

Minutes
November 2, 2024 Meeting
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: St. Francis of Assisi, Orem Utah

President Carol Harley called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Opening Prayer: Gracemarie Belvedere, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions: President Harley read the DCCW Mission Statement and thanked St. Francis of Assisi for hosting. Gabby Gauchay welcomed everyone and introduced her officers in attendance.

In attendance for the meeting were: Amy Kennedy, Angela Martinez, Anne Boyer, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Columbo, Becky Hicks, Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Cathie Finger, Cheryl Johnson, Cleo Mota, Cynthia Acosta, Deacon Sunday Espinoza, Donna Murphy, Elisebeth Price, Gabby Gauchay, Gaylynn Huffman, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jennifer Streker, Jessica Jurkowski, Joan Simard, Julie Carlin, Lydia Farnell, Michael O'Shea, Mindi Allen, Missy Corcoran, Natalie Fraser, Pat Doherty, Pat Voorhes, Robin Marvive, Roslyn Gunderson, Susan Nielsen, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn, Teri Miller, Tisha Ramos-Yarber.

Establishment of having a quorum was confirmed by Parliamentarian, Jeanne Audiss.

Excused: Father Ariel, Pat Musich, Monica Rich, and Marcie Downs.

Acceptance of Proposed Agenda: Annette Pressley asked to change sponsorship to scholarship under Standing Committees. Barb Kerouac suggested to defer the reports of Standing Committees Chairs, add Golden Rose, Scholarship and Affiliate of The Year to DCCW Convention Unfinished Business under Guidelines to discuss at that time. Susan Vaughn moved that the Proposed Agenda be accepted as amended, Jamie Beert seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda as amended was accepted.

Reading October Board Meeting Minutes: Jamie Beert moved that the reading of the October 5, 2024 be suspended and proposed they be amended from Tisha Ramos-Yarber and approved on the next DCCW meeting. Pat Voorhes seconded. President Carol Harley reminded everyone to send any corrections to Tisha and the approval of the October 2024 minutes will be tabled until the January meeting.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Fr. Ariel (excused), No report on file.

NCCW President Elect Report: Amy Kennedy spoke on the opportunity to gather for virtual "Member Calls" meetings for NCCW. The last meeting held talked about the resolutions that were passed for convention and encouraged everyone to review them on the NCCW website. She is seeking nominees for the Nominating Committee for the upcoming NCCW elections.

Reports of Officers:

President: Carol Harley- Decided after much consideration and prayer and in the best interest of her health and the council to step down as President of the DCCW. She concluded, with regret, to resign effective immediately but will remain on the board as a representative for Northern Deanery.

1st VP: Annette Pressley- Thanked Carol for her service over the years and she will do her best to lead the group of dedicated Catholic women.

Immediate Past President: Barb Kerouac – Spoke on due to Carol’s resignation and her duty as Immediate Past President she will install Annette Pressley as our new President and will seek a nominating committee to replace 1st Vice President. Barb Kerouac and Amy Kennedy prayed and officially installed Annette Pressley as President of DCCW.

Secretary: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Reminded everyone to sign the attendance list and will change the RSVP’s for meetings back to her instead of the hostess. She mentioned that she did not receive everyone’s reports and reminded everyone to send in their reports to her and Angela Martinez to post online.

Treasurer: Gaylynn Huffman – Reported on financial activity. She stated the finance committee approved to place unused funds from the Province of San Francisco CCW into the checking acct. and leave \$50 in the previous America First acct. She requested approval reimbursement for the DCCW Council Sunday ad in the Intermountain Catholic. Becky Columbo motioned and Pat Voorhes seconded. Motion passed and reimbursement will be paid for the ad. Roslyn Gunderson questioned if funds were put in savings for province and Gaylynn explained it is only in checking but there is a savings acct. Roslyn motioned the province funds be transferred from checking to savings, Joan Simard seconded. Motion passed.

2nd VP: Cynthia Acosta – Asked for help for convention.

Reports Commission Chairs:

Spirituality: Gracemarie Belvedere reported Spirituality being the same as the October 5, 2024 meeting, is online and changes will be coming for January’s meeting.

Service: Monica Rich (excused) No report on file.

Leadership: Marie Devereux (not in attendance) No report on file.

Reports Deanery Presidents:

Eastern: Becky Columbo – Report on file.

Northern: Cleo Mota – Invited everyone to St. Rose Advent preparation retreat on November 23, 2024. Holy Family are making fleece blankets for the Adopted Grandparent Program. St. James Parish will have their Christmas Fair and Basket sale on December 12, 2024. St. Mary's will also have a basket sale. She thanked Jamie Beert for donating her personal funds which helped provide sack lunches for the youth rally on October 12, 2024 at Holy Family attended by 100 youth and 60 volunteers.

