

MDR Board January 17, 2026
Board Meeting Report
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Happy New Year to all our Sisters in Council!

Since the November Board Meeting, the MDR team hasn't been active. Although like everyone, we have still been busy with the holidays, our families, our parishes, and our CCW's.

With that said, we have a few suggested reminders for deanery presidents:

With the start of a new calendar year, we encourage all deanery presidents to remind affiliates to make a plan with their women and actually set goals for the year. It's important everyone feels they have a voice in their Council meetings and events. Increasing membership should be at the forefront, as well as fulfilling your mission statement. Communicate. Everyone's time is valuable, so in order to insure good meeting attendance, send reminders, and make sure meetings are interesting, well-run, and welcoming.

We also ask deanery presidents to remind and encourage affiliates to review and update their bylaws and standing rules, and make sure their officers and board members all have read them. Whether they have five actives or twenty, this should be done every two years. These assure well-run organizations and everyone has a voice.

Additionally, we continue to encourage deanery presidents to stay in contact with their unaffiliated parishes. Invite them to your meetings and continue to offer them DCCW's help and support.

We will again have an info table at the DCCW Convention in April. We look forward to seeing everyone there!