

## Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

January 25, 2020

Saint Patrick's in Salt Lake City

**Opening Prayer-** Susan Espinoza and Suzie Brown led the opening prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – President Pond led the pledge.

**DCCW Objective/Mission Statement** – All members recited the mission statement.

**Welcome and Introductions** – President Pond introduced the DCCW board members. Cynthia Acosta, President of the Salt Lake Deanery, introduced her Board members and affiliate presidents from the Deanery, as well as her kitchen assistants from St. Pat's: Gloria Cisneros, Suzy Lindsley, the CCW secretary and Janelle Tafoya, the CCW co-president.

**Present:** Cynthia Acosta, Jeanne Audiss, Suzie Brown, Becky Colombo, Delfina Cook, Margaret Cragin, Karan Curtis, Marcie Downs, Susan Espinoza, Ernie Folks, Carol Harley, Becky Hicks, Bobbie Hunt, Barbara Jewkes, Cheryl Johnson, Barbara Kerouac, Mary LeBaron, Angela Martinez, Cleo Mota, Maryanne Mulvihill, Donna Murphy, Marsha Murphy, Pat Musich, Michael O'Shea, Casey Pond, Susan Porter, Patricia Ramos-Yarber, Nancy Reading, Fr. Rene, Bonnie Siegrist

**Guests:** Sophe Derrick, Kathy Fazio, Catherine Finger, Judith Greene, Debra Hansen, Gaylene Huffman, Jessica Jurkowski, Rose Stenho, Erin Stephens, Arda Talbot, Roxann Vredenburg

Fr. Anastasius Iwuoha from St. Patrick's welcomed individual ladies to the parish.

**Establishment of Quorum** – A quorum was present.

**Acceptance of Proposed Agenda** – Two items of change to the agenda are as follows: under New Business, please add Request for NCCW Convention Birthday Cake Sponsorship. Please move the following reports of the standing committee chairs to Unfinished Business, Convention Reports – Director of Meetings, Host Deanery, Sponsorship, Convention Registration and Hotel Reservations. Determining that no additional items were added, Carol Harley motioned to accept the agenda as revised and Barbara Jewkes seconded the motion. It passed.

**Reading of Minutes from September Board Meeting** – Since the meeting minutes and a revision were sent in advance of the meeting, the DCCW secretary reviewed the changes in the revised minutes. An additional change to the spelling of Roxann Vredenburg's name was noted. Michael O'Shea motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes with revisions and Angela Martinez seconded the motion. It passed.

**Spiritual Advisor Remarks** – Fr. Rene noted that he felt out of circulation because of the transition to his new assignment. He is still in the process of adjustment. He thanked for ladies for their prayers.

**NCCW President-Elect Remarks** – Pat Voorhes is excused.

## **Reports of Officers**

President – On-file; Casey Pond reviewed her report on the DCCW convention with the theme “Let Your Light Shine”. Casey read a poem on the work of Christmas.

1<sup>st</sup> vice-president – On-file; Becky Colombo deferred to convention reports.

2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president – On-file; MaryAnne Mulvihill noted the convention keynote speaker will sell her books at the Immaculate Heart sales booth. MaryAnne had a beautiful crucifix for the 50/50 raffle.

Secretary – No report

Treasurer – On-file; Becky Hicks reviewed the financial report. The Bishop has donated \$5,000 to the DCCW.

Immediate Past President – Marcie Downs deferred to the standing committee reports.

Historian – Cleo Mota had nothing to report.

Parliamentarian – On-file; Jeanne Audiss provided a report on motions and noted that Roberts Rules keeps things moving.

## **Reports of Commission Chairs**

Spirituality – Suzi Brown and Susan Espinoza had nothing to report.

Service – Patricia Ramos-Yarber accepted the Service chair position.

Leadership – Barbara Kerouac deferred to the convention report; her report is on-file.

Legislative – Donna Murphy reported on the Utah Legislative session starting on January 27 and ending on March 12. She noted several bills worth our attention: HB90 - mandatory reporting laws for priests; HB93 – the End of Life provision is back (assisted suicide); HB 65 - Abortion amendment bill related to rape.

## **Reports of Deanery Presidents**

Eastern – Karan Curtis; reports on file.

Northern – Barbara Larsen was excused; report on file.

Salt Lake – Cynthia Acosta; report on file.

Southwestern – Mary LeBaron; report on file.

Wasatch – Susan Porter; report on file

## **Reports of Standing Committee Chairs**

Aware – Bonnie Siegrist has the Winter Aware ready; April 1 is the next deadline for the Spring Aware.

Website – Angela Martinez thanked everyone who got the reports in on time; Angela has contacted Xmission about hosting our webpage for free with the proper paperwork, a savings of a couple hundred dollars.

MDR – Amy is excused.

Nominating – Marcie Downs noted that nominations are open for our upcoming year. The slate will be presented at the April board meeting; the deadline is April 1. Marcie is looking for ladies who really want to be involved. If the deaneries do not have representatives for the nominating committee, then the deanery presidents will be the committee representatives.

Finance – Becky Hicks had nothing to report.

Audit – Jeanne Audiss had nothing to report

## **Unfinished Business**

Parliamentary Procedure Workshop – Casey will work with Carol Harley and the presenter to determine a schedule.

