

Minutes
April 26, 2024, Meeting
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City

President Barb Kerouac called the meeting to order at 06:30 p.m.

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

Welcome and Introductions: President Kerouac welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked reports to be an overview of our submitted reports.

In attendance for the meeting were: Alice Cipollini, Amy Kennedy, Angela Martinez, Anne Boyer, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Colombo, Becky Hicks, Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Carolyn Wold, Casey Pond, Cathie Finger, Cheryl Johnson, Cleo Mota, Dawn Haberkorn, Donna Murphy, Gabby Gauchay, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jessica Jurkowski, Joan Simard, Karen Fawbush, Kathy Fazio, Lydia Farnell, Marilyn Granato, Marsha Murphy, Mary Skomal, Michael O'Shea, Mindi Allen, Missy Corcoran, Natalie Fraser, Pat Musich, Robin Marvive, Roslyn Gunderson, Ruth Penderghast, Stacey Oliveto, Susan Espinoza, Susan Neilson, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn, Tisha Ramos-Yarber.

Excused: Pat Voorhes.

Establishment of quorum was confirmed by Secretary, Jamie Beert.

Acceptance of Proposed Agenda: Gracemarie Belvedere moved that the Proposed Agenda be accepted. Roslyn Gunderson seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda was accepted.

Reading January Board Meeting Minutes: Casey Pond moved that the reading of the January 27, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes be suspended. Jessica Jurkowski seconded. Angela Martinez had a correction to add that she was in attendance via Zoom. The Minutes will be filed as amended.

Reading 2023 DCCW Convention Minutes: Pat Musich moved that the reading of the 2023 DCCW Convention Minutes be suspended. Susan Espinoza seconded. The Minutes will be filed.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Fr. Ariel welcomed us all back. Stated seemed like yesterday we were at the DCCW and NCCW conventions. He asked us to recognize each other's presence and appreciate our ministries and serving people of God. He encouraged us to keep our dedication to advance the Catholic faith and values. Our commitment to empower and enrich women in faith is important. We can be a beacon of hope in rough times. Be the light of Christ to those seeking guidance. We should take on responsibility for the right, dignity and well being of women in the church. Step outside of our comfort zone to foster inclusion. We should be God's extension of his love and mercy to women and men. We are called to be ambassadors of love and peace to families and our communities. He ended with wishing us a Blessed convention and to bring the fire of God's love in us and share with others.

NCCW President Elect's Report: Amy Kennedy welcomed everyone on the behalf of the NCCW. She thanked us for all we do. She closed with enjoy and have a Blessed convention.

San Francisco Province Director Remarks: Jeanne Audiss stated she “ditto’ ed” Amy’s remarks and wished us all a Blessed convention. Report on file.

Reports of Officers:

President: Barb Kerouac –Report on file.

1 st VP: Carol Harley – Deferred to Convention. Report on file.

2 nd VP: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Thanked everyone for all the donations. The Silent Auction and Raffle will be in separate rooms this year.

Secretary: Jamie Beert – Minutes on file.

Treasurer: Roslyn Gunderson – Reports sent out with Call to Meeting email and filed for audit.

Immediate PP: Becky Colombo – Defer to New Business. Report on file.

Historian: Susan Porter – She has been working on the last two years for our scrapbook. She reminded us that our 100 years is coming up in 2029.

Parliamentarian: Casey Pond – Defer for New Business.

Reports Commission Chairs:

Spirituality: Gracemarie Belvedere – Report on file.

Service: Ruth Penderghast – Report on file.

Leadership: Dawn Haberkorn – Not in attendance (Busy stuffing convention bags). Report on file.

Legislative: Donna Murphy – There are currently 8 resolutions with more than Immigration and Abortion. She asked us to continue to pray for our legislative leaders. Report on file.

Reports Deanery Presidents:

Eastern: Pat Musich – New officers were elected in March. They honored their Women of the Year. Report on file.

Northern: Jessica Jurkowski – Meeting held in March. They are planning a spiritual retreat for this fall. Cleo Mato was elected new Deanery President. Report on file.

Salt Lake: Stacey Oliveto – It has been a banner year, with addition of Eucharistic Revival and NCCW convention in Salt Lake City. They held a luncheon in March. Susan Vaughn was elected as new Deanery President. Report on File.

Southwestern: Mary Skomal – She was busy with convention duties. Report on file.

Wasatch: Annette Pressley – Annette shared highlights of the Affiliates from her report. Gabby Gauchay created a website for the Deanery. Gabby Gauchay was elected as Deanery President. Report on File

Reports Standing Committee:

Nominating Committee Chair: Becky Colombo – Defer to new business.

AWARE Editor: Bonnie Siegrist – The AWARE was sent out.

Website Editor: Angela Martinez – Thanked those for their reports.

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

Membership, Development and Resource Team: Bonnie Siegrist and Michael O’Shea – They are ready and willing to help any CCW, just reach out.

