

KDCCW 2017 CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING

May 4-6, 2017

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

The 2017 Convention of the KDCCW was called to order at 3:06 P.M at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church on May 5, 2017, by President, Pat Ryan. President Ryan led the members and guests in the Salute to the Cross, Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the NCCW Mission Statement.

Before the Business Meeting progressed, Parliamentarian, Eileen Widmer reported that as there were no new Resolutions to be voted on, there would be no voting cards. The only Resolutions on the Agenda are the Courtesy Resolutions and the KDCCW Board elected not to have voting cards but to vote by show of hands or verbal voting at the appropriate time during the Business Meeting.

Roll Call of the Deaneries was taken by Acting Secretary, Gigi Chasey:

Chattanooga:

Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul	0	St. Bridget	1
Holy Spirit	2	St. Catherine Laboure	1
Shepherd of the Valley	1	St. Jude	1
St. Augustine	0	St. Therese of Lisieux	0

Cumberland Mountain:

All Saints	5	St. John Neumann	0
Blessed Sacrament	2	St. Joseph	10
St. Alphonsus	4	St. Mary's	9
St. Francis of Assisi-Fairfield G.	6	St. Therese	9
St. Thomas the Apostle	4		

Five Rivers:

Church of the Good Shepherd	2	Holy Trinity	5
St. Michael the Archangel	0	St. Patrick	3
St. John Paul II Mission	0	Notre Dame	13

Smoky Mountain:

Cathedral of Sacred Heart	5	Holy Cross	5
Holy Ghost	12	Immaculate Conception	0

Our Lady of Fatima	20	St. Francis of Assisi-Townsend	2
St. John XXIII	1	St. Joseph the Worker	2
St. Mary	4		

Acting Secretary, Gigi Chasey, reported that the Minutes of the 2016 Spring Board Meeting and of the 2016 Convention are both on line and have been approved.

Treasurer, Amelia Sweeney, reported the KDCCW account is in sound financial shape. If anyone had a specific question, she would be happy to meet with them. President Ryan explained that the KDCCW is subsidized by our Bishop, and we are appreciative of his support of our Catholic Women Councils.

Deanery President's Reports:

Chattanooga: Julie Bomar explained they had focused on a Day of Reflection held at Shepherd of the Valley with Msgr. Al officiating. There was Adoration, Benediction, Chaplet of the Devine Mercy. She thanked the past Officers and announced the Officers-Elect.

Cumberland: Gerri Anne Mason confirmed that her full report was in the program, but she wanted to thank her Board for their dedication and hard work. She reported that their Deanery had such fun activities such as a Chinese Auction and a Barber Shop Quartet performing at one of their meetings. They, also, had a beautiful Day of Reflection.

Five Rivers: Anne Wharton thanked the ladies for their efforts in hosting the 2016 Convention. Anne reported that this Deanery has only four active affiliates which made the effort more challenging. Her full report is in the Program. She welcomed the Deanery's new officers: Pres. – Michele Ronse; V.P. – Aimee Place; Secretary—Helen Schwintosky; and Treasurer—Donna Dunn.

Smoky Mountain: Lisa Morris thanked all ladies of the Deanery for their months of hard work in hosting the 2017 Convention. She especially thanked Sr. Yvette and Our Lady of Fatima parish for all of the work and having the Convention at their parish. Her full report is in the Program.

NCCW Province Director: Helen Davis reported on the Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. where discussions were about women helping others; specifically the Purse Project to assist those wanting to enter the religious life, Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence and showing women how to empower other ladies across our Nation. Helen also introduced the new 2017-2019 Province Director, Diane Nance, from Nashville.

Commission Reports:

Leadership: Emily Knoch's excellent report is in the Program. She spoke on efforts to fight Human Trafficking--- that knowledge of the problem is one of the keys to solving it.

Legislative: Mary Catherine Willard reported that Randy McMillan of St. Mary's is the first Catholic Speaker of the House and how important that is for Catholics here in Tennessee. She encouraged all of the ladies to get to know their representative. She has all of the information for our Council in the Commission Room.

Service: No Report

Spirituality: Lucy Brown spoke on “The Secret Place” which she initiated two years ago. There are papers and binders for this project in the Commission Room. She thanked the ladies for their encouragement and was happy to inform the ladies that she will continue with the Secret Place on her own website, thanks to Judy Collins.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Hafner detailed the distribution of the 82 cards she has mailed to Bishops, Priests, Deacons, present and former Board Members since the 2016 Convention: 16 birthday; 21 Christmas; 31 congratulatory; 6 get well; 8 sympathy. She has not received any correspondence to report.

Membership: Judy Trochelman informed the Council that anyone can go on line to the NCCW website and find when their membership will be due. The membership has risen from 53 in January, 2017 to 67 at the present time. Dues for National are only \$50 annually.

Public Relations: Kathy Hundley reported on the TV interview with Sally Jackson by Jim Wogan and advised that she had the link for this interview for anyone who wished to view it. Kathy also advised that the East Tennessee magazine would have full coverage of this Convention, complete with pictures, in the next issue.

E-Mail Secretary: Aimee Place asked that all e-mails to be sent out contain their name and the parish name at the top of their request. There are several parishes with the same name. She suggested that each parish appoint their own e-mail secretary who would forward to her the information to be distributed—not individual members sending her e-mails. Aimee will remain E-Mail Secretary for 2017-2019.

Web Mistress: Judy Collins will remain as Web Mistress and has requested reports and changes in e-mail addresses to be sent directly to her. All reports and information are posted on the KDCCW website.

Training: Sally Jackson encouraged the ladies to dwell on the NCCW Mission Statement and insert the name of their parish instead of NCCW’s. She reported that we are all about envision, new commitments, new possibilities and new adventures.

Historian: Joan Rowe informed the ladies that the Historian Binder for 2015-17 is in the Commission Room which illustrates the happenings for various parishes and the KDCCW during her term. She invited each parish to appoint their own Historian, who would then forward to the 2017-2019 KDCCW Historian their Council’s activities.

Nominating Committee: Patty Johnson thanked the Committee for their hard work in selecting a new slate of Officers for 2017-2019 and then introduced the Officers-Elect: President, Karen Vacaliuc; V. P., Julie Bomar; Secretary, Gigi Chasey; Treasurer, Amelia Sweeney. She also reported that she was on the NCCW Committee to review the Resolutions to be presented at the 2017 National Convention. This Committee has met and has sent their recommendations to the NCCW Board for their perusal and approval.

Old Business: None reported.

2017 Convention: Sr. Yvette reported on the number of attendees at the Convention: Total Attendees—147; Thursday—146; Friday—116; Saturday—105. She thanked the staff and the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Fatima for their dedication and hard work to make this convention a success.

Resolutions: Marilyn Hafner read each of the Courtesy Resolutions; President, Pat Ryan called for an oral vote. All Courtesy Resolutions passed.

There was no further Old Business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: 2018 Convention. Julie Bomar from the Chattanooga Deanery reported the 2018 KDCCW Convention would be held at St. Stevens Parish on April 12-14, 2018. Details will be available later. The suggested theme is “Be Like Mary.” She encouraged everyone to put these dates on their calendar now and plan to attend.

Special Announcements:

Gerri Anne Mason announced that on May 18, 2017, St. Francis of Assisi-Fairfield Glade, will be hosting Tom Peterson, President of “Catholics Come Home.” Time is 2-3:30 PM at their Parish. Tom Peterson has brought back over quarter million Catholics to our Faith. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

St. Yvette announced that on Saturday, May 13, 2017, Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be hosting a Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima.

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Dan reflected how he became involved with CCW many years ago and how much he believes in CCW at all levels. He shared that CCW is universal—not just one parish but all CCW’s throughout the Nation. He encouraged the ladies to reach out and invite others to attend the Conventions because there is so much more to share and be a part of over and above those at the Parish level.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Dan gave the closing prayer for the 2017 KDCCW Convention.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 4:48 PM.

