

Minutes
April 25th, Meeting
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: Little America Hotel – Salt Lake City, Utah

President Annette Pressley called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Opening Prayer: Gracemarie Belvedere and Teri Miller, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions: President Pressley read the DCCW Mission Statement and acknowledged Pat Voorhes and Amy Kennedy as NCCW officers and welcomed all the Immediate Past Presidents.

In attendance for the meeting were: Amy Kennedy, Angela Martinez, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Columbo, Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Casey Pond, Cheryl Johnson, Chris Young, Cynthia Acosta, Donna Kushlan, Donna Murphy, Elisebeth Price, Emily Craven, Gabby Gauchay, Gaylynn Huffman, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jennifer Streker, Jessica Jurkowski, Joan Simard, Judy Mellott, Julie Carlin, Lydia Farnell, Marcie Downs, Margaret Sanchez, Maria Devereux, Marilyn Granato, Mary Skomal, Michael O'Shea, Mindi Allen, Missy Corcoan, Monica Rich, Natalie Fraser, Pat Musich, Pat Voorhes, Reinette Schultz, Robin Marvive, Roslyn Gunderson, Stacey Oliveto, Susan Espinoza, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn, Teri Miller, Tisha Ramos-Yarber

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

Acceptance of the Agenda: President Annette Pressley asked if there are any corrections or additions to the agenda and motioned to approve the agenda. Robin Marvive moved that the Proposed Agenda be accepted, Michael O'Shea seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda was accepted.

Reading of January's & 2024 Convention Minutes: President Annette Pressley motioned to dispense the reading of the minutes. Donna Murphy motioned, Jeanne Audiss seconded, and the motion passed. President Pressley asked if there are any changes to the dispensed minutes starting with the Convention Minutes. Barb Kerouac spoke on the typos found and to remove the following under the Credentials Reports: Emerald Level Sponsor, EWTN, The Pregnancy Resource Center, Eucharistic Miracles display, and NCCW information volunteer signup sheet. Change vendor's name from Immaculate Religious Goods to Madeline Religious Goods and under Resolutions: correct there are only two resolutions for 2024 instead of four for 2023. President Pressley stated the Convention minutes will be filed as amended.

She asked if there are any corrections to the January 18th minutes. No corrections needed. She stated the minutes will be filed as written.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Fr. Ariel greeted everyone with a Happy Easter and commented on the mourning in the passing of Pope Francis, to continue celebrating the joy of Jesus' resurrection. It is that time of year where the women of faith are gathered to share our experiences of the world. He hopes and prays that this convention will be fruitful, and we may always grow in our knowledge not only of the faith but also the mission God has given us and to remember we are people of Jordan, people that hope and look forward to prosperous years ahead of us. He thanked everyone and said to enjoy the convention and be kind to one another.

NCCW President Elect Remarks: Amy Kennedy spoke on BIFF which stands for brief, informative, friendly, but firm. She greeted everyone with a good evening and stated she will give her full report at Convention.

San Francisco Province Director Remarks: Jeanne Audiss deferred until Convention to speak on behalf of Kathryn Parish-Reese.

Reports of Officers:

President: Annette Pressley – Asked to remind everyone to look at the convention evaluations and survey forms in their convention bags, these are important forms and encouraged everyone to fill out the green form to gather input to change and update our convention.

1st VP: Susan Porter- Stated she will give out the annual report and explained the advertising with having 30 full page ads, 30 half page ads and 13 quarter ads and just a few of those were compensated or reimbursed due to being missed in last year's program, some also chose to donate the money to the scholarship fund. Thirty-five of the seventy-three ads were from businesses or organizations and 2/3 of the businesses are from the Helper/Price area. She then thanked everyone who met their deadlines.

Secretary: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Reminded everyone to sign the attendance list and that there will be a new format to the roster that will be discussed in new business.

Treasurer: Gaylynn Huffman – Nothing to report.

Immediate Past President: Barb Kerouac – Stated to have a wonderful convention and be kind.

