

Minutes  
January 27, 2024 Meeting  
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Location: St Olaf, Bountiful, UT

President Barb Kerouac called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Opening prayer was led by Susan Espinoza and Gracemarie Belvedere, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome and Introductions:** President Kerouac asked to keep Terry Budell and Pat Voorhes in our prayers. She recited the DCCW Mission Statement. She reminded us that it is an election year and to make sure all are registered to vote, as we need everyone's voice. President Kerouac introduced the head table: Tisha Ramos-Yarber 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Roslyn Gunderson Treasurer, Carol Harley 1<sup>st</sup> VP/PE, Gracemarie Belvedere Substitute Secretary, Jeanne Audiss SF Province Director, Casey Pond Parliamentarian, and herself. She also recognized Amy Kennedy NCCW President Elect. Susan Vaughn Salt Lake Deanery VP introduced the members of the Salt Lake Deanery in attendance. President Kerouac thanked St Olaf and St Ann for hosting the meeting.

In attendance for the meeting were: Amy Henry, Amy Kennedy, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Barbara Larsen, Becky Colombo, Becky Hicks, Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Casey Pond, Cheryl Johnson, Chris DeHerrera, Cleo Mato, Dawn Haberkorn, Donna Kushlan, Elisebeth Price, Gabby Gauchay, Georgia Nicholas, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jeanne Audiss, Jessica Jurkowski, Judy Mellott, Julie Carlin, Karen Fawbush, Kathy Fazio, Lisa Carver, Loretta Lazar, Marcie Downs, Mary LeBaron, Michael O'Shea, Mindi Allen, Missy Corcoran, Monica Rich, Reinette Schultz, Remy Federspiel, Robin Marvive, Roslyn Gunderson, Ruth Penderghast, Stacey Oliveto, Susan Espinoza, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn, Teresa Smith, Tisha Ramos-Yarber.

In attendance via ZOOM were: Anne Boyer, Marsha Murphy, Michelle Stratton, Pat Musich.

Excused: Chris Manry, Jamie Beert, Lydia Farnell, Pat Voorhes, Susan Neilson.

Establishment of quorum was confirmed by Gracemarie Belvedere (covering for excused Secretary, Jamie Beert.)

**Amendment of Agenda:**

Change:

All references of St Ann's as location to St Olaf's.

Additions:

New Business – DCCW Website Promotion Presentation and Leadership Training

**Acceptance of Proposed Agenda as amended:** Susan Espinoza moved that the Proposed Agenda as amended be accepted. Becky Hicks seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda as amended was accepted.

**Reading September Board Meeting Minutes:** Becky Hicks moved that the reading of the November 4, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes be suspended. Monica Rich seconded. Becky Hicks had correction that bartender fees are not waived at Little America for DCCW Convention. The Minutes will be filed as amended.

**Spiritual Advisor's Remarks:** Fr. Ariel article is in the Aware.

**NCCW President Elect's Report:** Amy Kennedy shared that she just returned from the NCCW board meeting in Washington DC. She shared that the Pro-Life march was phenomenal, even with snow falling. She felt that there were more people than the march she attended in 2020. She remarked how different NCCW membership across the country is different. Many areas have Parishes / Affiliates growing compared to Utah where we are not. She encouraged everyone to be an individual member of the NCCW and had the forms available for people to join with Jeanne as the referral. As the Province Director, Jeanne is asked to increase NCCW enrollment.

**San Francisco Province Director Remarks:** Jeanne Audiss shared that she was also at the NCCW meeting. Although she didn't walk in the Pro-Life march, she did watch the walk and speeches on television. As part of the meeting, the Province Directors met to share information about their Provinces and things that were working and not working. She enjoyed hearing how different they all are. Jeanne also encouraged all members of NCCW to join the monthly Roseries held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month at 5:30pm. She shared that if any member is interested in submitting a resolution for the 2024 NCCW convention, the template form to submit is found on the NCCW webpage, "About Us/Protocols/By-Laws/Resolutions" and scroll to the bottom of the page. The resolutions approved by the Board will be presented for vote at the 2024 NCCW convention in August. She also shared that current NCCW President Beth Mahoney will be attending the Province Meeting in February. Will be a unique experience to have the Past, Current and Next Presidents for the NCCW all at the same meeting. Report on file.

