

## KDCCW FALL BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2017

Shea Room, Knoxville, TN

The Knoxville Council of Catholic Women met in the Shea Room on September 16, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President, Karen Vacaliuc, 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.

Opening Prayer & Reflections Sr. Kennedy read a prayer which focused on “Keep your eyes set on the Lord and realize that He gives us whatever we need.”

Madame President also made the introductions and welcomed everyone to the Fall Board Meeting.

Roll Call was taken and the following were:

### ***Present***

Julie Bomar  
Jan Byers  
Gisela Chaparro  
Gigi Chasey  
Lynn Christ  
Judy Collins  
Marilyn Hafner  
Cathy Hundley  
Nikki Kapolka  
Sr. John Catherine Kennedy  
Karen Meiring  
Kathy Morin  
Bernadette Moughamer  
Michelle Peckham  
Rosamaria Perez  
Aimee Place  
Michelle Ronsse  
Pat Ryan  
Amelia Sweeney  
Susan Tribble

Karen Vacaliuc  
Arlene Webb  
Fr. Dan Whitman  
Mary Wilson

### ***Excused***

Mary Cooper  
Lacey Metz  
Lisa Morris  
Diann Nance  
Joan Rowe  
Anne Wharton

### ***Absent***

Debbie Donahoo

### ***Guests***

Jane Carter, KDCCW Past President  
Susan Erpenbach, KDCCW Past President  
Helen Davis, Immediate Past Prov. Dir.

There was no Parliamentarian Comments as Anne Wharton was excused and not present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes were approved for the Spring Board Meeting as amended and are posted on the KDCCW Website.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A letter from KDCCW Auditor, Joyce Welsh was included in the President's package and the audit was conducted for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and all accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.

The Treasurer's Report was given to each member, discussed and was approved.

NCCW PROVINCE DIRECTOR: As Diann Nance was excused, no report was given; however Past Province Director, Helen Davis, noted that the \$750 that was approved during the Spring Board Meeting for her usage

was given to National CCW for Diann Nance's usage as Helen did not use this money. The Board gave Helen a gift for her tireless work as the Province Director. She was very appreciative and thanked everyone for her gift.

#### DEANERY REPORTS:

Chattanooga: Julie Bomar named the newly installed officers: President, Julie Bomar; Vice President, Linda Lambert; Secretary, M. J. Uhlik; Treasurer, Pam Wilcoxon. She mentioned the Retreat they will be hosting on September 28<sup>th</sup>-30, 2017, "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" by Monsignor Al Humbrecht. She said Arlene Webb would be explaining later in the meeting what their Convention Committee has established for the 2018 Convention.

Cumberland: Nikki Kapolka named their newly installed officers for 2018: President, Nikki Kapolka; Vice President, Joan Rowe; Secretary, Jean Chiaro; Treasurer, Barbara Lawson. They have a new Monsignor— Msgr. Bill Gahagan of St. Joseph in Norris who has been a supporter of CCW for many years. She gave the upcoming dates of their meetings also.

Five Rivers: Michelle Ronsse noted that they have their first Deanery Meeting scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd in Newport. She gave their new officers as: President, Michelle Ronsse; Vice President, Aimee Place; Secretary, Helen Schwintosky; Treasurer, Donna Dunn. She said she was looking forward to an exciting next two years.

Smokey Mountain: Mary Wilson also gave her new 2018 Officers: President, Mary Wilson; Vice President, Ilene Rainwater; Secretary, Rosamaria Perez; Treasurer, Patricia Wade. Their Fall Board Meeting was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> and their Fall General Meeting will be at St. Joseph the Worker on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Orr will do a presentation on "Rest and Refreshment in the Lord for the weary and burdened."

#### COMMISSION REPORTS:

Leadership: Cathy Hundley, Chair. She explained she wanted to emphasize the membership in NCCW and hoped to work with Lynn Christ to get a good accounting of how many ladies are members and then see how many they can get to join. Madam President said she hoped each Parish would get at least one new member in NCCW. She would also like to work with Susan Tribble and Debbie Donahoo to possibly bring the LTD Training Team to our Diocese. She said she is open to listen to anyone to help her achieve their goals, as well as her.

Legislative: Lisa Morris, Chair. She is committed to the issues of our day which impact our city state, country and the world. She gave in her written report a "Prayer to End Abortion" and noted that Saint Mother Theresa said that the greatest evil is abortion. She also told the Board that prayer is action and changes hearts and we all need to continue praying.

Service: Jan Byers, Chair. She mentioned several items she would like to get accomplished—collect contact information from each of the Service Commissioners at the Deanery level and discover which projects in which they are participating; become familiar with NCCW's Service Projects and relay this information to the Deanery Service Commissions.

Spirituality: Sr. John Catherine Kennedy, Chair. She introduced herself and told of her background, having been missioned in Knoxville for 11 years and teaches at Knoxville Catholic High School. She told of the three themes suggested for this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima: Centrality of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration; devotion to our Lady and in particular to the Holy Rosary; to pray for peace in our world as Our Lady of Fatima told the children to pray for peace. She said she looked forward to working with KDCCW and is honored to be the Spiritual Commission Chair.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary: Was absent but informed Madame President that she has sent cards to several Deacons and to Bishop Hart who lost his brother recently.

