

**KDCCW Business Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2021**

Susan Collins called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, 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 and prayer by Kathleen Kelly (focused on women in the Gospel and our service as women of CCW) and roll call.

Board Members in Attendance:

Absent:

Emily Booker, Jane Carter, Judy Collins, Susan Collins, Theola Copeland, Kathy DeAngelis, Donna Dunn, Patricia Forde, Liz Hocutt, Cathy Hundley, Sally Jackson, Patty Johnson, Kathleen Kelly, Emily Knoch, Linda Lambert, Patti Macken, Dolores Maglione, Karen Marabella-Miller, Kathy Morin, Michelle Peckham, Aimee Place, Ilene Rainwater, Joan Rowe, Pat Ryan, Amelia Sweeney, MJ Uhlik, Karen Vacaliuc, Fr. Dan Whitman, Eileen Widmer	Julie Bomar (excused), Mary Cooper (excused), Donna Curry (excused) Elisa Della Santina (excused), Linda Johnson (excused)
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Approval of Minutes – with recommended changes to the minutes of the Business Meeting (June 11), both the Board Meeting (June 10) and the Business Meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report - Kathy Morin, KDCCW Treasurer, presented the report and there were questions about negative figures on the report. **Patty Johnson moved to defer the report until completion of the audit. Motion was seconded and carried.** The Audit Committee (MJ Uhlik, Donna Curry and Sally Jackson) must complete the audit by November 1st.

Audit Report was tabled until it has been completed.

Proposed 2021-2022 Budget – Kathy Morin presented the proposed budget for 7/1/21-6/30/22. After some discussion, **MJ Uhlik moved that we accept this as a temporary budget until the Finance Committee meets to revise the proposed the budget, with regard to such items as past dues, increase in miscellaneous gifts, etc. and confirmation of bank balance and miscellaneous line item, as well as those items they deem necessary. Motion was seconded and carried.**

NCCW dues – Susan spoke to NCCW and she notes that our policies state that Diocesan CCW pays for Diocesan dues, as well as deanery dues. However, 3 of 4 deaneries have paid their own dues, so KDCCW needs to reimburse those deaneries. **Patty Johnson moved that we reimburse those deaneries. Motion was seconded and carried.**

Shea Room facility fee – To cover the cost of cleaning the space after each meeting, there is now a \$35 fee each time we use the room for our meetings.

NCCW Convention Stipends – our standing policies and procedures state that KDCCW will pay up to 1/3 of lowest registration fee for convention, but the budget says that it will cover \$250. Therefore a committee (made up of Patricia Forde, Linda Lambert and Amelia Sweeney) was established to review the policies and procedures.

Susan also established a Bylaws Committee (Michelle Peckham, Aimee Place and Eileen Widmer) to review our bylaws.

KDCCW Convention Report – Total attendance was 111. This year extra measures were taken to keep attendees safer by spreading out tables and seating. Vendors were meant to expose us to other service organizations. The Memorial Mass included the reading of two years of deceased ladies in our diocese. Sponsors helped us defray costs (Thursday dinner and Friday Movie Night). We accepted credit cards at silent auction, which helped increase participation. Donated items (wine, tablecloths and centerpieces) also helped keep costs down. Bags of Blessings service project was a resounding success (over 300 bags were dropped off to that organization by Pat Ryan). Silent Auction proceeds were split 3 ways: Handmaids of the Precious Blood of Jesus, NCCW and KDCCW. The Mass collections went to the Bridge Ministry (\$916), St. Mary's Legacy Clinic (\$223) and TN Right to Life/Catholic Charities PRC (\$108.50 each). A flash drive of all turnover items was passed on to the Chattanooga Deanery for use in planning the next convention.

KDCCW Training – Held August 15 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, the theme of the training was Trickle Down Effect and there were 25 ladies in attendance, including 14 board members and representing 14 parishes.

NCCW Convention Report – Michelle Peckham presented a report on the convention. Wednesday was Newcomers day. Speakers were very good. Gloria Purvis spoke on her conversion. Bishop Watts covered evangelization and where we go next as a Council. Thursday was dedicated to Commission Reports. Highlights of the commission reports: Leadership – Priest Cards, Council Sundays, Mentor/Mentee idea for new members Spirituality – Rosary via conference call is on the 13th of every month at 7:30 pm Eastern, Prayer to End Racism (it was also a resolution at this year's convention), 100 year anniversary service, honoring mothers of priests. Service – Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Friends with Pens
The KDCCW Ad didn't make it into the NCCW program, even though it had been voted on. Michelle will take that on and make sure that doesn't happen again in the future. Patty Johnson added that NCCW will be sending \$20,000 to Catholic Relief Services and \$12,000 to Vocations Purse. For the NCCW Silent Auction, we donated a beautiful quilt that raised \$1,000 and Sally Jackson also donated an item to the auction.

NCCW Province Director – As our new Province Director, Theola Copeland told us a little about herself. She started in CCW by attending Nashville DCCW council meetings 46 years ago. When she attended the Board meeting at NCCW Convention she was given countless pages of duties, but the bottom line is that she is the intermediary between us and NCCW. She

asked that we please read her report and take note of NCCW's new address. She recommended that we read the handout developed by the LTD on recruiting new members. She also brought a few copies of the resolution on ending racism. She has read all our reports and feels we are doing a great job, which is why our organization is so vibrant. The pandemic has not stopped us. She noted that, as a member of the NCCW Board, she is required to bring in \$1,000 donation through new memberships or other donations. She plans to attend all of the NCCW meetings and she plans to attend the upcoming Cumberland Mountain Deanery meeting. She will try to attend our Diocesan board meetings whenever possible. She reported that NCCW has committed to limiting their CRS support to just two projects: Madonna Plan and Water for Life. She urged all to plan now to attend the next NCCW Convention, which is November 2-5 in Minneapolis, MN. She ended by telling us to remind ourselves that the Devil doesn't win.