**Reports of Officers:**

**President:** Barb Kerouac – She encouraged all to attend the Province Meeting in February. She asked everyone to share information about DCCW Convention with members of unaffiliated parishes and invite them to join us. She also shared that in an effort to save money and trees, that we emailed all the Convention documents to everyone, as printing of the all the documents was almost \$20.00 per packet. She shared that we may need to bring back a publicity position, as we need to promote in the Intermountain Catholic more. Report on file.

**1 st VP:** Carol Harley – Report on file.

**2 nd VP:** Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Report on file.

**Secretary:** Gracemarie Belvedere – Reminded all to submit roster changes.

**Treasurer:** Roslyn Gunderson – Reports sent out with Call to Meeting email. There was no discussion on them, so will be filed for audit. Reminded that each Affiliate is requested to donate a minimum of \$50.00 to the Southwest Deanery for convention bags. They have only received \$250.00 so far. Please send your checks made out to DCCW to Roslyn and she will get a check to Southwest Deanery.

**Immediate PP:** Becky Colombo – Nomination Committee meeting online and working on candidates for the officer positions. Report on file.

**Historian:** Susan Porter – She received a photo printer for Christmas. She requested everyone to send her pictures from events this year (DCCW Convention, NCCW Convention, Eucharistic

Revival) as well as any other photos you may have from past conventions, meetings, activities. She has also found the Intermountain Catholic has archives for information and pictures.

**Parliamentarian:** Casey Pond – Resolutions for our convention, define who we are, reflection of our Mission Statement. Helps those not involved with our DCCW know what we are about and what our priorities are. She encouraged everyone to submit resolutions to her. Report on file.

### **Reports Commission Chairs:**

**Spirituality:** Gracemarie Belvedere – She spoke about the highlights of the Spirituality Report and reminded everyone to click on the subjects/headers for links to articles to get through the Winter, Lent. Report on file.

**Service:** Ruth Penderghast – She thanked Blessed Sacrament for their service project that raised \$1000.00 and donated to the Volunteers of America Backpacks and homeless youth. She reminded all that we will be collecting items at convention, and they also have an amazon wishlist to select items that will be sent directly to them. Report on file

**Leadership:** Dawn Haberkorn – Report on file.

**Legislative:** Donna Murphy – Carol Harley reported Donna said to go to Utah.gov to look for issues and contact your legislators for issues you want to promote.

### **Reports Deanery Presidents:**

**Eastern:** Pat Musich – Becky Colombo. Great idea from St James raffling off rocking chair with items you would use while in a rocking chair. Report on file.

**Northern:** Jessica Jurkowski – Ladies busy with Lenten and Christmas events. Report on file.

**Salt Lake:** Stacey Oliveto –Report on File.

**Southwestern:** Mary Skomal – Mary shared highlights of the Affiliates from her report. She encouraged all to read the aware and commented how beautiful it is. She also reported they have the Convention Bags and still need help with either financial donations and /or items to put in the bags. As a reminder, they only have two affiliated Parishes. Report on file.

**Wasatch:** Annette Pressley – Annette shared highlights of the Affiliates from her report. She shared they donated the unsold calendars to the Diocese Prison Ministry and St Joseph Villa, both were very happy to have them. Report on File

### **Reports Standing Committee:**

**Finance Committee Chair:** Roslyn Gunderson –Nothing to report.

**Nominating Committee Chair:** Becky Colombo – Shared the position descriptions and requirements are on the DCCW website. Barb added that if we knew someone who would be a good leader, to talk with them and nominate them. She shared, we need some new life.

**AWARE Editor:** Bonnie Siegrist – The AWARE was sent out. She was very pleased with how many articles arrived on time. She asked for prayers for Donna Murphy.

**Website Editor:** Angela Martinez – Barb shared that all information and the convention packets are on the website.

**2024 Convention Host Deanery Chair:** Mary Skomal (excused) – Kathy Fazio stated she had nothing more to report. She covered in the Southwest Deanery report. They will be stuffing Convention bags on Friday night at 7:00pm.

