

**KDCCW Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022**

Susan Collins, KDCCW President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, with the Salute to the Cross, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the NCCW Mission Statement. A spiritual reflection, by Michelle Peckham (provided by Kathleen Kelly, who was excused), was taken from Matthew 25's Parable of the Talents and then Michelle ended with the "Come Holy Spirit" prayer.

Susan introduced Charlotte Smith, who has graciously accepted the role of Corresponding Secretary on our Board.

Roll Call

In Attendance:

Absent:

Julie Bomar, Emily Booker, Jane Carter, Judy Collins, Susan Collins, Theola Copeland, Donna Curry, Kathy DeAngelis, Donna Dunn, Patricia Forde, Liz Hocutt, Sally Jackson, Patty Johnson, Linda Lambert, Patti Macken, Kathy Morin, Michelle Peckham, Aimee Place, Ilene Rainwater, Joan Rowe, Pat Ryan, Charlotte Smith, Amelia Sweeney, MJ Uhlik, Karen Vacaliuc, Anne Wharton, Fr. Dan Whitman, Eileen Widmer	Excused: Mary Cooper, Elisa Della Santina, Linda Johnson, Kathleen Kelly, Karen Marabella-Miller, Joan Rowe
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Parliamentarian Patty Johnson explained the Rules of Convention (printed in the program).

A motion was made by to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Kathy Morin, KDCCW Treasurer, presented her report for the period of July 2021-March 2022. Patty Johnson asked how the figures for the quarterly deanery allowances were derived. Kathy stated that it was based on the number of affiliates, but it was then determined that Kathy did not have a current list of affiliates for each deanery. Having then confirmed the membership numbers with Membership Chair Karen Vacaliuc, Kathy stated that she will adjust the quarterly allocations accordingly. The numbers of affiliates currently are: Chattanooga – 6, Cumberland Mtn – 10, Five Rivers – 5, Smoky Mtn – 9. Kathy reported that the balances for the accounts (as of 3/31/22) held by the Diocese are: Education Fund – \$14,530.02 and Convention Fund - \$10,712.34. The balance of the Operating account was \$32,353.64, but a check paid to Cross Catholic Outreach for the food packing project (in the amount of \$16,500) still has not cleared the bank, so the real balance, in effect, would be \$15,853.64. Following up on two outstanding items from the January meeting, Kathy reported that the Deanery dues to NCCW are now all current. It was also clarified that the designation of the donation to the Handmaids of the Precious Blood had been attributed to Monsignor Mankel and Fr. Joe Brando.

KDCCW President Report – Susan Collins referred to her theme for the 2021-2023 term of her presidency: Faith Like a Child, which reflects humility as we simplify what’s most important in our efforts to build up the Kingdom of God. Three main goals of her term are: communication, mentoring and membership. She also recognized and applauded the efforts of Joan Rowe, Service Commission Chair, and Patty Johnson for the uber successful Cross Catholic Food Packing Project, which provided 50,000 meals to needy families abroad. She went on to thank all commission and committee chairs, as well as her entire Board.

Deanery President Reports

Chattanooga – Linda Lambert reported that the deanery has mostly been working on the convention since the last meeting.

Cumberland Mountain – Donna Curry reported that their deanery is blessed with several vibrant CCW’s and, having survived COVID lockdowns, etc., they decided to start supporting other parishes through the “Adopt a Parish” program, in order to help those parishes that have inactive CCW’s or small numbers and little participation.

Five Rivers – Aimee Place reported that their deanery currently has 5 active affiliates: Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity, Notre Dame, St. Patrick and St. John Paul II. Although few in number, they are very active in spirituality, leadership and service to local families, our community and world communities. All affiliates are very active and back to in-person meetings and the deanery had two meetings this year.

Smoky Mountain – Michelle Peckham reported that the deanery has focused on two things this year: service and spiritual growth. All its affiliates participated in the Diocesan wide food packing project by either fund raising, volunteering or both. Knox County affiliates voted to continue the “Bags of Blessings” project. Our Lady of Fatima did a “Blessing Box,” which will be maintained by CCW members. St. Mary’s Gatlinburg has three ongoing service projects: diapers for the Women’s Care Center, healthy treat bags for needy children supported by the community food deliveries and hygiene bags for needy families. Holy Cross is supporting both the Women’s Care Center and Isaiah 117 House. For spiritual growth, the deanery has started praying the rosary on a monthly basis together via conference call.

Commission Reports

Service – Joan Rowe was not present for Board meeting, but her report’s highlights included the food packing project (of which Patty will present a report later in the meeting) and a couple other initiatives. She emphasized the need to educate our communities about domestic violence and human trafficking, in order to protect our women and children. She also pointed out that “Walking with Moms in Need” is a service by which Catholic parishes and communities “walk in the shoes” of local pregnant and parenting women in need. She urges us to support local pregnancy centers and other organizations that provide help to women.

