

Minutes
January 18, Meeting
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: St. Vincent de Paul-Holladay, Utah

President Annette Pressley call the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Opening Prayer: Father Sam and Marilyn Granato, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions: President Pressley read the DCCW Mission Statement and thanked St. Vincent de Paul for hosting.

In attendance for the meeting were: Amy Kennedy, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Barbara Jewkes, Becky Columbo, Bonnie Siegrist, Brandy Farmer, Carol Harley, Cathie Finger, Chris Young, Cleo Mota, Cynthia Acosta, Dawn Haberkorn, Donna Kushlan, Donna Murphy, Elisebeth Price, Emmie Atzet, Gabby Gauchay, Gaylynn Huffman, Georgia Nichols, Jacquie Bergstrom, Jeanne Audiss, Jennifer Enman, Jennifer Streker, Jessica Jurkowski, Joan Simard, Julie Carlin, Margaret Sanchez, Maria Devereux, Marilyn Granato, Michael O'Shea, Mindi Allen, Monica Rich, Natalie Fraser, Olga Salas, Pat Voorhes, Reinette Schultz, Robin Marvive, Roslyn Gunderson, Stacey Oliveto, Susan Espinoza, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn, Teri Miller, Tisha Ramos-Yarber

Quorum: Establishment of not having a quorum at this time was confirmed by Parliamentarian, Jeanne Audiss.

Excused: Father Ariel, Angela Martinez, Anne Boyer, Cheryl Johnson, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jamie Beert, Jenni Fazio, Judy Hoskins, Lydia Farnell, Marcie Downs, Michelle Stratton, Pat Musich, Susan Nielsen, SW Deanery

Acceptance of the Agenda: President Annette Pressley asked if there are any changes and said reading of the minutes will be deferred to later in the meeting. Unclear who motioned and seconded.

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

NCCW President Elect Remarks: Amy Kennedy thanked NCCW for their support for the March for Life events in each parish. She spoke on the opportunity to gather for virtual "Member Call" meetings for NCCW and explained the benefits and resources are found on the NCCW website with being individual members of NCCW. She reminded everyone about Mary's Garden campaign, which ends in May and to keep in mind when organizing council and fundraising events to share the proceeds to support this campaign which blesses so many people who visit the national shrine in Washington D.C.

Reports of Officers:

President: Annette Pressley - Announced the installation of Susan Porter as First Vice President, President Elect. Barb Kerouac and Amy Kennedy performed the installation. She expressed with the role of Carol Harley stepping down as President and the passing of Becky Hicks she has been overwhelmed with the upcoming convention and thanked everyone for their support.

1st VP: Susan Porter- Accepted position of First Vice President, President Elect. She thanked everyone who encouraged her to take this position. She spoke on the programs, materials, and annual reports on the DCCW website and solicited advertising for the program.

Secretary: Tisha Ramos-Yarber – Reported there are 25 documents total in the emails sent out and reminded everyone to print them out as they will only be printed as requested. She encouraged everyone to share the information with all women of their parishes and to contact her through the DCCW secretary email.

Ways and Means, 2nd VP: Cynthia Acosta – Reminded everyone to contact her for items for silent auction. She organized a committee and asked for help from anyone who previously supported Tish to meet with her after the meeting.

Treasurer: Gaylynn Huffman – Stated the financial activity is small at this time. President Annette Pressley spoke on the check on hold at the hotel that has not been deposited or cashed, and mentioned the Diocesan contribution of \$5000 has not been received.

Immediate Past President: Barb Kerouac – Report online, she encouraged the affiliates to donate to the scholarship fund for convention. She thanked her nominating committee for bringing forth candidates for 1st Vice President.

Reading October & November's 2024 Board Meeting Minutes: President Annette Pressley asked if there is a quorum at this time. Establishment of a quorum was confirmed. She motioned to dismiss the readings of October and November 2024 minutes and asked if there are any changes. Bonnie Siegrist asked to change the wording in November's minutes from all savings accounts to savings account under Membership Development. President Pressley stated the minutes will be filed as amended.

Reports Commission Chairs:

Spirituality: Gracemarie Belvedere (excused) report on file.

Service: Monica Rich stated to contact her for any donations for the service projects. Report and ads on file.

Leadership: Marie Devereux encouraged participation to design a poster for the Poster Session and the Throwdown Challenge to increase affiliate registrations.

Reports Commission Chairs (cont):

Legislative: Donna Murphy reported on the upcoming Legislative Session and her role as President of Utah's Women's State Legislative Council with Carol Harley as Treasurer and Brandy Farmer as 1st Vice President and how they are working with our legislatures on Capitol Hill hearing both sides of issues and finding resolutions, which the membership body votes on. They advocate mostly for Catholic issues, and encouraged Catholics to continue to reach out to the legislatures or representatives on bills you feel passionate about. She reminded everyone about the March for Life and prayed for the new administration with the upcoming transfer of power.

Historian: Susan Porter – Nothing to report.

Reports Deanery Presidents:

Eastern: Becky Columbo (has not arrived) – Report on file.

Northern: Cleo Mota – Reported Margaret Sanchez will be new CCW President for St. Mary's.

Salt Lake: Susan Vaughn – Announced St. Olaf's Spring Luncheon and St. Vincent de Paul's Bunco Saturday. Tickets are available for both. Full report online.

Southwestern: Mary Skomal – (excused) No report on file.