**Bylaws/Standing Rules/Convention Guidelines Chair:** Dawn Haberkorn – Nothing to report.

**Membership, Development and Resource Team:** Bonnie Siegrist and Michael O’Shea – Nothing new to report.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Deanery Bank Accounts:** President Kerouac reported that we are still having issues with the Deaneries getting their statements. She asked for the Deanery Treasurers to work with their Parish bookkeepers to obtain a copy of the statement. There are also issues with all the fees being added to the Deanery accounts. Barb is going to reach out to Msgr Bircumshaw about these fees.

**Golden Rose Award, Diocesan Award:** President Kerouac reported that the application for this award was included in the Convention Packet. This award is for a young woman, ages 14 to 22, who is active in the Church, participates in service projects and are an inspiration. This is the first year for our Diocese to offer this award. We need to keep encouraging our young women to keep their faith base, we need to spiritually feed them and mentor them.

**2024 NCCW Affiliate Dues:** President Kerouac asked everyone to encourage women to be individual memberships. Also, remind everyone to check that their individual, Deanery and Affiliate accounts are current. Affiliates need to have payments in by January 31, in order to vote. Individual memberships can pay up until day to vote to be eligible to vote. For an Affiliate to be eligible to be Diocese Affiliate of the Year, dues must be paid by February 1. Jeanne Audiss has an updated list if you want to confirm you are current. Reminder when you do send in payment, make sure you include your account number is on the check.

**San Francisco Province Meeting:** Please come and support Jeanne and the Province. They have extended Registration deadline through this weekend.

**2024 DCCW Convention:** “Path of Renewed Encounter” - April 27-28, 2024 at Little America Hotel, 500 S Main St, Salt Lake City.

**Convention Chair:** President Barb Kerouac announced that Yen Fasano is the keynote speaker. She was an inspiring speaker at the 2023 NCCW Convention. Our other speakers will be Deacon Joaquin Mixco, Restorative Justice and Jail Ministry, Katherine Holzhauser will be the Service Commission Speaker and Marie Mischel will be the Spirituality Commission speaker. Please go through your packet.

**Director of Meetings:** Becky Hicks shared that she is excited for holding the convention at Little America. She did her best to keep cost down as much as possible. She encouraged everyone to help each other to make it to Convention.

**Registration:** Cheryl Johnson shared there are two forms this year. One form is for Package A, B, and D. The other form is for package C. Reminder if a Deacon's wife is going to Convention, make sure to ask if the Deacon is coming as well, along with asking if your Priest will be attending. They ALL need to be registered and on the form. Make sure the form has the dinner choice for Banquet registration. Send ONE Parish check made out to DCCW for the total amount for all registrations. Just a note that this year banquet dinner tables will be 8 people versus 10 people in the past.

**Hotel Registration:** Karen Fawbush. Becky Hicks went over the different choices for rooms and cost. She shared there is no additional charge for extra people in the room (each room can have up to 4 people).

**Scholarship:** Mary LeBaron shared that last year we awarded \$2573.00 to 12 applicants which was about half of the amount available in the scholarship fund. She encouraged us if we know of someone who could use the help and doesn't ask, to suggest applying for the scholarship. The Application is in the Convention packet. Mary reminded everyone it must have a letter of recommendation from the Parish CCW President or Parish Priest. She also reminded us that if a woman has received the scholarship for two years in a row, to please not apply this year. President Kerouac announced that Blessed Sacrament donated \$500.00 to our scholarship fund.

**Convention Co-Chair:** Carol Harley reminded everyone we need more Ads for the Convention Programs. We will be using the same printing service. The Ad information is included in the Convention Packet. Please send the Ad information and payment to Carol.

**Ways and Means:** Tisha Ramos-Yarber reminded us that the Raffle, Silent Auction, and Ugly Purse items have to be delivered to the Hotel on Friday April 26. Reminded everyone to label the raffle basket and silent auction with contents, value and Parish who donated. For Ugly Purse, please label with donating Parish. NO ALCOHOL is allowed in the items. Make sure Ugly purses are labeled with who donated. Also, reminder that information regarding size, value, etc. of your items should be sent to Tisha by April 5th. All Parishes are asked to also bring a table centerpiece. We do have some of the centerpieces left from NCCW Convention and we will put them on tables that don't have centerpieces and if still more left, we will give them away in the raffle drawing.