Directory up date was not given as Mary Cooper was excused from this meeting.

E-Secretary: Aimee Place: Once again, Aimee asked all who send her information which is to be sent to members that the sender put her name and her parish on the subject line of that e-mail. She makes sure that all of your e-mails are sent out almost immediately and again asked for each parish to have their own personal E-Secretary and that person only send her the information to be sent out to the members.

Historian: Kathy Morin & Rosamaria Perez—Rosa showed the album she was keeping for this year with the pictures from various functions. She asked for each parish and deanery to please provide Kathy or her with information pertaining to the activities happening in their parishes and deaneries.

Membership: Lynn Christ—Reminded the Board that as of the 2017 Convention last May, there are now 67 individual members registered for NCCW membership. It was explained that NCCW's new policy regarding the release of membership records can only be released to the Province Directors. She also mentioned those Deaneries whose KDCCW dues were paid and a few who were due.

Parliamentarian: Anne Wharton—no report as Anne was excused.

Public Relations: Gisela Chaparro—spoke on the aid given for the Handmaids of the Precious Blood and their praying for Priests. She also explained how she wants to develop a Newsletter for the Diocese, as well as an Event letter. She asked that each Deanery send her any information they may have to aid her in establishing these letters.

Training: Debbie Donahoo was absent but Susan Tribble spoke about how each CCW could aid in-coming officers and chairpersons by placing instructions, their ideas and how they accomplished their duties into a folder to pass on to the new officer. Also a folder with the group name, agendas and flyers for upcoming meetings could be in a folder for the meetings. She suggested having an Annual Planner as many affiliates have annual events scheduled for certain months and this helps keep everyone on track. She also told the Board that the Diocesan Retreat is February 24, 2018.

Web Mistress: Judy Collins—explained that all reports are to be sent to President, Karen Vacaliuc, before she can post them on the KDCCW website. As soon as she gets them from Karen, she almost immediately posts them online. She also suggested ways to cut down on the amount of paper used for reports; i.e., use smart phones instead.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

No final report on 2017 Convention.

Cathedral Gift: Madame President explained that KDCCW has donated \$2,280 for the gift and that gift will be a cross and censer stand and have given it in memory of Msgr. Xavier Mankel.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### 2018 Convention

Julie Bomar asked Arlene Webb to give the report on what the Convention Committee had determined up-to-date. The first order of business was to establish the Theme for the Convention. After much discussion and several suggestions, "Hail, Mary, Full of Grace—Model and Guide for Women Today," was chosen as the theme for the convention. The Committee had typed up and given to each Board member a complete convention schedule, showing suggested speakers; time allotments for each day's schedule; lodging; music ministry; the suggested project for the convention and Mass collections. It was decided that the Convention Committee will determine the time allotments for each day. There was much discussion on the speakers which the Committee had suggested. Judy Collins made the motion and Susan Tribble seconded "that we accept all of the speakers as presented by the Convention Committee, dependent upon the approval of Deacon Sean and the availability of the speakers". A vote was taken and motion passed. There was much discussion on the five hotels the committee found which would be available for the convention dates but only Microtel Inn could guarantee 40 rooms. Others mentioned were Embassy Suites, Days Inn, Country Inn and Townplace Suites. A motion was made by Nikki Kapolka and seconded by Kathy Morin "that we accept Microtel as the hotel for the 2018 Convention". Motion passed.

##### Cathedral Dedication:

March 3, 2018 is the date for the Cathedral Dedication. Exact details for this are unsure at this time; however, Bishop Stika did say that he will have special Masses for special groups in the Diocese and that CCW is one of the special groups. It will most likely be sometime in April or May, 2018.

#### OTHER:

Amelia Sweeney explained that in the budget there is an allowance for Board Members to attend the NCCW Convention. The most costly expenses are the Spiritual Advisor and, in the odd years, for the KDCCW

President and in the even years, the KDCCW Vice President. This year's budget amounts did not cover the expenses and Amelia wondered if anyone would care to discuss this concern. After several discussions, a motion was made by Karen Meiring and seconded by Mary Wilson "to reimburse the remaining expenses occurred for the Spiritual Moderator (sic. Advisor) for attendance at this most recent NCCW Convention". Motion passed. Another motion was made by Susan Tribble "for current President: convention to be fully funded this year." Motion passed.

Spiritual Advisor:

Father Dan congratulated the ladies of CCW on all of the fine work they are able to accomplish. He also thanked Helen Davis for her outstanding work as the KDCCW Province Director. He spoke on the various chair reports, especially mentioning Susan's report on the ABC of mentoring new members and the usage of folders containing pertinent information. He thanked the ladies for their hard work and then gave a final Prayer and his Blessing.

Adjournment: 2:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gigi Chasey  
Recording Secretary