President Pressley reminded everyone to raise pressing points only as needed, you can report if you hold different positions or defer to convention. She announced and thanked Father Ariel and Bishop Solis for the new Spiritual Advisors: Father Shumway for Salt Lake, Father Joven Opalda for Eastern and Father David Bittmenn for Southwest Deaneries. Welcome letters were sent to each from DCCW and installation for them will take place at a deanery meeting. She reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the following meetings on June 7th hosted by the Eastern Deanery at St. James the Greater in Vernal, Northern Deanery September 6th, and November 8th Wasatch Deanery.

New Business:

President Pressley explained the different reports for positions. The annual report is once a year and covers the period from April to April, the time in between the convention of one year and the next. The AWARE is our official newsletter and is published three times a year Spring, Fall, and Winter and should cover events since your last AWARE report. This notice comes from the AWARE editor, Susan Espinoza. DCCW Board reports will be requested as part of the Call to Meeting and will cover events since your last report. She discussed that because we had all the corrections to the 2024 Convention Meeting Minutes and are printed in the annual report, we will begin the process of reviewing the 2025 Convention Minutes at the June meeting to have accurate minutes for the 2025 annual report at next convention. She mentioned that it is not in the by-laws to wait until the following April meeting to be approved. She stated anyone who is an active member or President of CCW should have received an email to vote for NCCW President, Secretary, and nominating committee. Voting is open April 1st through May 1st. She also stated registration is open for the 2025 NCCW Convention August 19th through the 23rd. This will be a special time since Amy Kennedy will become President of NCCW. In the past DCCW has placed an ad in the NCCW Convention program. Barb Kerouac made a motion to put a full-page ad in the program, Donna Murphy seconded. Motion passed. Pat Voorhes volunteered to place the ad.

President Pressley discussed the upcoming changes to the roster will now contain the parish each person belongs to. She presented that a new working committee will be created to look at changes to the convention, different places, different formats to make it more pleasing and relatable to everyone and asked to submit your deanery rep to Jamie Beert who has volunteered to chair this committee. She called on the Deanery Presidents to keep current on their NCCW dues there have been several instances DCCW Affiliates have been in arrears with their dues which has caused issues with the candidates for Affiliate of the Year and Golden Rose Award. A master sheet was created by Gabby Gauchay to keep track of the deaneries and dues. Jeanne Audiss stated there are no guidelines for the diocese for The Golden Rose Award and to have that parish affiliate be current on their fees and suggested she contact the members from this year's Golden Rose to get a summary or compilation of their suggestion

Director of Meetings Co-Chair: Jamie Beert instructed everyone on the process of parking and leaving the hotel, she will have a volunteer to give out validations.

Treasurer: Gaylynn Huffman stated she has checks for the people for flowers and President Pressley reminded everyone to get their receipts to Gaylynn ASAP after convention and mentioned we will be closing the account through Wells Fargo.

Woman of The Year Co-Chair - Jennifer Streker and Margaret Sanchez thanked everyone who helped them and spoke on the process for the Deanery Presidents at the Woman of The Year banquet.

Pat Musich explained the Deanery Presidents should be on the buses first for mass at The Cathedral.

Gracemarie Belvedere explained she will have the prayer intentions ready for the Deanery Presidents at the mass.

MDR: President Pressley spoke on behalf of Gabby Gauchay on the promotional video. She did not have enough responses to create a video that the Bishop asked for but is willing to move forward on this.

Correspondence: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – None

Announcements:

- Father Ariel reminded everyone about confessions. Brief, precise and direct to the point.
- President Pressley and Gracemarie Belvedere reminded everyone to place their prayers in the basket of the prayer room. They will be placed on the altar at The Cathedral.
- **Prayers Needed:** Robin Marvive asked for prayers for Father Dominic who has moved to Seattle.
- **Closing Prayer:** Gracemarie Belvedere
- **Next Meeting:** June 7th 2025, St. James the Greater, Vernal

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Secretary