**Woman of the Year:** Lydia Farnell and Susan Neilson (both excused) – President Kerouac shared that all the information is in the Convention Packet. Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> to get the form to Lydia and picture to Carol. Please encourage your WOY to attend Mass at the Cathedral. The WOY group photo will be taken at the Cathedral after Mass on Saturday evening.

**Affiliate of the Year:** Pat Voorhes (excused) – Pat sent out the form and information early January to Affiliate Presidents. The form and information is also on the DCCW website. Deadline for submitting the form is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Golden Rose Award:** Barb Kerouac shared the form and requirements are in the packet. Please encourage your young women (ages 14-22) to get involved. Deadline for submission of the form is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **New Business**

**Convention Mass Collection Recipients:** President Kerouac announced the Cathedral is a permanent recipient of the donation. We need to have 1 or 2 others. Suggested charities were Ladies of Charity, Volunteers of America Youth Resource Center, Journey Clinic, and The Inn Between Hospice. It was voted to eliminate Volunteers of America as we are already doing a collection for them at Convention. It was voted to select Journey Clinic and the Inn Between. We will be passing out envelopes in the convention bags and will also be passing them out at the doors at the Cathedral.

**2025 DCCW Convention Hosts:** President Kerouac announced that the Salt Lake Deanery will be the Host Deanery. They are preparing their skit to present at Convention.

**2024 NCCW Convention:** President Kerouac announced the NCCW Convention is August 15-17, 2024 in Oklahoma City, Ok. The theme is “Called to an Encounter with Jesus.” Registration opens April 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) for updates, more information and to register.

**DCCW Website Promotion:** President Kerouac shared that Bishop Solis encouraged us to improve our promotion of the DCCW using social media platforms. We can have videos, pictures, event announcements and can also utilize the Diocese webpage to promote us. Other areas we can promote is Parish websites, Facebook, Instagram. We need to get our faces out there to promote our organization and see new growth. We could share with unaffiliated parishes, so they can see what we are all about and get them excited to affiliate. Roslyn Gunderson shared she has someone who would help with editing the video. Gabby Gauchay suggested having a Publicity Committee. Gabby Gauchay volunteered to form and lead the Committee. Barb suggested there could be a representative from each Deanery on the Committee.

**Leadership Training:** Jeanne Audiss reported that she had approached the NCCW LTD team to do a leadership training via ZOOM due to the large area covered by the Province. The NCCW LTD committee recommended an in-person training. Jeanne and Barb think it would be very beneficial for Officers and Commission Chairs. It seems like job responsibilities have been lost in the shuffle in the last few years. It would be based on what job descriptions in the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Jeanne does not have the price yet, last time it was around \$35.00 per person. Bonnie mentioned that the Leadership fund has \$3800.00 that can be used to cover or offset the costs. It can be for anyone, they don't have to be an Officer or Commission Chair. It can be a great way for women to learn about the positions and expectations. There was discussion on a good time of the year to hold the training. May was suggested. More details to come.

**Correspondence:** Jamie Beert (excused)– President Kerouac shared a letter from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Priest sharing it was 30 years ago that the Church was dedicated into the Diocese of Salt Lake City. Tet, as they call their Lunar New year will be the first event of their 30-year journey of faith celebration. The celebration will be held on Saturday, February 10 at 10:00am at Our lady of Perpetual Help Church in Kearns. There will be a reception following the Mass. All are invited! Barb shared their Masses are absolutely beautiful.

**Announcements:**

National Eucharistic Congress is July 17-21 2024 in Indianapolis. Signup is on the Diocese website.

President Kerouac thanked the Salt Lake Deanery, St Ann’s and St Olaf’s for co-hosting our meeting.

President Kerouac drew for the 50/50 opportunity drawing –

**Closing Prayer:** – Susan Espinoza and Gracemarie Belvedere

**Next Meeting will be April 26, 2024 at Little America Hotel Salt Lake City, UT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Beert, Secretary.