San Francisco Province Meeting – When information is available, Margaret will send out the information; the meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 27-29 in Menlo Park, CA.

NCCW Convention Sponsorship – Marcie Downs handed out the application form to the Affiliate and Deanery presidents; she reviewed the history and noted that \$1,000 would be given to each deanery by February 29 for the 100<sup>th</sup> NCCW anniversary meeting. She reviewed expenses for a national convention.

Dues to NCCW – Becky Hicks requested she be notified of dues payments to NCCW. Dues were due on January 1. She will be in touch if an affiliate missed the deadline.

2020 DCCW Convention Update – The convention is April 25-26. The packets are available and Casey handed them out to the Deanery presidents. She reviewed the contents of the packets with the group. Patricia Ramos-Yarber reviewed the service project for the convention, Bringing Comfort to Women in Need. She requested we bring items for women in shelters. A list is enclosed in the convention packet. Contact Trish if you have a specific location in mind for donations.

Director of Meetings – Bobbie Hunt reported on the progress she has made. For the Friday dinner expense, we are trying to keep the cost to \$30. We need at least 35 people for the meeting. Convention attendees should have access to the 10<sup>th</sup> floor “hospitality room” (presidential suite). Dietary requests need to be identified for the WOY dinner. Please let Bobbie know of the speakers’ needs for Audio-Visual in advance. Vendors need to be identified for the room set-up. In February, Bobbie will contact the bus drivers for the ride to mass at the Cathedral.

Room rate - \$116 (single or double), \$126 (3 people); parking in the lot will require parking validation. The hotel meeting is on January 31 and Bobbie will follow up with the hotel staff on parking validations. Installation of officers will be set up according to Marcie’s needs. Becky Hicks is working as the DOM co-chair.

Registration – Cheryl Johnson noted the space for dietary needs and first time attendee on the form; please use one check for registration and one check for hotel from each affiliate.

Hotel – Carol Harley reiterated the room rate as \$116 single/double and \$126 for triple. Please list all guests in each room. She is waiting on pricing/possibility of quad rooms.

Ways and Means – MaryAnne note two items for the raffle/silent auction from each affiliate; MaryAnne will determine which items go to the silent auction. MaryAnne needs to know about large items so she can plan out the space in the room. April 1 is her deadline. Please put a value on your items. Don’t forget about the centerpiece for the tables for the Saturday luncheon.

Convention Program – Becky Colombo will solicit for advertising of previous vendors. She has provided the information for advertising in the convention packet. Annual Reports are needed; Becky will send an email reminder; the deadline is March 15.

Leadership – Barbara Kerouac reviewed the poster session which is in the hall; provide your own easel. The throw down challenge prize is a free package A or B for the drawing at the convention. Sponsorship is available. Contact Barbara with questions.

Resolutions – Jeanne is requesting we submit resolutions now. Her article in the Winter Aware can guide you through the process. Contact Jeanne if you need assistance on writing a resolution.

Sponsorship – Ernie Folks and Nancy Reading explained the two sheets on sponsorship for the convention. Please follow the guidelines. You can fax information to Ernie if you can't email her. The deadline is March 13. Pastors may know ladies who qualify for sponsorship. Nancy asked that we make it a goal to have someone come to the convention on our dime.

Affiliate of the Year – Cheryl Johnson reviewed that the criteria for the Affiliate of the Year as outlined in the convention packet. Please submit forms over the internet, not through the mail. The committee will determine first, second and third place. The winner will be announced at the convention.

Convention Bags – Karan Curtis noted that 150 bags are now done and more are under construction; please remember to send \$50 donations from affiliates and deaneries to Becky Hicks for the host deanery expenses. Becky will email the deaneries on January 27.

Woman Of the Year - Bobbie Hunt noted the form is available and due on March 25.

### **New Business**

Convention Mass Collection – We will give to three recipients from the mass collection: the Carmelites, Catholic Community Services in Northern Utah (Bridging the Gap Program), Tan's Treats (combined with CCS and split equally), and the American Combat Veterans of War.

2020 NCCW Convention – Scheduled for August 26-29 in Arlington, VA, the early bird registration opens February 3 and closes May 31. An ad for the NCCW program book is requested and Becky Colombo will design the ad which is due June 15. Casey read a letter from Pat Voorhes regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. NCCW is requesting sponsorship for the birthday cakes for the NCCW party. Michael O'Shea motioned to approve the expense of \$500 and Cynthia Acosta seconded the motion. It passed.

**Correspondence** – The secretary noted seven Christmas cards, one Thanksgiving card from the Carmelites, and thank you cards from the Inn Between, NCCW, Ronald McDonald House and the Utah Food Bank (donation).

**Announcements** – Casey reminded members to watch for the convention deadlines. Fr. Rene's birthday is today and a cake was presented. Angela Martinez noted that we had a Carmelite nun who took her final vows on Sunday and we lost Sr. Cecilia this week. She thanked everyone for their contributions to the convent. Bobbie noted that Sr. Martha at GMAC is taking over for Sr. Arthur who has been transferred.

**Closing prayer** – The closing prayer was led by Susan and Suzi.

**Adjournment – at 12:45**

**Raffle** – 50/50 will be split with \$86 to be disbursed by Becky Hicks.

**Next meeting** – April 24, 2020 at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel