

Minutes
October 5th, 2024 Meeting
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: Christ the King, Cedar City

President Carol Harley called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

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

Welcome and Introductions: President Harley welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced Father KK, and the head table. She then introduced Mary Skomal, President of the Southwestern Deanery. Mary welcomed everyone and introduced Southwest Deanery Vice President-President Elect, Jennifer Street Enman, Secretary Kathy Fazio, Deanery Representative of DCCW Board and President of Christ the King Women's Council, Jenni Fazio. Jenni Fazio then welcomed everyone and introduced her officers in attendance, Vice President Donna Rodriguez, Vice President-President Elect Jennifer Enman, Church Commission Chairs: Community Outreach Chair Donna Dischbein and Church Commission Chair Donna Rish.

In attendance for the meeting were: Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Columbo, Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Cynthia Acosta, Donna Murphy, Gabby Gauchay, Gaylynn Huffman, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jenni Fazio, Jessica Jurkowski, Marilyn Grant, Mary Skomal, Michael O'Shea, Pat Voorhes, Susan Vaughn, Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Cathie Finger, Rev Anil Kumar Kakumanu, Cindy Davidson, Cindy Shorey, Roslyn Gunderson, Donna Rish, Donna Rodriguez, Barbara Grathwohl, Chris Young, Elisebeth Price, Jodi Smith, Kathy Fazio, Donna Dischbein, Jennifer Enman, Cindy Davidson

Establishment of having a quorum was confirmed by Secretary, Tisha Ramos-Yarber.

Excused: Marsha Murphy, Pat Musich, Susan Porter, Michelle Stratton, Amy Kennedy, Anne Boyer, Cheryl Johnson, Angela Martinez, Joan Simard, Marcie Downs, Becky Hicks, Dawn Haberkorn, Susan Nielsen, Lydia Farnell, Cleo Mota, Nadia Neumeier, Marie Devereux, Susan Espinoza, Father Ariel

Acceptance of Proposed Agenda: Pat Voorhes asked to add affiliate of the year to the agenda. Susan Vaughn moved that the Proposed Agenda be accepted as amended, Gaylynn Huffman seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda as amended was accepted.

Reading April's Board Meeting Minutes: Gracemarie Belvedere moved that the reading of the October 5, 2024 be suspended. Becky Columbo seconded. Pat Voorhes would like clarification on who her co-chair is. In the October 5, 2024 minutes it is Becky Columbo and on the roster it is Barb Kerouac. Barb Kerouac would like to change the Convention Scholarship from re-establish to replenish the funds, and to clarify the Golden Rose Award since there is no committee or chair. Donna Murphy moved to accept the minutes as amended and Becky Columbo seconded. Minutes will be filed as corrected.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Fr. Ariel (excused), No report on file.

NCCW President Elect Report: Amy Kennedy (excused) Report on file.

San Francisco Immediate Past Province Director Remarks: Jeanne Audiss shared she was honored to be the San Francisco Province Director. She stated the Salt Lake DCCW women are wonderful and dedicated sisters in Christ and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve for us. She attended the convention in Oklahoma City and said what an amazing job Amy Kennedy did putting the program together and that she will be an amazing, inspiring President of National Council. She was proud to see Leylahni Ayon win the Golden Rose Award, how inspiring she is and how well she represented us. National Convention passed four resolutions for our affiliates to focus on in whatever way they can. She spoke about Mary's Garden, created by the Council of Catholic Women at the Basilica in Washington DC and how it was vandalized earlier this year but with donations it is going to be rededicated on June 7th 2025 and invited everyone to attend. She concluded her report asking who will be doing the audit of the province funds, Casey Pond was the Treasurer and would like to propose to the Finance Committee to leave the account open as opposed to trying to reestablish another the next time we provide a Province Director.

Reports of Officers:

President: Carol Harley- Thanked Bonnie Siegrist, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, and Susan Porter for attending and providing DCCW information at the Catholic Conference held in September. She attended and installed the new officers at St. James The Just in Ogden in September, full report is online.

1st VP: Annette Pressley- Spoke about the Catholic Conference, how wonderful it was and how hard it was to decide which sessions to attend with so many choices. By now your CCW should be making plans to celebrate Council Sunday to inform your parish of what it means to be a part of the group. Requests will be coming for the ads for the 2025 convention and having sponsors at different levels to defray costs. This is a good time to put faith into action for the needy and encouraged everyone to join NCCW with so many great resources.

2nd VP: Cynthia Acosta – Spoke on getting ready for the convention and 50/50 raffle.

Secretary: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet, thanked everyone for their reports.

Treasurer: Gaylynn Huffman – Reported on financial activity. She reminded us that when the account was changed over it deleted all the sub-accounts and put it all into one. The Leadership Chair, Maria Devereaux, will need to update the Standing Rules in section 9, DCCW Treasury Funds are now combined in one. Gaylynn motioned to purchase a tablet for \$150 dedicated to the convention, Pat Voorhes has seconded. Jamie Beert is going to research the purchase.

Immediate Past President: Barb Kerouac - Stressed the importance of knowing and following The By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines. She thanked everyone for supporting her as DCCW President. Annette Pressley and Roselyn Gunderson stated the updated Guidelines are not on the webpage. Barb pointed out that they were last revised in 2023 and The Leadership Committee will need to update them.

Historian: Susan Porter – (excused) President Carol Harley spoke on her behalf that if anyone has taken pictures from the NCCW Convention or today's meeting to forward them to Susan Porter. President Harley introduced Chris Young as our new Publicity Chair. She will take care of anything that needs to go into The Intermountain Catholic.

Parliamentarian: Jeanne Audiss- Spoke on proper protocol with addressing President Harley as Madame President when giving your reports. She discussed that the Basic Robert's Rules of Order is not required by organizations but set up to help organizations run smoother meetings and each organization will have to decide whether to use it or create their own, NCCW recommends using Robert's Rules of Order. She suggested reading and understanding the By-Laws.

Reports Deanery Presidents:

Eastern: Becky Columbo – Spoke on behalf of Immediate Past President Pat Musich (excused), who sent information on Leylahni Ayon from Eastern Deanery. She was the winner of the NCCW Golden Rose Award. She received \$795 from donations to cover her costs to attend the NCCW convention and receive her award. The excess donations were put back into the Eastern Deanery account to cover the \$500 airline ticket. Funds were coordinated with Becky Columbo, Pat Musich and Jeanne Audiss, she thanked everyone for the support. Full report on file.

Northern: Cleo Mota – (excused) Report on file.

Salt Lake: Susan Vaughn – Informed everyone that Monsignor Michael Winterer passed away and gave the information on his memorial masses and funeral. She thanked Jeanne Audiss for posting his obituary and doesn't know how long it will take them to get a new Spiritual Advisor, he will be hard to replace. Full report is online.

Southwestern: Mary Skomal – St. George Women's group is having their food drive and had the Mother Teresa memorial service for unborn children.

Wasatch: Gabby Gauchay- Report on File

Reports Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee Chair: Barb Kerouac – Asked if there is a committee and Pat Voorhes stated there must be one appointed. President Harley has lists of the Finance and By-Law Committees and asked if anyone would like to volunteer for Nominating Committee. Pat explained the deanery president should choose one person from their deanery they see fit. President Harley asked the Deanery Presidents to appoint someone, who hasn't served on the nominating committee in the last two years to be on the Nominating Committee. Barb Kerouac explained there can be one at large member from anywhere, President Harley asked if there is anyone that would like to be the At Large on the Nominating Committee. Donna Murphy has volunteered to be the At Large Member.

AWARE Editor: Susan Espinoza (excused) – President Harley spoke on her behalf that she has not received everyone's article for AWARE.

Membership Development: Bonnie Siegrist, Michael O'Shay, Gabby Gauchay – Bonnie Siegrist spoke about when working with unaffiliated Parishes, they are given the NCCW membership brochure the Parish is aware it costs \$100 to affiliate. What they don't know is there may be a possibility of deanery dues on top of that. It was found out Wasatch Deanery is \$150 in addition, Eastern and Northern \$200, Southwestern \$100. They are recommending that each deanery president talk to their affiliates and consider waiving the first year of deanery dues have a year to

experience the deanery before they will need to pay Deanery dues and also gives them time to build up their savings. Deaneries can set their own rules, but it is something to consider. Barb Kerouac stated there are several parishes that are not affiliated and if they can become affiliated without having to pay those extra dues it would be beneficial. Take the opportunity to spread the word about building memberships whether affiliate or personal.

Unfinished Business:

Video Presentation: Gabby Gauchay – Stated she would love to work with the Publicity Chair and reminded us of the vision the bishop has challenged us with, to make a promotional video to distribute across the diocese to let women know what we do and what we're about. The key words in our mission statement have been split up for each of the deaneries. Northern Deanery will be looking for opportunities to showcase Support, Salt Lake Deanery is Empowerment, Wasatch is Education, Southwest is Spirituality, Eastern Deanery is Leadership, and all deaneries are tasked with Service. During events record or take pictures and forward them to her. Susan Vaughn asked if the pictures taken would need a release to be signed if they are going to be made public. It was answered yes. There will be a meeting in November, Gabby suggested talking about it to each of your groups and would like the content by January to present at our convention.

National Eucharistic Congress: President Carol Harley asked if there was anyone that attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis and if they would like to give a brief report. Susan Vaughn attended and said it was fabulous and well attended. When it was time for mass it took the priests, bishops, cardinals and seminarians 20 minutes to process in, mass and adoration was held daily and how moving it was. Next year they would like to hold it in Las Vegas and in 2033'- a bigger one for Jesus' birthday. Jeanne Audiss spoke on the several speakers they had, the procession from the stadium to Indianapolis City where they carried the monstrance with 60,000 in attendance, the monstrance was placed on top of the Veteran Memorial and how impressive how many people were prostrating. She encouraged everyone to go. Susan Vaughn stated that everyone was charged to go out and be a missionary and to become one with one person who is not active in their faith and help them find their way back to church.

2024 NCCW Convention: President Harley informed us that she was not able to attend The National Convention due to her having a heart attack three days before she was to leave and asked if anyone would like to speak that did attend. Gracemarie Belvedere attended for the 1st time and said what a phenomenal experience the whole convention was. Barb Kerouac brought up the singer who performed for the banquet whose guitar was run over on her way home. She sent a thank you note for the generous gift of \$500 she received for the replacement of the guitar. Jeanne Audiss commented that Father Ariel sang at national, having Leylahni was so inspiring, and what an incredible job Amy Kennedy did and how in Orlando she will be installed as President. Kathy Fazio asked to explain what The Golden Rose award. Barb Kerouac explained it is a DCCW award for young woman from the age of 14-21. These young women must exemplify their faith in spirituality, practice, and service to their parish and community. They must meet certain criteria and be nominated by their home CCW. There were 7 applicants, Leylahni was selected as the 2024 DCCW recipient. We submitted her name to NCCW, where she was selected as their recipient. NCCW presents the Golden Rose Award every other year at its annual convention.

Reports Commission Chairs:

Spirituality: Gracemarie Belvedere spoke on the Spirituality Commission starting a project with all women's groups throughout our diocese, building a rosary 8 ft tall, 30 ft long for the convention. She would like pictures of each CCW and women's group doing the rosary, those pictures will be used as a bead for the rosary. She has researched and has counted 48 churches, 20 missions, 3 chapels, 5 stations, 3 Newman centers, 1 monastery, and a cathedral. That is 81 locations, 76 year-round, she will need 59 beads filled and will be reaching out to get their presidents involved. Her goal is to get diocesan wide, to get women to come to convention. The deadline will be the end of January.

Legislative: Donna Murphy – Encouraged everyone to vote, thanked everyone who prayed for her sister-in-law, brother-in-law and to keep her grandson in our prayers. She spoke on the Vice-Presidential debate being more civil than the Presidential debate, to be careful of hurtful things being said and done. She spoke on Pope Francis being vocal about the anti-immigration and abortion stance and as a Catholic to vote your own conscience and try to respect other's opinion even if they don't agree, you've got to have your voice heard and to trust the election process. She mentioned that President Harley and Susan Vaughn are a part of educational forum, Women's State Legislative Council of Utah, which Donna is currently President of. It is a bipartisan group who listen to both sides of bills and look at the pros and cons and write resolutions in support or in opposition. She also spoke on having guns in schools how they fighting to figure out what is the best safety plan, funding for childcare, squatter bills, the Eleanor Roosevelt award that will be given to Senator Luz Escamilla, the 1st immigrant women elected to Utah Legislator. Pray for a peaceful transfer of power. Full report on file.

Audit Report: Jeanne Audiss – Has completed a random check and says it is the cleanest report she has ever been involved in and found no errors anywhere. The Treasurer Rosalyn Gunderson followed all the recommendations that were given last year and was amazing. Report on file

New Business:

NCCW 2025 Elections: President Carol Harley - Spoke on NCCW Election Offices 2025 being open and nominations are being spot for President-Elect, Secretary, and Nominating Committee. Application Deadline is December 15, 2025.

Affiliate of the Year: Pat Voorhes – Asked deanery presidents to encourage their affiliates to send in their award nominations to acknowledge them for all the good they do. Past presidents will review the award nominations. The criteria is on the report on file. Nominations will be accepted February 1st, 2025-March 1st, 2025. Secondly, she thanked everyone for the cards, prayers, masses, and donations to her grandson's foundation with the death of her husband.

Director of Meetings: Jamie Beert – Reminded everyone they will have to make their own hotel reservations for next year's convention. There will be no double rooms available due to the volleyball tournament, every room will be a king room, and we will be given ½ price rate. They are hoping to meet with the hotel in November to get the menu pricing.

DCCW Proposed Budget: Gaylynn Huffman –The finance committee needs to go over the proposed budget before it is presented. President Harley stated no voting on it today. Barb Kerouac asked to add The Golden Rose award under expenses and to bump up the amount for the NCCW advertisement for and silent auction. Susan Vaughn asked where the gift bags come out of, Barb explained it comes out of host deanery account under designated savings fund. Annette Pressley asked where the printing comes out of. Roselyn Gunderson explained it comes out of convention profits.

Audit Committee Volunteers: President Harley asked for volunteers to review the Province Expenditures. Bonnie Siegrist, Jessica Jurkowski, and Roselyn Gunderson volunteered.

Announcements:

Annual Pastoral visit with Bishop Solis will be October 16, 2024 @ 2:30 pm

Box of Joy: National promotes it, up to each parish.

Announced it is Domestic Awareness Violence Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Month of the Rosary, Month for Respect Life and Month for Dignity of Life this will be held at St Vincent de Paul on October 19th 2024 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Jenni Fazio spoke on Christ the King wanting to do prayer shawls and if anyone has that ministry to come talk to her.

Kathy Fazio announced Christ the King Religious Goods store was open.

Correspondence: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – None

Closing Prayer: Gracemarie Belvedere

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Secretary