Wasatch: Gabby Gauchay- Report on file

Reports Standing Committees:

Finance: Gaylynn Huffman – Confirmed Fr. Martin Diaz will attend Saturday nights convention and reminded each affiliate to donate towards the cost of convention bags.

AWARE Editor: Susan Espinoza – Reminded everyone to turn in their AWARE reports.

MDR: Bonnie Siegrist – Nothing new to report, report on file.

Nominating Committee Chair: Barb Kerouac – Stated she will be asking for volunteers for next year's Nominating Committee.

Scholarship: Jessica Jurkowski – Reminded everyone scholarship forms are online and encouraged everyone to apply and that it does not include hotel.

Affiliate of the Year: Pat Voorhes – Report on file. Reminded everyone nominations are by email and are open February 1, 2025 until March 1, 2025.

Golden Rose Award: Jeanne Audiss - Nothing new to report.

Director of Meetings: Marcie Downs and Jamie Beert (excused)– Report online. President Annette Pressley mentioned the information on the cost of the packages and room rates are included in the packets. The poster session will be moved to the ballroom for better viewing.

Unfinished Business:

Promotional Video: Gabby Gauchay – Reported the due date is today, Eastern & Wasatch Deaneries turned in their videos. Reminded deaneries to contact her with any information needed and thanked everyone's participation.

Spiritual Advisor Update: Father Ariel (excused) – President Annette Pressley said an update is needed on Spiritual Advisors for deaneries.

2025 DCCW Convention Update: President Annette Pressley – Mentioned everyone should have received all the documents in the Convention packet via email and emphasized the biggest change this year are the hotel reservations being done on an individual basis. She mentioned Anne Boyer will not be in attendance for convention but has coordinated all plans for the mass. President Pressley asked about the size of the Welcome Ad for the Program half page or full page. Barb Kerouac motioned it be a full page ad, Pat Voorhes seconded, motion passed. She asked Chris Young to place an ad in Intermountain Catholic by the deadline of March 1st welcoming and encouraging attendance. Marilyn Granato spoke on behalf of Gracemarie Belvedere for Spirituality on the different categories that will be in the prayer room being Tree of Blessings, Vocations, Carlos Acutis, Inspirational, Healing and Illness, Adoration, and Memorial for the Lost Loved Ones. To have the prayers from your parish emailed to Gracemarie Belvedere and has packets for the Deanery Presidents she will hand out. President Pressley reminded everyone that in the past we have asked affiliates for a voluntary donation toward convention bags. Host Deanery: Susan Vaughn mentioned she will need the numbers of people helping with registration, assisting with the hotel and directing people boarding the buses, collecting tickets at the door, raffle and silent auction and to fill in spots where needed.

Intermountain Catholic Council Sunday Ad: Chris Young - Stated we have a credit for overpayment and discussed the size and budget. Donna Murphy motioned for a ¼ page ad at \$230 and around the diocese, Maria Devereaux seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

Mass Collection Distribution Proposals: President Annette Pressley – Stated we have always given a portion of our collection for the mass to the Cathedral. Last year's donations was given to the Jordan Clinic and The Inn Between. Two organizations need to be selected for this year. She mentioned she received a letter from the BYU/UVU Newman House, a small community of Catholics requesting to come explain their organization. She asked to consider making the donation to them for their scholarship fund to further their endeavors. Monica Rich explained they also have these organizations at Weber State and University of Utah and mentioned they are in the beginning stages and need assistance establishing meeting setups and material. Pat Voorhes suggested giving to Mary's Garden, Jeanne Audiss explained Mary's Garden was established by NCCW and spoke on the vandalism of Mary's statue and suggested we give to the new statue that will be dedicated in June. Donna Murphy suggested giving to the American Combat Veterans of War (ACVOW) an organization at the VA Hospital for veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress, homelessness, and mental health. President Pressley asked by a raise of hands of officers, affiliate presidents, board members, deanery presidents, and board reps to vote on each organization of your choice twice Gaylynn Huffman counted votes, and President Pressley reported this year's donations will be for

New Business (cont):

Cathedral of the Madeleine, BYU/UVU Newman House and Mary's Garden. She reminded everyone to turn in speaker approvals from the diocese and finance committee reimbursement forms to be turned into Gaylynn so checks will be ready for convention. She asked for host parishes for the upcoming June 7th, September 6th, and November 8th meetings. June will be Northern Deanery, September will be Eastern Deanery, and November Wasatch Deanery. Barb Kerouac mentioned the September meeting always falls on the same date as the Give Me a Chance fundraiser. She proposed the Northern Deanery be changed to the fall meeting and Eastern Deanery take the summer meeting. It would have to be changed in the by-laws, President Pressley verified with the standing rules it can be voted on. Pat Voorhes motioned the June 7th meeting to be changed to the Eastern Deanery and September 6th meeting to the Northern Donna Murphy seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- January Respect for Life Events –
January 24th, Mass for the Unborn and Ceremony of Lights at the Cathedral
January 25th, Utah March for Life with praying rosary at Utah State Capitol
January 26th, Diocesan bilingual rosary for life at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery
- Reminder to sign attendance sheet
- 50/50
- **Prayers Needed:** President Annette Pressley – Asked to keep in our thoughts and prayers the people affected by the California wildfires. Robin Marvive asked for prayers for her nephew who needs a heart transplant and Carol Harley asked for prayers for her nephew who is suffering from cancer.
- **Correspondence:** Tisha Ramos-Yarber – None
- **Closing Prayer:** Marilyn Granato
- **Next Meeting:** April 25th, Little America Hotel 6:30 pm

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Secretary