

Minutes
September 16, 2023 Meeting
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: St Helen's, Roosevelt UT

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

Opening prayer was led by Gracemarie Belvedere and Anne Boyer

Welcome and Introductions: President Kerouac shared that Fr Leonthas and Fr Ariel were not able to attend the meeting. President Kerouac introduced the head table: Tisha Ramos-Yarber 2nd VP, Roslyn Gunderson Treasurer, Jamie Beert Secretary, Casey Pond Parliamentarian, herself, Carol Harley 1st VP, and Jeanne Audiss, San Francisco Province Director. Pat Musich, Eastern Deanery President introduced the Eastern Deanery members in attendance as well as the women from St Helen's who were hosting us. President Kerouac thanked them for hosting.

In attendance for the meeting were: Ann Forster, Anne Boyer, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Hicks, Carol Harley, Casey Pond, Cathy Finger, Cleo Mota, Cynthia Murray, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jeanne Audiss, Jessica Jurkowski, Kathryn Carson, Kathy Fazio, Lydia Farnell, Mary Skomal, Michelle Stratton, Pat Musich, Roslyn Gunderson, Susan Neilson, Tisha Ramos-Yarber.

In attendance via ZOOM were: Amy Kennedy, Angela Martinez, Becky Columbo, Bonnie Siegrist, Cheryl Johnson, Joan Simard, Marcie Downs, Michael O'Shea, Pat Voorhes, Stacey Oliveto.

Excused: Dawn Haberkorn, Donna Murphy, Gabby Gauchay, Marsha Murphy, Robin Marvive, Ruth Penderghast, Susan Espinoza, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn.

Establishment of quorum was confirmed by Secretary, Jamie Beert.

Amendment of Agenda:

NCCW President Elect remarks.

New Business – Cross Catholic Outreach Food Packing Event.

Catholic Women's League Luncheon cost is \$50.00.

Acceptance of Proposed Agenda as amended: Lydia Farnell moved that the Proposed Agenda as amended be accepted. Jessica Jurkowski seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda as amended was accepted.

Reading June Board Meeting Minutes: Roslyn Gunderson moved that the reading of the June 03, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes be suspended. Gracemarie Belvedere seconded. No corrections were voiced. Jeanne Audiss moved the Minutes be accepted as sent out. Becky Hicks seconded. Motion passed and the Minutes will be filed as written.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Fr. Ariel was not able to attend, he had other commitments. Barb reported that he apologized for not being at the meeting. He stated to have a good meeting and safe travels for all.

NCCW President Elect's Report: President Elect Amy Kennedy thanks the DCCW for all the hard work and wonderful job we did hosting the NCCW Convention. She shared that the evaluations were consistent with great reviews of the hostesses and convention in general. Report on file.

San Francisco Province Director Remarks: Jeanne Audiss thanked Pat Musich for organizing the dinner get together last night. There were 18 women in attendance. It was a great time. She thanked Bonnie Siegrist and Marci Downs for their work on the NCCW Convention Silent Auction, it raised \$12,000.00 which was \$5000.00 more than the Minneapolis NCCW convention and more than ever raised at the NCCW Convention. She also thanked Becky Hicks and Barb Kerouac for all their work keeping everything running smoothly. All the work by the Utah women really made Utah shine. She discussed the Box of Joy project and encouraged more affiliates to participate. Information can be found online at <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/>. Jeanne also shared that Bishop Wack stated we would stay in the San Francisco Province until further notice. Report on file.

Reports of Officers:

President: Barb Kerouac shared that our summer was a little more busy than usual with the Eucharistic Rally Mass and the NCCW convention. She is still working on process for Deanery bank accounts. She has confirmed Yen Fasano as the keynote speaker for the 2024 DCCW convention. The theme of the DCCW convention will be same as NCCW – “Path of Renewed Encounter” She attended the sendoff Mass for the 29 World Youth Day participants from the Salt Lake Diocese on July 8th. They were appreciative of our \$500.00 donation. She asked us to encourage the affiliates to use the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Display for confirmation classes. At the Eucharistic Rally, the DCCW had a booth. There were 15 women who shared interest in the DCCW, most didn’t know what a CCW was or if their Parish had one. We have to do better advertising / marketing our CCWs. President Kerouac shared the names they gathered with the MDR team. She shared that the NCCW convention was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. She was so proud of all those who volunteered. She thanked all the women who were coordinators for the convention. The tours were a big hit, especially the trolley tour. She also shared how the impromptu entertainment at the dinner turned out so great and fun. \$155.00 was collected in the “tip” jar that was set on the stage. In this discussion, NCCW IPP Pat Voorhes shared that Jeannette Fortier’s guitar was runover and destroyed on her way back home. Becky Hicks motioned that the DCCW using the “tip” jar money, the DCCW share of the 50/50 from this meeting and remaining to be paid out of DCCW account to send her \$500.00 towards a new guitar. Annette Pressley seconded the motion, and it passed. Report on file.

