

KDCCW SPRING BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2017

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

The Knoxville Council of Catholic Women met at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church on May 4, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President, Pat Ryan at 1:08 PM who led the membership and guests in the Salute to the Cross, Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer, The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the NCCW Mission Statement.

Roll Call was taken and the following people were present:

Fr. Dan Whitman	Marilyn Hafner
Pat Ryan	Joan Rowe
Karen Vacaliuc	Cathy Hundley
Amelia Sweeney	Judy Trochelman
Gerri Anne Mason	Julie Bomar
Anne Wharton	Lisa Morris
Emily Knoch	Nicki Kapolka
Mary Catherine Willard	Gigi Chasey
Lucy Brown	Sr. Yvette
Eileen Widmer	Helen Davis
Judy Collins	Ann Respass
Aimee Place	Linda Lambert
Sally Jackson	Patricia Ford
Suzanne Erpenbach	Patty Johnson

The Following were excused:

MJ Uhlik	Bernadette Moughamer
Cam King	Jane Carter

The following were absent:

Donna Dunn

Martha Green

Ann Dennis

Shirley Riehl

The following were Guests:

Catherine Dietzman

Mary Jo Koory

Janice Michael

Ilene Rainwater

Mary Wilson

Rosa Perez

Clarise Palcone

Lucy Brown, Spiritual Chairperson, led the members and guests in an opening reflection.

Before any other business, Parliamentarian, Eileen Widmer, made the motion that we dispense with the Rules of Convention and voting cards for the 2017 Convention regarding the Courtesy Resolutions. Motion seconded by Gerri Anne Mason, discussed and passed.

Acting Secretary, Gigi Chasey, explained that the minutes from the Sept. 17, 2016 Board Meeting were on line and have been approved.

Treasurer's Report was given to each member, discussed and approved as amended. Budget for 2017-2018 was approved. A motion was made by Amelia Sweeney and seconded by Linda Lambert to raise the monies for the Province Director to \$3,000. After discussion, the motion passed. A motion was then made by Sally Jackson and seconded by Julie Bomar to give \$750 to our current Director, Helen Davis. Motion was discussed and passed.

Audit Committee: Joyce Welsh volunteered to audit the 2016-2017 Treasurer's Account. A motion was made by Karen Vacaliuc to accept Joyce Welsh as the Auditor for the 2016-2017 Treasurer's Account and it was seconded by Gerri Anne Mason. Motion passed.

Deanery Reports:

Chattanooga: MJ Uhlik was absent and no report given at the Board Meeting but was to be given at the Convention Business Meeting.

Cumberland:

Geri Anne Mason gave her report and thanked all of her officers for their hard work and also the experience of Patty Johnson and others who help her tremendously. She mentioned all

of the activities they have done and are in the midst of doing. Tom Peterson will speak at their parish on May 18, 2017 on Catholics Come Home and everyone is invited.

Five Rivers:

Anne Wharton explained that not all of their affiliate Parishes are active. Officers for 2017-2019 are: Michelle Ronsse--Pres., Aimee Place--V.P., Helen Schwintosky--Sec., and Donna Dunn—Treasurer.

Smoky Mountain:

Lisa Morris thanked the Lady of Fatima Parish and especially Sr. Yvette for all of the hard work they have put into the Convention to make it a complete success. Their Deanery has also been very active and all their activities are listed in her report which is also on line.

NCCW Province Director:

Helen Davis shared her experiences and also her meetings with the various Bishops and was pleased with the cooperation of most of them, especially Bishop Stika. She reminded all of us of Bishop Stika's commitment to the Handmaids of the Precious Blood. Helen Davis reminded the Board of the importance of making sure whenever we speak on Human Rights that we not only bring it to others attention but to have and distribute the correct phone numbers, etc.

Commission Reports:

Leadership: Emily Knoch told of the coalition from KDCCW who have attended various organizations who are fighting Human Trafficking and invited these organizations to speak with KDCCW.

Legislative: Mary Catherine Willard reported that the Anti Abortions Bill had just passed yesterday (May 4) and was the hard work of Randy McNally, who is the first Catholic Speaker of the House and is a member of St. Mary's. She encouraged all of us to know and be in contact with all of our local Representatives and Senators, especially on items concerning our Catholic faith and beliefs.

Service: No report given.

Spirituality: Lucy Brown spoke on the Secret Place and informed the Board that thanks to Judy Collins, she now has her own web page and she will continue all of her endeavors for the Secret Place for the Knoxville Diocese. Lucy Brown thanked the Board for their assistance during her two-year term and looked forward to continuing the Secret Place.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Hafner told of the 82 cards she has sent out since our last Convention— Bishops, many priests, deacons, seminarians, former Board members. These have consisted of: birthday cards, congratulation cards, get well cards and sympathy cards. There were no correspondences to read at this time.