Salt Lake: Susan Vaughn – Reported the Leadership Commission and Spirituality Commission for St. Vincent de Paul CCW have partnered together to provide implementation of the 2024 NCCW resolution supporting and praying for priests and bishops individually and as a community offering support for their various needs and utilizing programs such as Seven Sisters Apostolate. Two ways for prayer are being offered to CCW for the intentions of Bishop Solis, Father Sam, and Deacon Allen. Signup sheets will be distributed November 11, 2024 for an opportunity to pray during Holy Hour on the last Sunday of the month. Full report online.

Southwestern: Mary Skomal – (not in attendance) No report on file.

Wasatch: Gabby Gauchay- nothing new to report

Reports Standing Committees:

Finance: Gaylynn Huffman – Reported the DCCW finance committee has approved the proposed budget as of October 12, 2024. She motioned approval from the DCCW board. Pat Voorhes seconded. Motion passed to accept the budget as submitted and approved. Barb Kerouac asked who is on the finance committee, Gaylynn responded Jamie Beert, Mindy Allen, Michael O'Shea, Margaret Sanchez, and Kathy Fazio.

AWARE Editor: Susan Espinoza (not in attendance) – President Annette Pressley spoke on behalf of Susan and reminded anyone who is not on the list to receive the AWARE article to contact Susan Espinoza. Angela Martinez reported she is giving access to the website to Gabby Gauchay in order to show as requested, from Bishop Solis what DCCW is doing. She has donated the price of the website for this year.

MDR: Bonnie Siegrist – Nothing new to report, report on file.

Nominating Committee Chair: Barb Kerouac – Asked for volunteers from each deanery to be on the Nominating Committee. She also asked if anyone from the board is interested in the Vice President role, she explained the requirements of having served two years on the board, been affiliate president or deanery president. Jamie Beert, Becky Columbo, Lydia Farnell (at large), Teri Miller, and Cleo Mota volunteered for Nominating Committee.

Scholarship: Jessica Jurkowski, deferred.

Affiliate of the Year: Pat Voorhes – Nothing new to report. Reminded everyone nominations are by email and are open February 1, 2025 and close March 1, 2025. She pointed out to it helps the past presidents to select Affiliate of the Year when the questions are answered directly.

Golden Rose Award: President Annette Pressley – Spoke on the approval to adopt the Golden Rose as part of convention and mentioned it has not been added to the Convention Guidelines. Barb Kerouac reiterated the forms need to be modified and added to Convention Guidelines. A committee needs to be defined to choose the Golden Rose Award recipient. President Annette Pressley would like it posted on the DCCW website until it is added to the guidelines. Angela Martinez motioned it be added to the website. Susan Vaughn seconded. Motion passed. President Annette Pressley asked for committee volunteers, Jeanne Audiss accepted to chair.

Director of Meetings: Becky Hicks – Reported everything is on track for convention and will be selecting the menus and ideas on the cost in the next coming weeks. She reminded us that everyone will need to make their own hotel reservations with Little America. Instructions for making hotel reservations will be in the next Call to Convention. She explained the conditions of only being able to book king sized rooms are due to volleyball tournaments in Utah taking place at that same time as convention. Rooms will be given at ½ price to DCCW on king rooms. Reservations can be made after Call to Meeting in January.

Unfinished Business:

Promotional Video: Gabby Gauchay – Reminded everyone the vision the bishop has challenged us with, to make a promotional video to distribute across the diocese to let women know what we do and what we're about. The key words in our mission statement have been split up for each of the deaneries. Northern Deanery will be looking for opportunities to showcase Support, Salt Lake Deanery is Empowerment, Wasatch is Education, Southwest is Spirituality, Eastern Deanery is Leadership, and all deaneries are tasked with Service. The deadline is next DCCW meeting in January to be ready for convention in April.

Legislative: Donna Murphy – Thanked everyone for their prayers for her sister-in-law and reminded everyone to send in their voting ballots. She spoke on an article in The Intermountain Catholic about how important immigrants are to the population and how Jesus viewed it. She asked to pray that the election will turn out in a peaceful manner and thanked everyone for voting.

DCCW Budget: President Annette Pressley – Met with Bishop Solis on October 16, 2024 and presented him with the 2024-2025 budget for approval. Bishop Solis approved a Diocesan donation of \$5000. She thanked him for the donation.

