWC, passed on some information on the topic of human trafficking. Walmart drivers receive training and have procedure cards in their trucks when encountering anyone who they feel may be being victimized. She suggested that if we notice someone, perhaps at a truck stop or similar setting, that causes us concern, we should approach a Walmart driver and ask for his/her help.

President Pond addressed the guests at today’s meeting, and suggested they think about becoming involved with DCCW by becoming a Commission or Committee chair.

Closing prayer – Susan led the closing prayer.

Raffle – Half of the 50/50 raffle winning will go to Iron County Care & Share. Becky Hicks was the big winner.

Adjournment – The meeting concluded at 12:37 PM.

Next meeting – November 9, 2019, at St. Thomas More in Sandy.