Leadership – Kathy DeAngelis reported that the focus of her term in office is mentoring and how to get more active and involved members. To help with this, she has submitted a resolution on

mentoring to be voted on at this convention. She used the acronym MENTOR to describe the duties and importance of a mentor. M-anage the relationship, E-ncourage, N-urture, T-each, O-ffer mutual respect, R-espond to the learner's needs. She also asked that we submit ideas to her about anything that's worked for us in the past, with regard to mentoring.

Spirituality – Patti Macken presented the report for Kathleen Kelly, who was not at the meeting. Although Kathleen's entire report was in the convention program, Patti emphasized the following points and encouraged us to: pray the Consecration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray even when you don't know what to pray about and please stop by the Spirituality Commission table to take stuff for yourself as well as others who were not able to attend convention.

Committee Reports

KDCCW 2022 Convention – MJ Uhlik reported that 100 had registered for convention. The convention committee got lots of help from Knights of Columbus. The budget was still looking good. Thursday's Memorial Mass collection will go to the Bridge Ministry.

Corresponding Secretary – Charlotte Smith, who was introduced as our new corresponding secretary, asked that we bear with her as she adjusts to her new role. Three birthday cards were sent to: Cardinal Rigali, Fr. Malett and Fr. Punnackal.

Historian – Sally Jackson noted that the most important thing about this organization is the women who form our CCW's. As such, she asked us to ponder who had been important in our development and to consider what it was about them that made such a significant impression.

Legislative Advocacy – Jane Carter started by stating that this was the first role that she ever had on the KDCCW Board and, at the time, she didn't know anything about it. Legislative advocacy is about voting, speaking our values in the public arena. She challenged us to take the time and effort to make our voices known either by email, phone calls or otherwise.

Membership – Karen Vacaliuc reported that our NCCW membership numbers are dismal, so she's disappointed. She urged us to go back to our parishes and challenge especially the leadership to join National. She also suggested that affiliates pay the first year of membership for their members, so that they will be able to see the benefits. She asked that we continue to spread the word about "members only" website resources and all the benefits of NCCW membership.

Communication – Emily Booker reported that, as approved at the last meeting, we will submit two ads in the NCCW Convention program. She will be sending the ad copy via email to the board for review and approval of the design. She is also looking to create a new email address for KDCCW emails. She is also trying to standardize the social media for DCCW and Convention. Emily announced the deadline for submissions to the quarterly Dogwood Connect is the 30th of the month before it comes out.

New Business

Cross Catholic Food Packing Project - Patty Johnson (project chair) to report on the food packing event on March 26th which was a huge success. Having exceeded the fundraising goal (originally set at \$13,500) by \$5,000, the committee opted to pack food for even more meals than anticipated. In total, our volunteers packed 50,126 meal bags. There will be a story in the

East TN Catholic's next edition about the event. Additionally, NCCW may select our project as a story to present to Pope Francis by members of WUCWO. There is still a surplus of \$1,350 from the funds raised which we need to vote on, as to its disposition. **Motion by Anne Wharton, seconded by Donna Curry to donate the surplus funds of \$1,350 to Catholic Relief Services Water for Life program, an NCCW program. Motion carried.**

KDCCW 2023 Convention – Patti Macken, who was approved by Susan and Fr. Dan as the convention coordinator, announced that the 2023 Convention will be held April 20-22 at St. Thomas the Apostle in Lenoir City, and it's on the Bishop's calendar.

Good of the Order – MJ Uhlik asked if the KDCCW Convention HAVE to be in the 2nd quarter? She noted that it's such a busy time of year and that maybe hotel rates would be better during the first quarter. Karen V. then asked if maybe we could skip years (have it every other year) and two deaneries could collaborate on it each time. Jane suggested that, if we had them every two years, then maybe we could do a retreat or something similar, like they do in Nashville DCCW. Anne Wharton recommended that we think about and then discuss it as our September retreat. Donna Dunn noted that for new people it's important that we do something each year. Patty Johnson noted that deaneries would need to keep the excitement going. When Donna Curry mentioned that we cannot until September to decide on 2023 convention, Michelle said that, if we decided to change the current convention frequency, it would need to go into effect a couple of years down the road. Thus a **motion was made by Anne Wharton and seconded by MJ Uhlik that KDCCW consider changes to convention timelines, content (convention/training/Retreat) at our fall retreat in consideration of any bylaws changes necessary and planning thereof, and that any possible changes take place after the 2023 Convention or later. Motion carried.**

Fr. Dan Whitman pointed out that our strength is in how we work together for good throughout the world. He then offered our closing prayer and our meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Sweeney, Secretary