

Minutes of the 89th Annual Convention
Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women
April 29-30, 2017
Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City
Catholic Women: Instruments of Joy

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Welcome: At 8:34 a.m., President Marcie Downs welcomed everyone to the 89th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women.

Opening Prayer Session: Susan Espinoza and several volunteers led the morning prayer service, which included a song by Fr. Rene with Lisa Adamson accompanying on the piano.

Presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance: Girl Scout Troop 212 from Our Lady of Lourdes, Salt Lake City, under the direction of Carol Huffman led the pledge of allegiance.

Convention Welcome: Rev. Reynato (Rene) Rodillas, DCCW Spiritual Advisor, followed by Sylvia Orosco, Northern Deanery President and Convention Chair, welcomed attendees to the 89th Annual DCCW Convention.

Response: Casey Pond, First Vice President/President Elect gave a warm response.

Introductions: President Downs introduced the head table.

Minutes: DCCW Secretary Kathy Fazio reported the minutes of the 88th Annual 2016 DCCW Convention were approved as written at the April 28, 2017 DCCW Board Meeting.

Credentials Report: Kathy Jones, Convention Registration Chair, reported: Package A (Weekend): 234; Package B (Saturday): 70; Package C (Banquet): 247; and Package D (Sunday): 29. Total Packages A, B, D: 333 (including 32 Women of the Year, 15 Religious, and 63 first-time attendees) Total Banquet attendees: 481.

Acknowledgements: President Downs thanked Kathy Jones (Convention Registration Chair) Carol Harley (Hotel Chair), and the ladies of the Northern Deanery for a job well done. She recognized the deanery spiritual advisors in attendance, Fr. James Blaine and Sr. Yvonne Hatt, and thanked them for their service. She thanked Fr. Rodillas for accepting the appointment as DCCW Spiritual Advisor, and presented him with a Spiritual Advisor pin and read a prayer for spiritual advisors. President Downs recognized the other clergy and religious in attendance. Also recognized was Mary Valerio for the beautiful liturgical environment display on the stage.

Province Director Report: President Downs recognized Patricia Voorhes, San Francisco Province Director, who brought greetings from the NCCW Board of Directors, explained her role, and encouraged individual and supporting NCCW memberships. At the conclusion of Pat's remarks, Fr. Rodillas led the audience in singing "Happy Birthday" to Pat.

Presidents Report: President Downs' report is included in the convention bags. She recognized the past DCCW presidents in attendance: Susan Neilson, Bobbie Hunt, Sheila Landry, Patricia Voorhes, Kathleen Jones, Patricia Musich, Lydia Farnell, Cheryl Johnson, Michael O'Shea, Amy Kennedy and Bonnie Siegrist, and acknowledged Mary Cerroni, Carolyn

Wold, Sharon Jackson, Jeanne Audiss and Mary Adams who could not be in attendance. President Downs recognized Bobbie Hunt as a former NCCW President.

Announcements: Casey Pond and Barb Kerouac presented the announcements.

Recess: 9:35 a.m. **Reconvene:** 10:02 a.m.

Keynote Address: President Downs introduced the keynote speaker, Susan Neilson, who presented: *A Joyful Heart*.

Announcements: Casey Pond presented the announcements.

Spirituality Commission Speaker: President Downs recognized Susan Espinoza, Spirituality Commission Chair, who introduced Mollie Murphy Dale, speaking on: *Together We Find Joy: Building a Bridge to Success*.

Give Me a Chance presentation: President Downs recognized Bobbie Hunt, who introduced Sr. Arthur Gordon, Director of Give Me a Chance. Sr. Arthur spoke briefly about the mission of her organization, and the various services provided.

Announcements: Casey Pond presented the announcements.

Recess: A brief recess was called 12:00 p.m. to allow hotel staff to set up for lunch.

Lunch: Lunch was served at 12:30 p.m., following a blessing of the food by Fr. Rodillas.