1 st VP: Carol Harley – Report on file.

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

Secretary: Jamie Beert - Reminded attendees to initial the attendance sheet. Thanked members, for providing edits to Minutes prior to this meeting.

Treasurer: Roslyn Gunderson – Reports sent out via email. Had to amend budget. Amended reports will be filed for audit.

Immediate PP: Becky Colombo – She deferred to Unfinished Business. Report on file.

Historian: President Kerouac announced Susan Porter (excused) has accepted this position.

Parliamentarian: Casey Pond – She wished us all “Happy International Women’s Friendship Month”, celebrating the special bond women develop in friendship. In her report she reminded us of the 5 types of Motions and how to properly make a motion. Report on file.

Reports Commission Chairs:

Spirituality: Susan Espinoza (excused) and Gracemarie Belvedere – In her report, Gracemarie shared a link for Amanda Zurface’s The Ultimate Fall bucket list along with some other autumn resource links. Report on file.

Service: Ruth Penderghast (excused) – President Kerouac shared two organizations that Ruth has found for us to support. They are currently being vetted through the Diocese for approval. First is the Single Parent Project, which helps single parents who are working, yet make too much money for government assistance but not enough to support the family. This organization offers financial assistance for day-to-day expenses like utilities, rent/mortgage, gas, groceries, childcare, etc. They also offer a variety of resources to help the single parents better their financial, personal and emotional well-being. The second organization is Back Packs for Foster Kids Leaving the System. Many times, when the foster child turns 18, they take what little they have and usually in a garbage bag. This organization provides them with a backpack.

Leadership: Dawn Haberkorn(excused) – Kathy Fazio reported that they have not received many changes for the Convention Guidelines. Currently only changes are adding back in the \$500.00 donation for buses at convention and changing Sponsorship to Scholarship. If you have any, please email them asap. Report on file.

Legislative: Donna Murphy (excused) – Carol Harley reported Donna is now the President of the Women’s State Legislative Council. Carol is the representative for the Catholic Woman’s League, and Donna is the DCCW representative. We were all encouraged to reach out to our congressmen to support the Vote for the Farm bill.

Reports Deanery Presidents:

Eastern: Pat Musich – Pat shared that most affiliates had a quiet summer. They are still in need of a spiritual advisor. St James the Greater is having their 100-year celebration on 9/23 with an 11:00am Mass with Bishop Solis and 11 priests attending. They had several members working at the NCCW convention. Affiliates are working on planning and organizing their CCW meetings and activities for the year. Report on file.

Northern: Jessica Jurkowski – Jessica shared most affiliates had a break for summer. The Deanery had many attending and volunteering at the Eucharistic Rally and the NCCW convention. Holy Family has a new President and Vice President. St Rose of Lima held a Car Show and fundraiser. St James the Just, in their first year, set up a Pickleball League with the Knights of Columbus, worked a food truck at the rodeo, raised \$6000.00 at their yard sale. St Mary’s planning for their year, Confirmation Reception, Yard Sale, Lumpia fundraiser, First Friday nocturnal Adoration and an October Fun Bus to Wendover. Members from St Mary’s supported the Give Me A Chance Dinner/Auction. Report on file.

Salt Lake: Stacey Oliveto (excused) – Jeanne, the IPP, shared a few affiliate activities. Our Lady of Lourdes Magna has their annual Spaghetti Dinner on 9/24. St Patrick’s has their boutique on 10/29. St Ann’s has a bake sale planned in October and St Vincent de Paul is helping with Carmelite Fair.

Southwestern: Mary Skomal – Mary reported St George had a laid-back summer. Christ the King held meetings through the summer and are doing well as a CCW. St George did a Babylon Bible study in June. In August the Board met to plan activities for the year, including a bake sale and diaper drive. She also shared that on Wednesday, Donna Rich’s 49-year-old Son passed away after suffering an aneurism and stroke. Report on file.