Finance Committee Chair – Roslyn Gunderson – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Deanery Bank Accounts: President Kerouac reported that once Northern Deanery transfers their funds, all Deaneries will be in compliance. On April 17, President Kerouac and Jeanne Audiss met with Msgr Bircumshaw to discuss the fees being charged to the Deaneries as well as the need to have a savings account. The checking account fees will now be absorbed by the Diocese and Deaneries should no longer see them on their statements. Msgr gave an exemption for the Deaneries to one savings account, the Deanery will be responsible for any charges related to the savings accounts. He also stated the savings account does not need to be held at Wells Fargo but needs to be under the Diocese FEIN number.

LTD Training: President Kerouac reported that the NCCW LTD team will be coming to present this training at Blessed Sacrament on May 18, 2024, from 9-3:30. There is a \$10.00 fee. Lunch will be provided. The deadline was extended, so you can sign up at the NCCW/MDR table in the silent auction room at convention.

DCCW Promotional Website Presentation: Gabby Gauchay reported she and Marcie have started discussions and determining the vision for the video. Their vision is to show what we as the DCCW do and encourage women to join. They would like one representative from each Deanery. Their plan is to use words from the DCCW mission statement: Support, Empower, Educate, Service, and Spirituality. Each Deanery representative would have a word and come up with a video clip related to their assigned word. Once your deanery has a representative, please have her contact Gabby to get started.

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

Convention Chair: President Kerouac asked everyone to be patient with us being at a new location and hiccups that may occur. Report on file.

Hostesses: Mary Skomal reported that she had a terrific group of ladies to work with and wished us all a successful convention. Report on file.

Convention Bags: Kathy Fazio – She was not in attendance, as they were busy packing the bags for convention.

Convention Co-Chair: Carol Harley shared that we sold 22 full page ads, 32 half-page ads and 8 quarter page ads totaling \$4200.00. She also shared that the programs are a lot of work and current software is coming to end of life., She is hoping in her Presidency to discuss creating a committee for all the documents for convention with members who have experience with computer software for creating them all.

Director of Meetings: Becky Hicks reminded us to make sure to fill out the survey form. For those staying at the Hotel, your room key will be how you get in/out of the parking garage. If you are not staying at the Hotel, she will have validation tickets for parking.

Women of the Year: Susan Neilson reported there were 28 WOY this year. She thanked all for getting the paperwork in on time. Also noted change this year, the WOY picture will be at the Cathedral after Mass.

Ways and Means: Tisha Ramos-Yarber had nothing else to add.

Scholarship: Kathy Fazio reported 18 women received scholarships. The scholarship fund has been depleted. They are considering for future to only provide convention scholarship and not hotel registration.

Registration: Cheryl Johnson deferred to report at convention.

Speakers: President Kerouac shared the names of all the speakers for convention.

Spirituality/Prayer Room: Gracemarie shared that the meditation / prayer room was in the Wyoming room. Marily Granato will be taking on the Prayer Room starting next year.

Awards: Golden Rose, Affiliate of the Year, Our Lady of Good Council, and Convention Throwdown: President Kerouac shared we have a lot of awards to present during lunch. She asked to keep them short and fast so we can get through them all.

Resolutions: Casey Pond reported we will have two resolutions to present.

Installation of new Officers and Deanery Presidents: Becky Colombo reported she will share the scripts with those who need them.

Seating Charts: Becky Colombo reported she passed out the various head table seating charts.

Vendors and Exhibitors: President Kerouac shared that Magdalene Religious Goods, the Carmelites, Dimas Ministry and The Other Side Academy would be at convention.

New Business

NCCW Treasurer Election: President Kerouac reminded everyone that we have until May 1st to vote. Nadia Neumeier from St George is running for the treasurer position.

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 is open. Program ads are due by June 14 (Full page \$375.00, Half page \$225.00, Quarter page \$175.00, and Eight page \$100.00). Donna Murphy motioned for us to do a full-page ad. Carol Harley seconded the motion. Gracemarie Belvedere volunteered to design the ad, recognizing Amy, Jeanne, Pat, possibly Nadia and the new Deanery Presidents.

DCCW Job Descriptions: President Kerouac has been working on job descriptions for positions in DCCW and will have them posted on the website. These will help the nominating committee, people being asked to take a position, people in a position to understand what their position is and expectations and duties of that position. She has shared these with advisory board and is incorporating some changes. Because these were adopted from the NCCW job descriptions and our bylaws, no vote is necessary. They will be adopted for file.

Election of Officers: Becky Colombo, Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, presented the newly nominated officers: Annette Pressley as 1st Vice President/President Elect, Cynthia Acosta as 2nd Vice President, Gaylynn Huffman as Treasurer, and Tisha Ramos-Yarber as Secretary. They were all elected.

Correspondence: Jamie Beert – None to report

Announcements:

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

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming through Utah May 31-June 5. Please participate if at all possible. Details can be found at www.dioslc.org/eucharistic-revival/national-euchristic-pilgrimage. There will be flyers included in the convention bags.

Closing Prayer: – Susan Espinoza and Gracemarie Belvedere

Next Meeting will be in June 2024 – Northern Deanery is hosting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 07:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Beert, Secretary.