Audit Report-Province of San Francisco: Roslyn Gunderson – Reported that her and Bonnie Siegrist met with Casey Pond to complete the audit and stated Casey's files were very well organized and accurate and as a committee was able to verify all bank statements and random amounts of cash disbursements and cash receipts. During the review they compared invoices to check amounts and traced where they cleared the bank. They compared cash receipts to deposits as reflected on the bank statements and were able to review all financial statements, cash receipts, and bank reconciliations. The audit was substantially correct with two recommendations. She thanked Casey for her ability to provide all records relevant to the audit with complete and perfect records of all transactions submitted by herself and Bonnie Siegrist. Report on file.

DCCW Convention Sponsor Guidelines, Sponsor Information Flyer and Sponsorship Submittal Form: President Annette Pressley - Stated that the guidelines were approved on January 28 2023, but were not added to Convention Guidelines. A submission form, flyer, and letter to potential sponsors have been developed. Bonnie Siegrist commented on the conflict of the Ruby which is the lowest level sponsorship at \$100-\$249 but a full-page ad is also \$100. Bonnie motioned that the Ruby level be changed to \$125-\$249. Gracemarie seconded. President Annette Pressley explained the Ruby level is a contribution for an ad which they will receive a flyer in the welcome bag, name on a poster board at the convention entrance, name in the convention program booklet, name on sponsor list posted on the DCCW website and will get a ¼ page ad in the convention program booklet she would like these guidelines be added to the DCCW website until they can be added to convention guidelines with corrections. Jamie Beert motioned. Angela Martinez seconded. Motion passed. Jamie Beert volunteered to chair and coordinate Sponsorship.

NCCW 2025 Elections: President Annette Pressley - Spoke on NCCW Election Offices 2025 being open and nominations are being spot for President-Elect, Secretary, and Nominating Committee. Application Deadline is December 5, 2024.

New Business:

Spiritual Advisor Update: Father Ariel (excused) – President Annette Pressley spoke on behalf of Father Ariel who will be sending the nominees a formal email or letter informing them of their nominations from Bishop Solis for the Salt Lake, Eastern, and Southwest Deaneries. Nominations have been made.

2025 DCCW Convention Update: President Annette Pressley – Reminded Legislative and Leadership Committees they will be responsible to find Commission Speakers, they will have to go through the president and be approved before contacting speakers. Carol Harley stated the keynote speaker for the convention will be Father Gustavo Vidal. President Pressley stated that as a formality, permission should be asked to use the NCCW theme and logo for DCCW Convention. She contacted Beth Mahoney and received permission. She would like this added to the Guidelines for the DCCW President responsibilities with a change from “Set the theme of the Convention-can reflect the NCCW’s theme for Convention” to “Set the theme for the Conventions-can reflect the NCCW’s theme for Convention. If using the NCCW’s theme and/or logo, obtain written permission from the NCCW president.” Donna Murphy has motioned to accept the change. Roslyn Gunderson seconded. Motion passed. President Annette Pressley announced there are several new women serving in positions this year and thanked Jamie Beert for organizing and sending out Convention responsibilities and job descriptions for WOY, Host Deanery, Treasurer, Spirituality, Legislative, Scholarship, Leadership, Secretary, 2nd Vice President-Ways and Means, she received several responses and positive comments. Angela Martinez responded she will add those descriptions to the website. Barb Kerouac suggested that due to the many changes to the guidelines they should be updated first and then by-laws according to reflect the guideline changes. Jamie Beert commented there not being a central depository for the forms and suggested as an addendum to the guidelines to have a section with all the forms. The Guidelines Committee will need to update this and added as an addendum.

Intermountain Catholic Council Sunday Ad: President Annette Pressley – Thanked Carol Harley and her daughter Michelle for creating a beautiful ad in the October 25th edition.

Publicity Chair Convention Responsibilities: President Annette Pressley – Described Chris Young’s responsibilities and are posted on the last page of the Convention Guidelines.

President Annette Pressley commented on the next meeting in January and considered changing the next meeting to February 1st but due to the affiliates with deadlines and convention being in April there will not be enough time. Jamie Beert commented on keeping the deadline to submit forms as December 31st this gives enough time to send out packets.

Announcements:

- Public Service Announcement-Don't forget to turn clocks back tonight
- October is Intermountain Catholic subscription month
- SEEK 25 coming to Salt Lake January 1-5

Prayers Needed: President Annette Pressley – Asked to continue to pray for those who have been affected by the hurricanes, fires, and other natural disasters.

Correspondence: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – None

Closing Prayer: Gracemarie Belvedere

Blessing of food: Deacon Sunday Espinoza

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Secretary