WUCWO North American Conference Report – Patty Johnson asked that we look at her report for the details of the conference. The next WUCWO General Assembly is in 2022 at Assisi, Italy.

Lunch Recess and reconvened at 12:50 pm.

2022 KDCCW Convention Report – presented by MJ Uhlik. The convention will be April 28-30 at St. Therese in Cleveland (in their big Parish Life Center). They are proposing the theme of “Holy Family – Our Guidance and Our Strength” and the hotel as the Hampton on the expressway. Additionally, they are proposing the following speakers: Deacon Scott Mentz (keynote), Arlene Webb and Leah Carroll (Friday), Sister John Katherine Kennedy (Saturday). They would like to do a Game Night on Friday (Bunko and desserts). Dinner would be a picnic theme. Early bird registration fee would be \$110. They have a preliminary budget. Only one of the proposed speakers has a set fee and the rest would be donations at the discretion of the committee. To get kids involved, there's a teacher that will have her students make the centerpieces. They also plan to request family pictures of attendees to include in a slideshow presentation.

New Business

KDCCW 2021-2023 Theme & Goals – “Faith Like a Child” has 3 focuses: Communication (led by Emily Booker), Mentoring Program (led by Kathy DeAngelis) and Membership (led by Karen Vacaliuc). Next meeting dates: January 15th, September 16/17 (proposed Prince of Peace Retreat Center). **Jane Carter moved that retreat idea for September meeting by approved. Motion was seconded and carried.**

Commission Reports

Service – Joan Rowe noted that there is lots of overlap between commissions. She pointed out the following in her report:

- Walking With Moms in Need – see handout
- Cross Catholic – Boxes of Joy

- CRS – Madonna Plan and Water for Life
- Taking care of our environment
- 40 Days for Life has kicked off, but there are some open dates in the middle of the week, as well as October 15. KDCCW will participate 10:30 am-2:30 pm on 10/15. If you want to join in, you're required to sign "statement of peace" and send it to Paul Simoneau
- Food Packing event – In order to participate, we must raise \$13,000 to for the food that they give you to pack, which feeds 40,000 people. **Joan moved that we accept the challenge, pending the Bishop's approval, to participate in this project in March. Motion was seconded and carried.** A committee was established for this project (Joan, Patty Johnson, Pat Ryan, Judy Collins, Sally Jackson, Linda Lambert)

Leadership – Kathy DeAngelis introduced her mentoring program (which is explained in detail in her report). It is a mentor and mentee program, which is modeled on the NCCW 8-page guide. If anyone wants to share ideas of mentoring programs that worked for them, please send them to Kathy.

Committee Reports

Membership – Karen Vacaliuc has implemented a challenge to promote NCCW membership (which is only \$50/year). There will be 2 prizes for the affiliate or parish that signs up the most new members. Deadline is our next convention in April 2022. She also presented the Adopt a Parish initiative, which encourages members to reach out to another parish that doesn't have an affiliate. There is a possible new affiliate in Johnson City, where Susan Collins' son is the priest.

Communication – Emily Booker, who is on the staff of the East TN Catholic monthly newspaper) heads this committee. Although she is new to CCW, she's the digital media producer at the Chancery. The next Dogwood Connect will be issued November 15. If you want something published in the Dogwood Connect, you need to submit it to her by the 30th of the previous month.

E-Secretary and Webmistress provided handouts for guidelines on email and website submissions.

Historian – Sally Jackson would like a POC from each deanery to help decide what history we need to keep and what we don't need. Reps will be Michelle P. (SMD), Patti Macken (CMD), Liz Hocutt (5 Rivers).

Legislative - Jane Carter referred to her report addressing Direct Aid and Systemic Change

Corresponding Secretary - Cathy Hundley asked Jane Carter if she would accept a nomination for NCCW's 2022 Our Lady of Good Counsel Award. Jane accepted the nomination.

Resolutions Committee – Linda Lambert accepted the Resolutions Committee chair and will work on committee members from the Chattanooga Deanery.

Good of the Order

Boxes of Joy dropoff – Pat Ryan will take them at Immaculate Conception on:

November 10 – 10 am to 2 pm

November 12 – 12 pm to 4 pm

November 13 – 10 am to 2 pm

November 14 – 12 pm to 1:30 pm

Health Reminder – Karen Vacaliuc suggested that we get our shingles shot

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.

SMD General Meeting – Michelle extended an invitation to the meeting. Please RSVP.

Hospitality Chair – Susan is soliciting a replacement for Pat Duda's position.

Spiritual Advisor – Fr. Dan Whitman noted that he was so inspired by the way our women are there for each other—through all of our difficult times. We do so much for so many. He stated that mentoring has meant a lot to him during his difficult times, too.

Closing prayer by Kathleen Kelly, reminding us that the oldest Trinitarian prayer is the Sign of the Cross. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Sweeney, Secretary