Wasatch: Annette Pressley – Annette reported that the affiliates took the summer off from holding meetings. They all had great participation in the Eucharistic Rally Mass and NCCW Convention. The Deanery was a vendor selling the beautiful calendars with Gabby’s artwork. We still have calendars available for \$15.00, they make great gifts! CCS is in desperate need of new or gently used jeans for men and women. You can drop them off at 437 W 200 S in Salt Lake or bring them to the November DCCW meeting. Blessed Sacrament held a garage sale in June, did a book exchange and donated extra produce from their gardens to the Inn Between, a hospice for the homeless. St Martin de Porres has member of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) speak at their CCW meeting in November and will do a collection of fleece blankets for BACA to give to children. They are starting process of getting a Youth CCW started. St Francis of Assisi co-hosted a picnic with Knights of Columbus to welcome their two new Priests, made and donated 45 Cards of Kindness Report on file. They have their annual Dinner Dance in September; this is their biggest fundraiser. St John the Baptist had a financial planner to talk at their May CCW meeting, hosted a wine and cheese tasking in June, and held a welcome back social in September. St Joseph the Worker will be making prayer shawls to be given to the sick and home bound. St Thomas Moore continues to host their Meet and Mingle gatherings. They had great participation in the Eucharistic Rally. They installed new officers. They will be celebrating Council Sunday on October 22 with a multilingual rosary. The Deanery will be coordinating with Father Dominic to attend a Deanery Priest Meeting to share information about CCWs and how the Priests can help. Report on File

Reports Standing Committee:

Finance Committee Chair: Roslyn Gunderson – Defer to new business. Report on file.

Director of Meetings: Becky Hicks and Marcie Downs – Becky deferred to new business.

AWARE Editor: Bonnie Siegrist – Bonnie reminded everyone deadline of Sunday to get reports to her for the Aware.

Website Editor: Angela Martinez – Angie thanked everyone for their reports. She also shared the Carmelite Nuns are in need of 8oz jars for their jelly.

Ways and Means Chair: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Collecting for 50/50 drawing. Report on file.

Bylaws/Standing Rules/Convention Guidelines Chair: Dawn Haberkorn(excused) – Kathy Fazio reminded all to get any updates to the Convention Guidelines to Dawn asap.

Membership, Development and Resource Team: Amy Kennedy, Bonnie Siegrist and Michael O’Shea – Michael reported they have the list from President Kerouac from the Eucharistic Rally and will be determining if their parish already has an existing CCW and share the name with that affiliate President. She also reminded us to advertise our CCWs within the Parish, so all women are aware and invited. She also requested a representative from each Deanery to be part of the MDR team. Representatives are needed from the Southwest, Salt Lake and Northern Deaneries are needed.

Scholarship Chair: Kathy Fazio – The committee is updating the application form to make it more clear on selecting Banquet and Hotel Room.

Affiliate of the Year Chair: Pat Musich – Pat announced she is stepping down as the Chair of this committee. She also suggested to include all IPPs, even if not on board, to vote on for the Affiliate of the Year. Becky Colombo agreed to be Co-Chair with Marcie Downs. They will submit the proposed change to the Convention Guidelines committee.

Nominating Committee Chair: Becky Colombo – The committee needs one representative from each Deanery and one from the DCCW. Angela Martinez will be the DCCW at large member. The positions needing to be filled are 1st Vice President/President Elect, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Have discussions at the Deanery and Affiliate meetings about the positions and encourage women to nominate or be nominated. The position requirements and duties are in the Bylaws and are on the DCCW webpage.

2024 Convention Host Deanery Chair: Mary Skomal – The Southwest Deanery has started to throw ideas around and have some fun ideas. Kathy Fazio will be the Hostess Chair.

Unfinished Business

Deanery Bank Accounts: President Kerouac reported that information is not seeming to flow to all Deanery Treasurers with same information. Sarah Niemann, Diocese Finance Office, should be the one to complete the closure of the current Deanery accounts and re-opening under the coordinated Parish account information. Jamie Beert agreed to compose an email to Sarah, including all Diocese Treasurers, Diocese Presidents, Candice Greenwald and Msgr Bircumshaw stating the Deaneries are ready for their accounts to be set up and for Sarah to reply all with Diocese information. This should ensure all Deaneries are receiving the same information at the same time.

Eucharistic Revival Rally Exhibit Table: President Kerouac reported there were multiple names gathered of women stopping by the booth to get information about DCCW. She shared those names with the MDR committee. She also reminded all to contact her for the Eucharistic Miracle Display for your parish or school.

2023 NCCW Convention: “Path of Renewed Encounter” August 24-26, 2023. President Kerouac shared the Gold Sponsors of the Convention: Catholic Relief Services (CRS.ORG/NCCW), Cross Catholic Outreach (boxofjoy.org), Holy Cross Ministries (HCFM.org), and We Teach Think (humanfromdayone.com).

Catholic Mobilizing Network: Death Penalty vs Restorative Justice: President Kerouac shared that the Jail Ministry for the Diocese is starting back up. They could use the following donations: Rosaries (Kid style, plastic break away), prayer cards/pamphlets, Magnificat, Daily Bread, Devotional books (no staples).

Financial: Roslyn Gunderson – Roslyn requested all receipts be given to her asap for reimbursement. She needs to have information to provide the costs for the DCCW to host the NCCW. This also includes information / receipts for items you donated. She needs those as well to calculate the true cost to host the convention. She thanked all the generous women of our DCCW.

