

**KDCCW Business Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2021**

Julie Bomar, called the meeting to order at 1:41 pm, with the Salute to the Cross, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the NCCW Mission Statement, followed by the spiritual reflection by Lucy Brown (focused on Psalms 22:29-31, from the writings of Servant of God Elizabeth LeSeur) and roll call.

Board Members in Attendance:

Absent:

Julie Bomar, Lucy Brown, Gisela Chaparro, Judy Collins, Susan Collins, Mary Cooper, Donna Curry, Elisa Della Santina, Liz Hocutt, Sally Jackson, Patty Johnson, Emily Knoch, Linda Lambert, Dolores Maglione, Kathy Morin, Michelle Peckham, Aimee Place, Joan Rowe, Pat Ryan, Amelia Sweeney, MJ Uhlik, Karen Vacaliuc, Fr. Dan Whitman, Eileen Widmer	Donna Dunn, Cathy Hundley (excused), Donna Palazzola, Anne Wharton (excused)
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List of general membership in attendance listed on last page of the minutes.

Parliamentarian Comments – If you have a vote (indicated by a voting card received in your packet), raise your card when a vote is called. If you want to speak during discussion of voting items, please stand and use the microphone that will be available.

Treasurer's Report - Kathy Morin, KDCCW Treasurer, reported that the 4/30/21 balances for the accounts held by the Diocese are: Education Fund – \$14,497.74 and Convention Fund - \$10,689.50, and the Operating account balance was \$15,987.41.

NCCW Province Director – Pat Ryan explained the three levels of CCW: National, Province, Diocesan. Three dioceses comprise the Province of Louisville: Nashville, Knoxville and Louisville. Pat urged all members to join NCCW, which represents ALL Catholic women. The national convention will be held in Arlington, VA during the last week of August. There is still time to register. Some of the resolutions promoted by the NCCW are: Walking with Moms (encouraging young women and moms at your parish) and Support Spiritual Advisors. Pat thanked all for the overwhelming response and support to our convention's service project.

Deanery Reports – in the interest of saving time, deanery reports have been uploaded to our website by the following Deanery presidents.

- Chattanooga – MJ Uhlik
- Cumberland Mountain – Joan Rowe
- Five Rivers – Aimee Place
- Smoky Mountain – Michelle Peckham

Commission Reports:

Leadership – Cathy Hundley is excused, because she is currently in the hospital.

Legislative – Patty Johnson stated that her reports are on the website. Patty emphasized several ways for members to become more active regarding issues that are central to our faith. She discussed ways that we, as individuals, can make a difference. First of all, we need to be informed and vote. Some great resource for information on Catholic issues and how we can support them are at USCCB.org and Tennessee Catholic Public Policy Commission (TCPPC). You can subscribe to USCCB and they will email you about their current initiatives. Patty also listed the **five non-negotiable moral issues for Catholics: Church's Teaching on Abortion, Euthanasia, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Human Cloning, and Same-Sex 'Marriage'**.

Patty encouraged everyone to visit her table for much more information on these organizations and other resources and pamphlets.

Service – Sally Jackson and Eileen Widmer are co-chairs right now. MEDIC bloodmobile will be at Convention on Friday and all interested attendees should go outside and donate blood, even if they did not book an appointment. Their Service Commission table display has a lot of information, including A-Z Service Projects, Green initiatives and conservation ideas. There is also a small sample of a “Blessing Box” that churches or businesses can have out for the needy. Our service organization partners that will be represented at this convention are Cross Catholic (Boxes of Joy, etc.), Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services.

Spirituality – Lucy invited everyone to her display table for the latest installment of “The Secret Place” and many other handouts and encouraged them to sign up for TSP, if they have not done so already.

Committee Reports: omitted due to conditions of COVID and lack of opportunity for activity

Special Committees:

Bylaws – Michelle Peckham presented proposed Bylaws Changes: (changes in bold font)

Article VIII Nominating Committee, Nominations and Elections Section 3(a) - ...written ballot shall be taken by mail **and or email. Motion carried.**

Article XI Section 4(a) – rewrite entire section to: **Affiliates pay annual dues directly to National Council of Catholic Women. The Deanery treasurer will request that all affiliates report to her upon their payment to National. The Deanery Treasurer then reports to the Treasurer of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Motion carried.**

Article XIII Section 1 – rewrite entire section to: **Annual dues are required for each organization to affiliate with the National Council of Catholic Women. Affiliates will pay the National Council of Catholic Women directly and then report to the Deanery Treasurer upon payment. Motion carried.**

Non-voting issue. Article VI Section 2 – change bylaw language to reflect that of NCCW bylaws. Change Diocesan and Deanery Moderator to **Spiritual Advisor.**

Resolutions – in the absence of Cathy Hundley, resolutions were presented by Joan Suggs. Entire language of each resolution is available on the KDCCW website.

Homelessness – **Motion carried.**

“I Want to Sit at Your Feet, Jesus” – after discussion, **a motion was made by Mary Cooper and seconded by Liz Hocutt and carried to strike the sentence** the following sentence from the resolution: **Adopting an earlier than usual rising is most helpful for this and can be augmented by a slightly earlier time for going to bed the night before. Motion then carried to pass the resolution.**

New Business

2022 Convention will be hosted by the Chattanooga Deanery. At this time, no convention chair or venue has been chosen yet.

NCCW 2020+1 Convention – Registration is open and there is limited capacity. Registration fee is \$400. Province dinner, hosted by Pat Ryan, will be \$75. Michelle Peckham will attend.

Spiritual Advisor Comments – Fr. Dan Whitman spoke about his walk of faith and the many women who have impacted him. He first got involved with CCW in 1984 and has continued his involvement to this day. He thanked all of us women for all that we do.

Closing prayer by Fr. Dan. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Sweeney, Secretary

General Membership Attendees:

Our Lady of Fatima – Velma Burke, Angie Oxendine, Jeanine Dixon

Holy Trinity – Cici Passi, Laguada Florek, Pat Duda, Evangeline Webster, Sharon Jurkonie, Sally Emmons, Eileen Hatrick, Kathy Didier, Connie Perrin

St. Thomas, the Apostle – Karen Joubert, Bette Purvis, Sandy Peterson, Jan Scobey, Karen Shutte, Kitty Jansen

All Saints – Karen Marabella-Miller

Sacred Heart Cathedral – Lisa Morris, Polly Burch, Susan Thornton

St. Patrick – Linda Lande, Elia Lopez

Holy Ghost – Patricia Forde

St. Mary, Oak Ridge – Kelly Rowden, Joan Suggs

St. Alphonsus – Patti Macken, Kathleen Kelly

Blessed Sacrament – Barb Lawson

St. Joseph, the Worker – Barbara Callan,

St. Francis of Assisi, FFG – Cherie Trapp, Gay Moreno, Pam Brophy, Christina Nawrocki

St. Joseph, Norris – Mary Hicks, Karen Meiring

Notre Dame – Nancy Clark