

KDCCW Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2020
Shea Room, Sacred Heart Knoxville, TN

After a period of refreshments and socializing, KDCCW President, Julie Bomar, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with the Salute to the Cross, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the NCCW Mission Statement.

Fr. Dan Whitman opened the meeting with prayer.

Lucy Brown, KDCCW Spirituality Commission Chair, presented a beautiful spiritual reflection the theme of which was "Our Paradoxical, Mysterious God."

Then there was a brief period of welcome and introductions, at the end of which the President welcomed our Province Director, Pat Ryan and presented her with the NCCW Province Director pin, on behalf of KDCCW.

In Attendance:

Absent:

Julie Bomar, Lucy Brown, Jane Carter, Gisella Chaparro, Gigi Chasey, Judy Collins, Susan Collins, Mary Cooper, Kathy DeAngelis, Elisa Della Santina, Donna Dunn, Patricia Forde, Liz Hocutt, Cathy Hundley, Sally Jackson, Emily Knoch, Linda Lambert, Dolores Maglione, Kathy Morin, Donna Palazzola, Michelle Peckham, Aimee Place, Michelle Ronsse, Joan Rowe, Pat Ryan, Amelia Sweeney, MJ Uhlik, Karen Vacaliuc, Anne Wharton, Fr. Dan Whit	Donna Curry (excused) Linda Lambert (absent)
--	---

Parliamentarian Anne Wharton had no comments.

With the two minor corrections requested to the minutes from the September meeting, a **motion was made by Gigi and seconded by Dolores to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

Kathy Morin, KDCCW Treasurer, was not able to prepare financial reports for the meeting, because of the disruption in the online banking due to the First Tennessee/First Horizon changeover. These changes, in effect, locked her out of the online banking. She will provide the reports to the President as soon as they are done, for dissemination to the Board via email.

Pat Ryan, our Province Director, started by saying that she is willing to come to any of our affiliate or deanery meetings, if asked to come. Pat also offered NCCW membership forms for anyone who would like to join or renew their membership. She pointed out that when she went to the Nashville DCCW meeting, everyone at the meeting, but one, was a member of NCCW. She mentioned that, in addition to keeping Memphis in our prayers, we should also be

concerned about Covington, Owensboro, Louisville and Lexington. Three of them have replied to her that they would like her to visit them. January 24-26 will be her first NCCW Board meeting, in time for the Washington DC March for Life. She also pointed out that the Nashville Diocese puts together a very nice newsletter that we post on our website and recommends we look at it.

Chattanooga Deanery President, MJ Uhlik, asked that we remember her and her family in our prayers. The Chattanooga Deanery CCW will be having a 100th Anniversary Mass and dinner and she suggested that we might also want to do that for the Diocesan CCW.

Cumberland Mountain Deanery President, Joan Rowe, reported that their deanery meeting was in October at Christ the King. Some of the many activities at CMD included: Day of Reflection and Boxes of Joy at Blessed Sacrament; Community Outreach chili cookoff and participation and membership by Hispanic members at Christ the King; Fashion Show of donated items from the rummage sale at St. Francis of Assisi; Prayer service, Paul Simoneau talk on end of life issues and a dinner for 50th anniversary couples at St. Joseph; Patriotic Rosary and baby shower at St. Mary; St. Thomas changing their guild to CCW; St. Therese Clinton's Mardi Gras celebration and hosting meeting on March 24th.

Five Rivers Deanery President, Aimee Place, reported that they have 4 active affiliates at this time. Some of the happenings at their deanery include: Good Shepherd providing food for students in CCD, as well as an Angel Tree; Holy Trinity CCW hosts Lenten meals, as well as dinners for RCIA and 1st Communion and, even more significantly they take part in the Appalachian Outreach, which provides meals for an entire (breakfast/lunch/dinner) to volunteers who participate in this program at Carson Newman; Notre Dame will host a presentation on "Faith Like a Child" and will discuss adoption and fostering resources; St. Patrick held a Holiday Bazaar and is also very busy planning the Diocesan Convention, but they are seeking to grow their affiliate and will have Pat Ryan at their meeting in March.

Smoky Mountain Deanery President, Michelle Peckham, reported that SMD currently has 9 affiliates, but only 7 of them are active. Some of the activities of the deanery included: Immaculate Conception's Boxes of Joy drive; St. Francis of Assisi (Townsend) hosted the general meeting in November, at which Cardinal Rigali was the Guest Speaker and his hour-long presentation covered his service to 4 different Popes. March 14 will be the next general meeting at Our Lady of Fatima and the guest speaker will be Stacy Dunn's husband, Bill, who is the most conservative member of the TN House of Representatives.