Membership: Judy Trochelman reported NCCW current Membership was 67, up from 53 in January, 2017. Judy Trochelman reported that anyone can go online to the NCCW website and find their correct renewal date. Membership cost is only \$50 annually.

Public Relations: Cathy Hundley reported that Jim Woogan did a TV interview with Sally Jackson about the Convention and they also covered some other items. East Catholic magazine will be at the convention and will provide a write up for the Convention in the next issue.

E-Mail Secretary: Aimee Place again requested anyone sending her anything to go out as an e-mail to have their name and parish on the top line. There are several parishes with the same name and it is confusing. Also, each Deanery should have their own e-mail secretary and not everything from each Deanery should be sent to Aimee Place to be forwarded.

Web Mistress: Judy Collins notified everyone that she always keeps the links to the various reports on the website. However, if we do not send her any changes of addresses or e-mail addresses, she cannot guarantee everyone will receive notifications or reports. She thanked Lucy Brown for editing her posts. She will continue on as Web Mistress.

Training: Sally Jackson encouraged all of us to reach out to anyone we might not know and welcome them, sit with them and encourage them to be involved and to consider joining NCCW.

Historian: Joan Rowe has put together a notebook for the last two years and it is in the Commission Room. She encourages all affiliates to please send to the new Historian information on everything they do, along with pictures if possible. She suggested that each affiliate appoint a Historian for their Council who will then forward to the KDCCW Historian that Council's events. She has enjoyed her two year term and thanked those who helped her.

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 Convention Chairpersons: Sr. Yvette reported there were 167 attendees to the convention:

Thursday—146 Friday--116 Saturday – 105 She also explained that the collections at the various Masses and functions were listed and President Ryan said she had the list for them.

Nominating Committee: Chairperson, Patty Johnson read off the names of the Officers-Elect and explained they would be installed during the Saturday Mass. President—Karen Vacaliuc; V.P. – Julie Bomar; Secretary—Gigi Chasey; and Treasurer—Amelia Sweeney. She thanked the Committee for their hard work and said each of them played an important part. Assisting Patty was Judy Trochelman, Judy Collins and Cam King.

NEW BUSINESS:

KDCCW Gift to the Cathedral: Each Deanery donated \$250, totally \$1,000.00. President Ryan said that at the Smoky Mountain Deanery Meeting they had decided to donate an additional \$300, totally \$1,300 in that account. Lisa Morris explained that there were several gift ideas, such as a frame for a Station of the Cross, Votive Candles & Stand (Blue for our Blessed Mother). Pat Ryan explained the Stations would be the same as are presently in the Cathedral; however, we would be supply the beautiful frame for a station. A motion was made that a Committee be formed consisting of Pat Ryan, Lisa Morris, and Karen Vacaliuc, to make the decision on exactly which gift the Board would give. Motion passed. Lisa Morris explained that the Station of the Cross frame was \$1,500 and the Votive Stand was \$1,000 for a total cost of \$2500. That would leave a shortage of \$1200 to purchase the above mentioned gifts. A motion was made by Anne Wharton and seconded by Julie Bomar that the Board match the \$1300 already budgeted for a gift and that we purchase the frame for the Station of the Cross and the Votive Candle & Stand. After much discussion, Karen Vacaliuc “Called for Question” to end the discussion. Motion passed. Then a vote was taken on the main motion made by Anne Wharton. That motion passed. The Committee that was just formed did agree to this motion and it would be presented to Bishop Stika at the Banquet Thursday evening.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2018 KDCCW CONVENTION: Will be held at St. Stevens in Chattanooga on April 12-14.

President Pat Ryan thanked Smoky Mountain Deanery for hosting this year's Convention and recognized how hard they have all worked. She also thanked her Board for all they have done to make her term an enjoyable one and that all have done a wonderful job. She wanted to especially thank Fr. Dan for all of his support and help. He has always been there for her to assist and guide her through her term.

She said she appreciated all of the Board's support and it has been an honor for her to be the President for the last 2 years.

FR. DAN'S COMMENTS:

He, too, thanked all of the Board and President Ryan for all of their hard work and dedication. He mentioned that "We are Companions on a Journey" and gifted to each other... how we help each other on this journey to accomplish our goals and encourage participation.

Fr. Dan gave a closing prayer and a blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gigi Chasey for Pat Duda, Secretary