Golden Rose Award and Young Women CCW: President Kerouac shared information about the Golden Rose award as well as the Young Women CCW which were discussed at NCCW convention. The first Golden Rose was given out this year. It is to recognize an outstanding young woman (age 15+) doing great things for the Church. In our DCCW, St Anthony of Padua's president is 18yrs old!! Also introduced was starting Young Women CCWs in affiliates, this is for girls from first grade through junior high. They would model after our CCWs, and a great way to keep our CCWs active as years pass. St Martin de Porres has already started working on getting one started at their Parish.

2024 DCCW Convention: “Path of Renewed Encounter”

Director of Meetings: Becky Hicks –Becky first thanked the 57 people who volunteered at the NCCW Convention. She shared that she has done some research into holding our convention in St George at the Dixie Convention Center and area hotels. She needs some more time to research the number of members who would attend and then determine what would be needed to make that happen, so we will not be able to do that for the 2024 convention. She has been gathering information from the Sheraton, Little America and Hyatt Regency. Hyatt is way outside our budget, Little America is comparable to Sheraton. By a show of hands, those in attendance thought we should try Little America. Becky was going to meet with them again to see if she could get the cost down just a little more.

Host Deanery: Mary Skomal – The women of the SW Deanery have started discussing ideas. Kathy Fazio is the Hostess Chair.

NCCW Membership: Please make sure you are current with your individual and Affiliate accounts. You can check on the nccw.org website.

New Business

2023- 2024 Budget: Roslyn Gunderson – Roslyn thanked all the members of the finance committee for all their help with getting the budget completed. There was discussion about the need to increase the amount allocated for the Province Savings Funds. It is currently \$500.00. Becky Hicks moved to amend the budget by moving the \$500.00 from the Speaker Savings Fund to the Province Saving

Fund to increase that amount to \$1000.00. This motion was approved. The proposal to approve budget as amended was also passed.

Council Sunday: October 15 is Council Sunday. Encourage affiliates to plan an event to celebrate and promote their CCWs. Last year we placed an Ad in the Intermountain Catholic using the Bishop's letter in appreciation and encouraging support of the Parish CCWs in both English and Spanish. Casey Pond moved to place an ad again before October. Pat Musich amended the motion specifying to do a half-page color ad (\$400.00). Motion was passed. Gracemarie Belvedere will be creating the ad.

Respect Life and Domestic Violence Awareness Month: October is Respect Life and Domestic Violence Awareness month. "We Teach Think" (humanfromdayone.com) and NCCW Women Healing Wounds (nccw.org) are great topics for deanery and affiliate meetings in October. Michael O'Shea brought up concern with information we heard at NCCW convention. The Oklahoma governor has promised to execute one person on death row each month. There are currently 25 men on death row in Oklahoma. With the next NCCW convention being held in OKC, the idea was brought up that maybe instead of city tours, we could have a Respect Life walk.

Cross Catholic Outreach: Pat Voorhes has challenged us to do a food packing event in our Diocese. This activity requires 75-100 volunteers, a large hall/warehouse with double door access to unload and load pallets, a date commitment, and funds. Melissa Kaufenberg is the contact for this activity. They provide all the supplies, the volunteers out the nutritional packs in Ziploc bags and they are shipped to third world countries. These packs provide all the daily nutrition the people will need.

Other Topics: Annette Pressley shared that at this meeting we heard about many different organizations that need help. The DCCW has a Service Commission. She suggested that all that information should be provided to the Service Committee, and they vet them and bring them to the DCCW board versus different members bringing them to the board. That would provide a single point of contact for this information and coordination.

Correspondence / Announcements

Jamie Beert read thank you cards from Fr Diaz thanking us for our gift to the Cathedral of the Madeleine from the DCCW Convention Mass collection (\$1199.00). They will use the donation towards their floor restoration fund and Anne Boyer thanked the DCCW women for the help with the liturgies and meditation room at the NCCW Convention.

President Kerouac announced the following upcoming activities in the Diocese:

Carmelite Fair is Sept 17, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna spaghetti dinner is Sept 24, 2023

Catholic Women's League Luncheon is Sept 30, 2023

Intercultural Marian Celebration at St. Francis Xavier is October 7, 2023, 3:00-8:00pm.

President Kerouac also announced the Pastoral Exec Board meeting with Bishop Solis is October 18, 2023, 11:00am.

President Kerouac thanked the Eastern Deanery and Ladies of St Helen's for hosting our meeting. Tisha Ramos-Yarber drew for the 50/50 opportunity drawing – Anne Boyer won.

Closing Prayer – Gracemarie Belvedere and Anne Boyer

The Next Board Meeting is November 4, 2023, at St Thomas Moore, Sandy, UT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Beert, Secretary.