Cathy Hundley, our Leadership Commission Chair, urged us to remember that we are the voice of Catholic women. Two of our parishes were featured on the NCCW website. Don't forget about the monthly Connect call; let's get this word out to all the women in the Diocese. She invited all of us to participate in the Knoxville March for Life on Sunday, January 26 from 2 to 3:30 pm at the Center for Reproductive Health on UT Campus. Cathy also mentioned another pro-life initiative, the spiritual adoption by which you would commit to praying for nine months for a baby in danger of being aborted. Lastly, she reported that NCCW's Centennial membership

contest runs from 2/1-5/25/20 and for every new member that an existing member signs up as a member, both names will be submitted to a drawing for a contest prize of a convention trip package. Lastly, Cathy reported that the WUCWO will be meeting in the same convention hotel as NCCW on August 26-29.

Patty Johnson, Legislative Commission chair, asked that all read her report that is posted on the website. She also requested that, as NCCW members, we share the Catholic Woman magazine with others at our parishes, and that we pray constantly and be advocates for justice and peace. She listed a number of issues/resources we should take interest in, as Catholics:

1. TCPPC – they are developing and implementing ways to combat chronic homelessness
2. Contact your Congressional representatives about the “Global Child Thrive Act”
3. On the first day of the TN legislative session, they will present legislation to require at least one parent to approve abortion for a minor
4. Be a voice and pray to end the death penalty
5. Speak out against and pray for an end to assisted suicide
6. Research the Bread for the World resolution in US Congress

Sally Jackson, Service Commission Chair, reported that the Boxes of Joy total for our diocese was 538. She mentioned that different folks do it differently, but all sorts of things can go into them (no batteries or chocolate, please). January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day, which CRS has tried to shine a spotlight on through their Solidarity Walk, which you could do at your own parish.

Pat Ryan, our Province Director, asks that all affiliates select a project, activity or program that promotes saving the environment and then Pat would like to document our specific efforts towards that goal. She also brought up that there are many ways we can support the needy and marginalized; we don't have to be millionaires to assist causes with a check or monetary support. Also, don't forget the widowed and the shut-ins. She suggested we ask shut-ins to be on a prayer chain, as a way of keeping them involved with the parish in a very helpful way.

Lucy Brown, Spirituality Commission Chair, shared a reflection on “Ruth, the Gleaner” and comparing herself to the biblical figure in the way that she brings tufts of barley to share with us, in an effort to help us in our goal to becoming saints ourselves. In Lucy's report (posted on the website) she listed all the reflections and meditations that she has sent out since June 2019. Lucy also reminded us to please gather the names of all deceased women of our parish (from 3/31/19 to 4/1/20, to be remembered at our Memorial Mass during convention in April. She also encouraged to join in on the 13th of each month to pray the Rosary with NCCW on conference call.

Emily Knoch, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had sent birthday cards to 5 seminarians and 18 priests, and many women on our Board, as well as ordination anniversary cards to 11 priests. Emily asked that we please let her know if a card should be sent to someone for any special circumstance.

Mary Cooper, who updates our Directory, thanked everyone for sending her updates. She would like to get some feedback on whether or not Google drive works well for everyone.

Aimee Place, E-Secretary, stated that Board related emails are sent out by Julie and she sends out the rest of them.

Gigi Chasey, Membership, reported she sent a handwritten letter to each Deanery president to request their assistance in increasing membership to NCCW. Many women are not interested in joining, but it's important for them to know that there are a lot of great resources that come from membership. She asked to let her know if anyone has any ideas/suggestions to interest them in joining. Mary Cooper told her ladies that, if nothing else, they would be making a \$50 donation to an organization that is doing SO much for SO many.

Anne Wharton (Parliamentarian) suggested that, in order to attract more women to our affiliates and even NCCW membership, we might consider inviting them to our house for lunch, for example. We need to prevent burnout and the way to do that is to involve more ladies in CCW. We need to fill every position on our boards and committees with different women. Start small by asking them to work on a committee or an event. Focus on their gifts and talents and appeal to them for help in that area. Keep accurate records, so that you can provide a "blueprint" to those who will follow in your role.

Gisella Chaparro (Public Relations) reported that she will be emailing Julie the flyer for Convention, as well as for the ad in East TN Catholic and for NCCW Convention.

