



Presidents Report Board meeting: January 28, 2023

I was hoping that the new Year would bring in quiet and calm, but I find it not the case. It is a crazy busy time in the role of President of DCCW. Pulling everything together for “Call to Convention” is daunting, but fulfilling at the same time. Kudos to those who have done this in the past and provided a great task list and timeline. Thank you. God definitely provided me with great taskmasters before me. God is good, I trust Him implicitly.

The Call to Convention is ready and is filled with a tremendous amount of information. It will be sent out this weekend Jan. 28th. I hope you find the convention speakers interesting and spiritually fulfilling. The “Eucharistic Revival”, focus of the USCCB, will also be the focus of our convention. I hope you find it insightful and inspiring. On Sunday we will have speakers from the Respect Life Commission with insights since the repeal of Roe vs Wade, now what – a Catholic perspective into resources to help Mothers who choose life.

I want to thank those of you who are getting the call to convention via email. The costs of printing are really significant. I believe we need to look to the future of just sending it out electronically. Besides it would allow us to actually follow what we promoted at last years convention “ a Vision for the Future”, leaving less of a carbon impact on our environment. Let’s walk the talk and put it into action.

Promoting and Advertising are key for the convention’s success. Not only for our Convention program ads, which pay for printing, but also for registrations. We need everyone to promote attendance and soliciting advertisers in the program. The ad prices have not changed, so we need our members to seek individuals, businesses, friends, & families to support our cause. Buying an ad to recognize your Woman of the Year is one example of an ad; a special prayer, memoriam for a loved one, or even placing a cartoon or inspirational quote and of course business ads. Think outside the box, just support our convention. The raffle and Silent Auction are our only fundraiser each year. Increasing the number of attendees would be fabulous. You can even win a paid convention package A or B for next year by increasing the number of attendees from your affiliate in the “Throw Down Challenge”. Look around for new faces to attend or ask someone who hasn’t attended for a while to come back. It’s all about getting the word out. Please join us at this year’s annual April DCCW Convention and share the news with the women you know. So many women don’t know we even have an annual convention in our Diocese. It’s a glorious way to spend a weekend, with a sisterhood of Catholic women.

The San Francisco Province meeting will be here in Salt Lake City. Our own Jeanne Audiss, San Fran Province Director, has set the meeting for Mar 10-12 at the Marriot University Park Motel, SLC. It will prove to be inspiring and informative. You have until Feb 10 to register. You can contact Jeanne Audis or Casey Pond to register.

Becky Hicks is the 2023 NCCW Convention Volunteer coordinator. She will need everyone’s support in pulling all things together, necessary to host this opportunity here in SLC. Pat Voorhes, NCCW President, will be presiding as her last duty before installing the 2024 President at this convention. Plus, by registering as an individual member of NCCW now (go to www.nccw.org to register) , you will have the opportunity to vote for Amy Kennedy, from the Cathedral of Madeleine CCW, as President-elect of NCCW. Pat would have the privilege of installing Amy in that NCCW position, if she should win the election. We want to make Pat proud, by “bee’ing all we can to meet the needs as the hosting Diocese. Be ready and willing to answer the call to help. The call is coming sooner than later.

As I close my report, I want to extend a blessed and holy Lent and Easter to you all.

May your faith bring you hope and love,

Barb Kerouac