Lunch Activities: During lunch, some of the “ugly purses” were modeled by the hostesses. President Downs announced the names of the parishes in attendance and had the women shout out. She asked all first-time attendees to stand for an acknowledgement and welcome.

Winners of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Awards were announced by Casey Pond. Most attendees award: a tie between Blessed Sacrament (Sandy) and St. Rose of Lima (Layton) with 20 each. Most miles traveled award: 3rd place 8 attendees traveling 2,320 miles, St. Paul’s Catholic Center (Hurricane); 2nd place 14 attendees traveling 4,242 miles, St. George (St. George); and 1st place with 17 attendees traveling 4,284 miles, Christ the King (Cedar City).

Throw-Down Challenge winners were drawn from the eligible entries: the winner of a Package “A” for the 2018 Convention was St. Vincent de Paul (Holladay). Winner of a Package “B” was St. Joseph the Worker (West Jordan).

Sylvia Orosco conducted the centerpiece drawings.

Break: 1:30 p.m.

Reconvene: 1:50 p.m. Fr. Rodillas led an audience-participation song titled, “Building Community,” to begin the afternoon activities.

Afternoon Session: President Downs introduced Lisa Adamson, Service Commission Chair who in turn presented James and Karyn Anderson speaking on: *Humanitarian Service in the Middle East*.

Call to 2017 Convention: Mary LeBaron and the Southwestern Deanery members invited all present to the 2018 DCCW Convention hosted by the Southwestern Deanery.

Announcements: Bobbie Hunt gave announcements regarding the buses and Mass at the Cathedral, and expressed her gratitude to Judge Memorial High School for allowing us to use their buses, and to the bus drivers who volunteered their time. Bobbie announced the distribution of the Mass collection to: The Hope Squad; Pregnancy Resource Centers in Ogden, Salt Lake City & St. George; and NCCW's Vocations Purse Club.

Closing Prayer: Susan Espinoza, DCCW Spirituality Chair, led the members in the closing prayer.

Recess: at 3:10 p.m. for Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeline.

Reconvene: 7:15 p.m.

Woman of the Year Banquet

President Downs welcomed all present, introduced the head table and asked Monsignor Bob to bless the food.

President Downs introduced the DCCW past presidents in attendance (Susan Neilson, Bobbie Hunt, Sheila Landry, Pat Voorhes, Kathy Jones, Pat Musich, Lydia Farnell, Michael O'Shea, Carolyn Wold, Amy Kennedy, Cheryl Johnson, and Bonnie Siegrist. Also recognized was Bobbie Hunt, former NCCW President.

Fr. Rodillas introduced the clergy and religious present, and offered an invocation.

Recess: 7:35 p.m. for dinner. **Reconvene:** 8:30 p.m.

Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, gave remarks and praised the women for their service.

Bobbie Hunt and Sheila Landry recognized the 2017 Women of the Year. Bishop Solis and Fr. Rodillas presented each woman with the Our Lady of Good Counsel medal. 32 women were recognized.

Recess: 9:40 p.m.

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Reconvene: 8:40 a.m.

Prayer Service- Spirituality Commission Chair Susan Espinoza, together with the African Choir of St. Patrick Parish, led the assembly in prayer.

Msgr. Robert Servatius, DCCW Spiritual Advisor Emeritus, led the assembly in a blessing of the morning meal.

Recess: 9:20 a.m. for breakfast. **Reconvene:** 10:05 a.m.

Guest Speaker: President Downs introduced the guest speaker for the morning session, Bishop Oscar Solis.

Announcements: Casey Pond presented the announcements.

Recess: 10:50 a.m. **Reconvene:** 11:15 a.m.

General Session/Business Meeting: President Marcie Downs presiding.

Welcome: Msgr. Robert Servatius, DCCW Spiritual Advisor Emeritus, acknowledged the wonderful convention experience. Sylvia Orosco, Northern Deanery President, thanked her committee and welcomed all to the Sunday session of the convention.