Donna Curry, Training, could not be here, but Joan Rowe presented the report on her behalf. The report discussed our NCCW history, dating back to 1920, and showed the organizational chart with WUCWO at the top, all the way down to our 4 deaneries. She also urged us to find appropriate ways for each affiliate and deanery to celebrate the 100th Anniversary.

Judy Collins, Webmaster, thanked everyone for all their reports and submissions.

Resolutions - Committee Chair Cathy Hundley reported that the resolutions need to be sent to the affiliates 45 days before convention so that they'll be prepared to vote on them at convention. Patty Johnson suggested we ask each committee to provide at least one resolution for consideration, to which Cathy agreed. **Motion was made by Karen Vacaliuc, seconded by Liz Hocutt, to form a committee to review resolutions for correctness and lack of conflict or duplication. Motion carried.** Along with Cathy, MJ Uhlik and Sally Jackson volunteered to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

Donna Curry, 2019 Convention Chair, gave an after action report on the 2019 Convention in Oak Ridge. There were 143 attendees, over half of which registered through Eventbrite. We donated 912.50 to the Handmaids of the Precious Blood and over \$1500 to St. Mary's Legacy

Clinic. Judy will post photos of the Convention to the website. St. Mary's Oak Ridge was a wonderful host and they were very grateful for the donation we made to them.

Michelle Peckham, By-Laws Committee reported on behalf of the entire committee, which also includes Aimee Place and Anne Wharton. She presented changes to our by-laws. The proposed changes are attached to these minutes. The Board discussed the proposed changes and tweaked them (as shown in the attached copy). Jane Carter recommended we make these changes as succinctly as possible before they are presented at the Diocesan Convention for approval.

Lunch, which was prepared by Chattanooga Deanery, began at 11:50 am and the meeting resumed at 12:30 pm.

Unfinished Business

2020 Convention Status Report was presented by Susan Collins and Kathy De-Angelis, Convention co-chairs. All handouts related to the convention details, including hotel, schedule, & speakers are attached. Highlights of the report were:

- Theme: "Mary's Fiat, Our Yes: A Vision for the Future"
- Thursday evening Memorial Mass and dinner at St. Patrick's (speaker-Pat Livingston)
- Friday and Saturday sessions to be held at Best Western Plus Morristown Conv Ctr.
- Friday speakers – Pat Livingston, Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, Sonja Corbitt
- Saturday am speaker – Sonja Corbitt
- All Convention related information and forms are on KDCCW website
- Each deanery is asked to provide 25 gift baskets (for a total of 100) for the silent auction, in celebration of the centennial anniversary
- 100th registration and 100th patron ad will receive special recognition at convention
- Request that everyone "dress the part" for Friday night's Roaring 20's Dinner and NCCW Trivia Contest.
- Next Convention meeting is Monday, 1/27 at 6 pm at Notre Dame in Greeneville. All are welcome.

Board was asked to vote on the following motions presented by Convention Committee:

1. Registration Fees - \$115 early bird full registration, \$130 after Mar. 25; Thu only \$50; Friday only (includes meals) \$85; Saturday only \$20; Sat. only free to HS and college students; full registration for priests, religious and spouses \$75
2. Service Project – Isaiah 117 House
3. Offeratory Collections – Thursday, Seminarian Educ. Fund; Friday, NCCW Vocations Purse; Saturday, FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Ministry
4. Silent Auction Proceeds – ½ to NCCW (in Pat Ryan's name) and ½ to be split between Convention budget and Handmaids of the Precious Blood.

ALL 4 MOTIONS CARRIED.

40 Under 40 Project – NCCW initiative to get younger women involved in NCCW. **Motion by Pat Ryan, seconded by Anne Wharton, to choose a woman (nominated by KDCCW women) and pay her registration fees (from KDCCW Education Fund) to attend NCCW Convention. Motion carried.**

New Business

Cover Story in Catholic Woman was about Patty Johnson's Our Lady of Good Counsel Award. Julie recognized Patty and thanked her for the many contributions she's made to CCW over the years.

CRS appeal/collection for children at risk of freezing, particularly refugees in Syria. Sally collected \$300 from the Board.

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Month. Great resource is the book "The Slave Next Door"

100th Anniversary Mass for KDCCW – Julie will contact the Bishop's office and find out if and when we might be able to schedule it.

Handmaids Update (Gisella) – Temporary garden is up and the permanent garden is being built. Reverent Mother sends her appreciation and prayers.

Closing Prayer by Fr. Dan Whitman.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Sweeney
Secretary

