

SDCCW Annual Convention Board Meeting
St. Patrick's Church, Hudson WI
May 4, 2017

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by President Barbara Gagliardi who also lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bishop Powers lead the opening prayer.

Roll Call by Secretary Mary Arnold.

Present: Bishop Powers, Fr. Willger, Gayle Johnson, Barbara Gagliardi, Karen Firnstahl, Sharon Thomas, Evelyn Lompa, Lucille Brandner, Michelle Heldstab, Katy Zenner, Amy Giesler, MaDonna Blackburn, Susan Gotrik, Gail Grassel, Dea Que-Hoffman, Sharon Kelly, Pat Stine, Evelyn Clarkson.

Excused: Jenny Snarski, Michelle Rochel, Rita Creuzer, Sr. Cecilia Fandel.

Guests: Bea Sikorski, Monica Gornicke, Jean Kelly, Ramona Taur.

Approve Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Approve Minutes

The minutes from January 23 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ending checking account balance as of 5/1/17: \$4,611.59

Regular savings account balance as of 5/1/17: \$14,969.46

Balance of Scholarship savings as of 5/1/17: \$4,562.09

Goodwill: \$189.60

SDCCW annual giving totaled \$1,435. After discussion, Gayle Johnson moved to approve the expenses. Seconded by Susan Gotrik. Motion passed. Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Reports

Bishop Powers: Attended Catholics at the Capital where Trafficking was discussed. Thanked ladies of all the Councils for the work they do and how important they are to the functioning of the church.

Spiritual Advisor: Please see Fr. Willger's report for details. Some of the report includes: The ordination of Samuel Schneider will take place on June 4. Fr. Jerome D'Souza from India will be helping in Radisson and Winter on weekends. Wedding Jubilees will be celebrated July 8 at the Cathedral. Fr. Willger also stated that the women of CCW were ahead of everyone on the issue of trafficking. wcc.org has a YouTube video of the speaker on trafficking at Catholics at the Capital.

NCCW Secretary, Jean Kelly, talked about the programs and information NCCW offers and how information and ideas flow from National to the local level which also flows in

reverse.

Provence Director: Lucille Brandner: Lucille gave an Individual Membership to her mother and daughter. Because of this, NCCW donate \$20 in their names to the National Shrine at the Basilica in Washington. Her table at convention tomorrow will have information about the media, trafficking and individual membership. She also will have various items for sale.

Historian: Sharon Kelly will have a display and give a talk at the SDCCW Convention tomorrow.

Leadership: Katy Zenner will have a table at convention tomorrow with information about NCCW individual membership, prize chances and handouts.

Service: Amy Giesler: Amy was given applause in recognition for her work to help form the 7 Sisters' Apostolate. On June first the prayers for priests will start. She will have a table tomorrow of information related to this.

Publicity: Susan Gotrik reported that the Facebook site is up and running. We have a good relationship with the Herald, who has been receptive to covering and/or printing articles requested.

Mailing of the newsletter is expensive. As it is on line, mailings may need to be cut back. A discussion of this followed as many people do not have internet access.

Scholarship: Gail Grassel announced the two Mary Jane Morancyk Hennessy Scholarship winners as Melissa Klimowski and Jennifer Fischer. The scholarships will be awarded at Convention tomorrow.

Pax Christi: Dea Que - Hoffman provided a written report detailing the work of the Pax Christi committee this past year. She made a motion that:

Her report be accepted. Seconded by Susan Gotrik. Motion passed.

That a resolution be passed permitting a team of three headed by Barbara Gagliardi to review and restructure the rules and guidelines for wider and increased participation.

After further discussion, which also included the need for the Pax Christi packet to be sent earlier, this resolution was tabled until a later date.

Respect Life: MaDonna Blackburn reported that Abiding Care serves 50 – 100 women per year. The schools in the area are starting to let Pro Life programs in.

There is a new ultrasound machine in use and two new nurses are being trained for a total of 5 nurses.

There is saving for a van to provide mobility of services, one of which includes STD testing, to the area.

Webmaster: Michelle Haldstab was praised for her work on the web page. She needs more content and we need to remind others that the site exists. A discussion followed about how the various reports get to the parishes. Methods discussed were: sending the minutes to parish websites via Deb Libert at the Diocesan office or directly to the Parish

CCW Presidents. The issue was tabled until a later date.

South Central Deanery: President Pat Stine reported that at the Fall meeting, there was a speaker on Human Trafficking. At the Spring meeting the A.M. topic was “Prayer Without Words”. The P.M. topic was a discussion of homeless people in Rusk County and the housing provided.

Election of officers

Evelyn Lompa, Gayle Johnson and Katie Zenner comprise the Nominating Committee. As there was one candidate for Treasurer, Lynn Neek, and no nominations from the floor, Lynn was elected on a voice vote. She will take office July 1st.

President's Report

President Barbara Gagliardi Will be attending the Convocation of Catholic Leaders as our Diocesan representative July 1 – 4.

She has been promoting the 7 Sister Apostolate which was started by Fr. Joseph Johnson.

Goals for 2016 – 2018: These goals were met: Updating the Resource Manual and implementing the 7 Sisters Apostolate. She has visited four of the five Deaneries. She will visit South Central Deanery next.

The 2018 Duluth/Superior Convention will be held on May 22. The two speakers are Dale Alquest and Maria Morera Johnson.

The 2018 NCCW Convention will be held in Dallas September 6 – 9.

New Business

Bylaw Revisions:

Susan Gotrik motioned all changes unless stated otherwise.

Article I & II: No change.

Article III, Section 1: Updated to correct USCCB title. Approved by general consensus.

Section 2: Updated to reflect new commission break-down. Seconded by Sharon Kelly. Motion passed.

Section 3: Updated “Public Relations” title to “Publicity”. Seconded by Dea Que – Hoffman.

Article IV: No change.

Article V, Section 1, D: Changed to read, “The election of officers shall be conducted by the Parliamentarian and shall be by ballot. If there is only one candidate for office, the vote may be by voice”. Approved by general consensus.

Section 5: Changed to read, “Newly elected officers will assume all duties related to their office at the start of the fiscal year after installation (July 1st). Seconded by Sharon Thomas. Motion passed.

Section 6: Change to read, “Her installation occurs at the annual NCCW National Convention”. Seconded by Sharon Kelly. Motion passed.

Article VI, Section 4: Last sentence removed. This duty is moved to Leadership Commissioner. Seconded by Sharon Thomas. Motion passed.

Section 7: Title changed from “E-Secretary” to “Webmaster”. Body of the article is removed. Following a discussion, her duties will focus solely on the website and

SDCCW Social Media presence and other duties as assigned. Seconded by Gail Grassel.
Motion passed.

Article VII, Section 2: Changes made to reimbursement for President, Commissioners and Committee Chairs. Second by Mary Arnold and passed.

Article VIII: Sections A and B deleted. Approved by general consensus.
The updated Bylaws will be available prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Closing Prayer

A Novena to Our Lady of Fatima was lead by Barbara.

The next SDCCW Board Meeting will be held September 25. Location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm.