

Minutes
November 4, 2023 Meeting
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: St Thomas Moore, Cottonwood Heights, UT

President Barb Kerouac called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Opening prayer was led by Susan Espinoza and Gracemarie Belvedere

Welcome and Introductions: President Kerouac reminded us to keep in our prayers, Wayne / Pat Vorhees, Loretta/Donald Lazar, Michael/Michael/Erin O’Shea, Marcie Downs, Donna Murphy, Donna Rish, and Julie Carlin. Also, we need to keep praying for peace in the Middle East. President Kerouac thanked the Wasatch Deanery and St Thomas More for hosting our meeting. President Kerouac introduced the head table: Carol Harley 1st VP/PE, Jamie Beert Secretary, Roslyn Gunderson Treasurer, Becky Colombo IPP, Casey Pond Parliamentarian, and herself. Annette Pressley, Wasatch Deanery President introduced the Wasatch Deanery Affiliate Presidents in attendance as well as the women from St Thomas More who were hosting us.

In attendance for the meeting were: Amy Henry, Angela Martinez, Anne Boyer, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Colombo, Becky Hicks, Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Casey Pond, Cathy Finger, Cheryl Illario, Chris Manry, Dawn Haberkorn, Donna Kushlan, Gabby Gauchay, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jessica Jurkowski, Joan Simard, Kathy Fazio, Lydia Farnell, Michael O’Shea, Missy Corcoran, Narda Nordell Renae Lupus, Rose Stehno, Roslyn Gunderson, Stacey Oliveto, Susan Espinoza, Susan Porter, Teresa Smith.

In attendance via ZOOM were: Cheryl Johnson, Marcie Downs.

Excused: Amy Kennedy, Donna Murphy, Donna Rish, Karen Fawbush, Marsha Murphy, Mary Skomal, Mary LeBaron, Michelle Stratton, Pat Musich, Patricia Voorhes, Robin Marvive, Ruth Penderghast, Susan Neilson, Susan Vaughn, Tish Ramos-Yarber.

Establishment of quorum was confirmed by Secretary, Jamie Beert.

Amendment of Agenda:

Change “Reading of minutes June board meeting” to “Reading of minutes September board meeting.”

Change “Next Meeting: Jan 27, 2024- Salt Lake Deanery Deanery, Saint Ann’s, Salt Lake City” to
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Acceptance of Proposed Agenda as amended: Angela Martinez moved that the Proposed Agenda as amended be accepted. Jeanne Audiss seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda as amended was accepted.

Reading September Board Meeting Minutes: Angela Martinez moved that the reading of the September 16, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes be suspended. Roslyn Gunderson seconded. No corrections were voiced. The Minutes will be filed as written.

Spiritual Advisor’s Remarks: Fr. Ariel shared that winter is fast approaching. People tend to take life slower at this time of year. Serving God’s people has no time or boundaries. He discussed the Pastoral

meeting with Bishop Solis. He shared that Bishop Solis is appreciative of our ministry. He reminded us to use the love of Mary to continue serving the Church. We need to keep the flame to be God's representative burning strong. For others to see the presence of God in us, we need to show in the way we live our lives and in our ministries. He referenced "They will know we are Christians by our love" and reminded us that love has no limits. He is looking forward to our DCCW Convention in April. President Kerouac thanked Fr Ariel for all his help and we are grateful for his guidance as our Spiritual Advisor.

NCCW President Elect's Report: President Elect Amy Kennedy's report is on file.

San Francisco Province Director Remarks: Jeanne Audiss reported that in October we gave more prayerful attention to our Blessed Mother Mary with saying extra Roseries and Litanies to Mary. She reminded us to encourage our Affiliates and Deaneries to incorporate the Prayer to our Lady of Good Counsel at our meetings. The new NCCW President Mahoney has a different style and direction than Pat Voorhes. The NCCW November meeting concentrated on training for new Provinces Directors. She also to focus on the resolutions from the past 5 years, they are all still relevant. Jeanne gave example of the Opioid Pandemic. Jeanne flew to California to attend MaryAnn Schwab's funeral. She was 103 years old. She was a past NCCW President and was always a big supporter of the NCCW. On Friday at the Pastoral Meeting with Bishop Solis, he agreed for us to stay course as part of the San Francisco Province. Jeanne is going to work on trying to get Affiliates in Nevada, one Parish at a time. Report on file.

Reports of Officers:

President: Barb Kerouac shared to look at the two Marian websites she sent in an email on Friday. She also challenged the Deaneries to beat the Eastern Deanery in the number of Ads in our Convention program. It is never too early to start contacting businesses for ads. Report on file.

1 st VP: Carol Harley – Report on file.

2 nd VP: Tisha Ramos-Yarber –Excused. She did not have anything to report. President Kerouac reminded us about having each Parish have a Raffle Item, Silent Auction Basket and Table Centerpiece.

Secretary: Jamie Beert - Reminded attendees to initial the attendance sheet.

Treasurer: Roslyn Gunderson – Reports sent out with Call to Meeting email. There was no discussion on them, so will be filed for audit.

Immediate PP: Becky Colombo – She will be having a zoom meeting with the Nominating Committee. She reminded us to recommend ourselves or others for the open positions. She will be sending the position descriptions and requirements to Angela to post on the DCCW website. Report on file.

Historian: Susan Porter shared her Short Term and Long-Term goals in her report. She asked all to share any pictures they have of hosting a DCCW meeting, DCCW convention and NCCW convention. In 2028 will be the 100-year anniversary of DCCW of Salt Lake City. She asked us to try to find who in our Parishes may have historical pictures, or even some of the older members. She also asked to share any Deanery event pictures for her to put in the scrapbooks. Report on file.

Parliamentarian: Casey Pond – She shared that her report focused on ByLaws and Standing Rules and their differences. She encouraged us all to read the report. Report on file.

Reports Commission Chairs:

Spirituality: Susan Espinoza and Gracemarie Belvedere – Report on file.

Service: Ruth Penderghast (excused) – President Kerouac shared for the 2024 DCCW Convention we will be collecting for the Volunteers of America Youth Resource Center. They serve youth ages 15-22 who are either homeless or at-risk for becoming homeless. They will set up a DCCW wish list on Amazon. Our 2024 service project will be to collect backpacks (or money to be used to purchase backpacks) for the VOA's Youth Resource Center. At convention, we will collect any backpacks brought to convention as well as clothing items (like socks, hats, gloves, etc from the Amazon Wish List) to fill the backpacks. Money will also be accepted directly by VOA on their website. If your CCW donates anything directly (either cash donations or via Amazon), please let me know so that I can report to the DCCW. Report on File

Leadership: Dawn Haberkorn – Report on file.

Legislative: Donna Murphy (excused) – Carol Harley reported Donna is now the President and Carol is the Treasurer of the Women's State Legislative Council. Dues are due if the DCCW wants to stay part of the Women's State Legislative Council (\$40.00). Roslyn gave Carol a check to pay our dues. Carol reminded us to vote.

Reports Deanery Presidents:

Eastern: Pat Musich – The report will be sent to be put on the website soon

Northern: Jessica Jurkowski –Report on file.

Salt Lake: Stacey Oliveto – Stacey shared some of the highlights of activities the Salt Lake Affiliates have been doing since the last meeting. Report on File.

Southwestern: Mary Skomal (excused)– Kathy Fazio reported that they are excited about hosting DCCW convention and have been working on plans. St George CCW will be doing the convention bags. They will be sending out a letter to all DCCW affiliates asking for donations to help fund the convention bags and contents. Kathy reminded us, they only have two affiliated Parishes. Report on file.

Wasatch: Annette Pressley – Annette reported that she, President Kerouac and Province Director Audiss attended the Wasatch Deanery Priest meeting. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, there were only 4 Priests in attendance. They shared with the Priests the importance of the CCWs in their Parishes. The explained the hierarchy of the CCW up to NCCW. They asked for the Priests to support their Parish CCW women. Annette also reported that the Deanery will be reaching out to Affiliates to gather any challenges or help they may need. They will also be reaching out to their unaffiliated Parishes to share CCW information and encourage them to start a CCW and affiliate. The Deanery continues to sell their Sainly Doodles calendars. They will have a “sale” and will be selling the remaining for \$10.00. She encouraged all to read her report for some fundraising ideas as well as a great Service report. Report on File

Reports Standing Committee:

Finance Committee Chair: Roslyn Gunderson – Wanted to share how generous our women were with donations for the NCCW convention (Over \$7000.00 worth). Report on file.

Nominating Committee Chair: Becky Colombo – Just restated the position descriptions and requirements would be on the DCCW website within the week. She also asked to provide the committee with anyone who is interested or would be a great candidate.

AWARE Editor: Bonnie Siegrist – Bonnie reminded everyone deadline of January 15, 2024 for the next addition. She thanked everyone who submit their reports and pictures, especially those who are on time.

Website Editor: Angela Martinez – Gracemarie will be joining Angela as a co-editor for 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.

Ways and Means Chair: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Excused

Bylaws/Standing Rules/Convention Guidelines Chair: Dawn Haberkorn – She deferred to New Business.

Membership, Development and Resource Team: Bonnie Siegrist and Michael O’Shea – Michael reported they shared information from Jamie’s Wasatch Deanery Leadership Commission report with fundraising ideas. Michael shared they did a Witch Bingo, where everyone dressed up as a witch, and for a \$10.00 they were given lunch and a Bingo card. It was a great time.

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

Scholarship Chair: Kathy Fazio – Nothing new to report.

Woman of the Year Chair: Lydia Farnell and Susan Neilson – Lydia shared to please get your Woman of the Year information in on time. It causes a lot of extra work as they have to get the WOY program done in time to print. Last year there were 4 Affiliates who were one month past the deadline. She praised the Eastern Deanery for getting theirs in first and early.

Affiliate of the Year Chair: Pat Voorhes and Becky Columbo – President Kerouac reported that Pat Voorhes has contacted her and asked how she could help on the DCCW. With Pat Musich stepping down, it was a great fit to have Pat Voorhes step in as Chair for this Committee.

Unfinished Business

Deanery Bank Accounts: President Kerouac reported that we are still in a wait and see mode. Jamie Beert provided contact information for each Deanery to the Diocese and Wells Fargo. She reached out earlier this week to get a status to report at this meeting. The response she received from Wells

Fargo was “The new accounts have NOT been setup and I will let you know when they are”. She will keep asking for updates and share any information she may receive.

NCCW Golden Rose Award, Diocesan Award: President Kerouac reported that the Bishop was supportive of starting Young Women CCWs. Bishop Solis did remind us that any time we are working with youth under 18, we have to be Safe Environment Certified. At the NCCW level, the program provides a certificate. We need to determine how we want to do this award at the Diocese level. President Kerouac suggested we need a committee to work this. It was suggested Pat Voorhes would be a great candidate to lead this committee. President Kerouac will reach out to Pat. This award will be for young women ages 15-21.

2024 NCCW Affiliate Dues: President Kerouac asked the Deanery Presidents to ensure their affiliates were current with their NCCW dues. If any Deanery, Affiliate or Individual member have any questions regarding their dues, they can reach out to Jeanne Audiss.

2023-2024 Service Project: This was already covered earlier with the Service Report. Volunteers of America Youth Resource Center – Backpacks for Foster kids aging out of the system has been chosen.

Council Sunday Update: The DCCW advertisement was in the October 6th Intermountain Catholic. We had an English and Spanish version. Gracemarie designed the ad.

Pastoral Meeting: The meeting was held November 3, 2023. In attendance: Bishop Solis, Fr Ariel, President Barb Kerouac, San Francisco Province Director Jeanne Audiss, Vice President/President Elect Carol Harley, Secretary Jamie Beert and Treasurer Roslyn Gunderson. Bishop Solis challenged us to change things up. Try new fundraisers and new recruitment efforts. With the new Archdiocese of Las Vegas and no response from Archbishop Thomas, Bishop Solis suggested reaching out to Nevada Parishes to affiliate. He told us to be inviting, reach out to the unaffiliated Parish Priests to ask if you could present an invitation to their women to join. He reminded us to not forget our Missions, although they are mostly Latino, most are bi-lingual. He said for us to be part of Ministry Fairs, Socials, and ask to be added to the agenda at the Deanery Priest Meetings to share information about the CCWs. He suggested we create a Power Point presentation to put on the Diocese, Deanery, and Parish website about who we are. Another suggestion was for the DCCW to support Parish service projects, this will help the upline communication and awareness from the Parish level. He reminded us that we don't have to always do grandiose projects, but smaller projects are just as important and useful. President Kerouac reported that the Eastern Deanery is in need of a Spiritual Advisor. The Deanery officers had suggested Fr Rowland, however Bishop Solis said his health would not permit him to take on that role. Bishop Solis suggested Fr Noel (Moab) or Fr Leondhas (St James/St Helen's). Fr Ariel will reach out to them.

Deanery	Deans
Northern	Very Rev Francisco Pires
Salt Lake	Very Rev Christopher Gray
Wasatch	Very Rev Dominic Briese
Eastern	Very Rev Arokia Dass David
Southwestern	Very Rev David Bittmenn

New Business

Convention Guidelines: Leadership Chair Dawn Haberkorn – Dawn Proposed the following changes to the Convention Guidelines:

1. The word “Sponsorship” will be replaced with “Scholarship” throughout the document.
2. Adding the \$500.00 check to be provided to the bus transportation company to the Treasurer’s duties.
3. Eliminating the need to provide the Director of Meetings with the NAMES of the scholarship recipients – Page 17 & 37.
4. Changing the verbiage relating to the makeup of the Affiliate of the Year Committee as approved by the Board at the September 2023 Board Meeting – Page 15 – “Past DCCW Presidents, if they agree, make up the Affiliate of the Year Committee. The Chair of the Affiliate of the Year Committee is selected by the DCCW President, from the Past Presidents, currently on the DCCW Board.

There was no discussion on these changes. Dawn on behalf of the committee moved to pass these changes. Vote passed. President Kerouac reminded all to review the Guidelines for the duties of each position.

2024 DCCW Convention: “Path of Renewed Encounter” - April 27-28, 2024 at Little America, Salt Lake City. Yen Fasano will be the keynote speaker. President Kerouac reminded us all she will need all the forms by **December 31, 2023**

Director of Meetings: Becky Hicks and Marcie Downs –Becky shared she has been working with Little America on the food/beverage costs, other items are complete. The costs are a little higher. They are waiving parking fees and bartender fees for us. She shared the preliminary pricing, but is still working with the hotel, so these are not the final official costs.

Package A - \$245.00 (180.00 last year)

Package B – \$120.00 (85.00 last year) Saturday Only

Package C - \$85.00 (65.00 last year) Saturday Banquet

Package D - \$65.00 (45.00 last year) Sunday Only

Hotel Rooms – All have 2 queen beds. There is no additional charge for people sharing room (same price for 1 – 4 people) and no Sales tax or other fees.

Garden Rooms - \$169.00

Premium Garden Rooms - \$179.00

Tower Rooms - \$199.00

National Eucharistic Congress: July 17-21 in Indianapolis, IN. Sign up on the Diocese webpage. Rooms are filling up fast, they are running out of Hotel rooms and have started looking into using Dorm rooms.

2024 NCCW Convention: August 15-17, 2024 Oklahoma City, Ok

Correspondence: Jamie Beert – No correspondence to report

Announcements

President Kerouac thanked the Wasatch Deanery and St Thomas More for hosting our meeting.

Carol Harley introduced the Catholic Women's League President Narda Nordell.

President Kerouac drew for the 50/50 opportunity drawing – Rose Stehno won.

Closing Prayer – Gracemarie Belvedere

January 27, 2024 at Saint Ann's Salt Lake City, UT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Beert, Secretary.