Response: Casey Pond thanked Msgr. Bob and Sylvia for the warm welcome and thanked the Northern Deanery women for a job well done.

Introductions: President Downs introduced the head table.

Credentials Report: Kathy Jones, Convention Registration Chair, reported: Package A (Full Convention): 234; Package B(Saturday): 70; Package C (Banquet): 247; and Package D (Sunday): 30. Total Packages A, B, & D: 334 (including 32 Women of the Year, 15 Religious, 78 first-time attendees. Total Banquet attendees: 481.

Resolutions: Susan Neilson, representing the Resolutions Committee, proposed the following resolutions:

A Joyful Heart: Whereas we all have received joy from Jesus in his death and resurrection and Whereas in Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis expresses the Joy of the Gospel and that Christians should appear as people who wish to show their joy and Whereas the theme for Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention is “Catholic Women Instruments of Joy”
Be it resolved that we as Catholic Women who are “instruments of joy” will choose to be joyful and happy and will let that joy radiate to those around us.
Be it resolved that we who are “instruments of joy” will discover the joy in our lives by taking time to open our Joy Journals and write down all things that have brought us joy.
Be it further resolved that we who are “instruments of joy” will practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and share our joy in the love of Jesus as we do so.

Together We Find Joy: Whereas there are thousands of people in the world fleeing from the horrors of war and persecution besides being forced to leave their homes and their loved ones and Whereas the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops implemented “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us” and Whereas Pope Francis said, that “dialogue” allows people to know and understand one another’s needs
Be it resolved that we as Catholic Women who are “instruments of joy” will work with the Welcome the Stranger Ministries in our Parishes and have open dialogue with all refugees and immigrants to better understand their life stories and cultural differences.
Be it further resolved that we who are “instruments of joy” will use dialogue to understand how we can assist them in adjusting to their new life here.

Humanitarian Service in the Middle East: Whereas happiness is dependent on external and temporal things and comes and goes in our lives almost daily and Whereas joy is deeply rooted in our spiritual selves and causes peace and the desire to be charitable
Be it resolved that we as Catholic Women who are “instruments of joy” will experience the true joy of serving others in all areas that God calls us and by doing so will be able to share the love of joy and the joy of love.

President Downs announced that the Resolutions Committee has moved that the proposed

2017 resolutions be adopted by this Convention. President Downs repeated the title of each resolution individually. Kathryn Larson seconded the motion to approve “A Joyful Heart.” The motion was passed. Erin Stevens seconded the motion to approve “Together We Find Joy.” The motion was passed. Ernie Folks seconded the motion to approve “Humanitarian Service in the Middle East.” The motion was passed.

Rite of Commitment.

President Downs recognized Msgr. Servatius, Bonnie Siegrist, and Patricia Voorhes who presided over the Rite of Commitment of the Officers and Deanery Presidents:

Northern Deanery President: Sylvia Orosco
Salt Lake Deanery President: Margaret Cragin Masarone
Wasatch Deanery President: Marianne Mulvihill
Eastern Deanery President: Barbara Jewkes
Southwestern Deanery President: Mary LeBaron
DCCW Secretary: Kathy Fazio
DCCW Treasurer: Becky Hicks
Second Vice President: Barb Kerouac
First Vice President/President Elect: Casey Pond
President: Marcie Downs

President Downs thanked the officers and deanery presidents for committing themselves to serving the DCCW for the next year. She also thanked those who prepared and participated in the prayer services and setting up the liturgical environment and prayer room.

Announcements: Casey presented the announcements. Patricia Voorhes, NCCW San Francisco Province Director, drew the winners of a drawing for new NCCW individual memberships and those renewing after a lapse.

Susan Espinoza led the assembly in the closing prayer service.

Raffles and Silent Auction: Barb Kerouac conducted the raffle and silent auctions.

Adjournment President Downs adjourned the convention at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Fazio, DCCW Secretary.