President Jane Carter opened the business meeting of the 22\textsuperscript{nd} Annual KDCCW Convention at 10:40 a.m. in the classroom area of St. Dominic Parish Life Center and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting room so quickly. Karen Joubert led the Salute to the Cross and the prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel. Linda Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Presentation of Convention Program, Registrations, Credentials, Evaluation:** Convention chairpersons are Jo Ann Preske and Judy Collins. Jo Ann presented the program and pointed out the “Schedule at a Glance” at the back of the book with more detailed schedule information inside. She thanked Anne and John Wharton who printed and bound the book. Jo Ann then asked everyone to fill out the evaluation form as you go through the convention. Comments will help to build a better convention in the future. Lastly, Jo Ann reported that there were 143 registrations for convention with 29 first-timers and 9 teens. The breakdown is as follows: Five Rivers has 39, 13, and 1; Cumberland Mountain has 37, 8, 1; Chattanooga has 17, 3, 3; Smoky Mountain has 26, 5, and 0; 10 clergy, and there are 14 guests including the President and President-Elect from the Memphis Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

**Rules of Convention, Courtesy Resolutions:** President Carter reported that we only have courtesy resolutions. As part of the National Council of Catholic Women, the recently adopted resolutions which follow the “Campaign for Human Dignity” are also our resolutions; these can be found on the NCCW website and hard copies are available at the Leadership Display area. She recommended that each affiliate pick one or two of the resolutions. Anne Wharton then moved that we accept the courtesy resolutions thanking Bishop Stika, Msgr. Xavier Mankel, NCCW President - Patty Johnson, President of NCCW Friends for WUCWO – Sally Jackson, CCW Moderators, Convention Co-chairs – Jo Ann Preske and Judy Collins, Fr. Michael Nolan of host parish, Convention liaisons -Dr. Gayle Bates and Mrs. Janel Lange, and members of the St. Dominic – Martha and Mary Ministry, Music Ministry, and Knights of Columbus. The resolutions were accepted by acclamation.

**Acceptance of the Approved Minutes of the 2010 Convention:** The appointed committee reviewed the minutes of the 2010 Convention, approved them, and entered them into record.

**Report of the Treasurer, Presentation of the 2011-2012 Budget:** Joyce Welsh reported that the KDCCW Board approved the 2011-2012 Budget for the grant money we receive from the Diocese. She has a copy if anyone wishes to see it. Joyce said she has really enjoyed serving for the past four years and appreciated the opportunity.

**Report of the NCCW Province Director:** NCCW Director of the Province of Louisville, Anne Wharton, welcomed Joyce Burti, outgoing president, and Jackie White, incoming president of the Diocese of Memphis. Memphis and Nashville are affiliates of the Province of Louisville. Anne said she was available to come and speak. She then mentioned several items:

- NCCW voting for president elect, secretary, treasurer, and nominating committee will be September 1-30. Bios of candidates can be found online and in the magazine. Your membership number, which can be found on your magazine cover, is your voting number. Sally Jackson is a candidate for the 7-member Nominating Committee; vote for her. Each affiliate gets two votes; **New this year**---Presidents must certify these delegates. Be sure to mail in the form which can be found in the last issue of *Catholic Women*” by June 15.
NCCW will present the St. Francis of Assisi Care for Creation Award to deserving catholic schools. Encourage the principal of all catholic schools in your area to apply.

The 2011 NCCW Convention will be November 9-12 at the Downtown Marriott in Chicago. The “Best Deal” registration fee is $395, due by June 22nd. You can register online with a credit card or download a registration form to be mailed in with your check.

NCCW CREDIT CARDS are now available. Anne displayed hers and encouraged all to apply for one as NCCW receives a percentage of all charges.

Report of the Friends of NCCW for WUCWO: Jane Carter reported the following for Sally Jackson who has laryngitis.

- Please visit the Friends of NCCW for WUCWO display which has items from the Holy Land as well as registration forms for membership.
- The annual meeting will be at the NCCW Convention on Friday evening.
- In 2012, the United States will be hosting the North America Regional Meeting.

Report of the KDCCW President: President Jane Carter thanked all of the amazing women of the Diocese who have given $1,700,000 worth of free labor to their parishes. Everything we do in the parish is something the parishes do not have to pay to get done.

Jane urged everyone to bring a carful of people from your parish to attend the free concert on Sunday, June 19, 7:00 p.m. at St. John Episcopal Cathedral in Knoxville featuring Fr. Thomas O’Connell, organist, and two members from the Knoxville symphony, a violinist and a cellist. We have been women of prayer for vocations for several years; now we are being women of action raising money for the seminarian fund. Jane Carter then introduced Susan Collins, whose son, Dustin, will be ordained a transitional deacon at Notre Dame in Greeneville on June 11.

Then Jane recommended that each affiliate purchase the new revised 2011 NCCW Guidance and Resource Manual. A sample page about publicity can be found at the Leadership display table.

Report of the By-laws Committee, Presentation of the Proposed By-law Revisions: There are no revisions to the by-laws.

Good of the Order: Susan Tribble explained the reason Dr. Ruth Queen Smith was unable to come and speak at convention: She is in training with her Labrador retriever, Lola; and she will not be back until the end of May. All women are invited to attend the Bible study led by Dr. Ruth. The group meets after the Thursday morning Mass at 9:45 a.m., All Saints Catholic Church, Knoxville.

The Right to Life Committee of St. Mary Church in Johnson City has been raising funds for the last ten years for a Memorial to the Unborn. The dedication ceremony will be on August 15; everyone is invited.

Darlene Woods of Oak Ridge is available to speak on support to those with mental illness. She is an active part of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Closing Prayer: Karen Joubert led the closing prayer.

President Jane Carter reconvened the business meeting of the 22nd Annual KDCCW Convention at 2:30 p.m. in the classroom area of the Parish Life Center.

Roll Call of the Parish Affiliates: Jane Carter introduced the president of each deanery affiliate and asked the deanery president (or her representative) to introduce the presidents of the individual parishes affiliates within her deanery. Each parish affiliate president was invited to share up to four things representing how leadership, service, spirituality, and advocacy were lived out in their own parish CCW.
Smoky Mountain Deanery President, Pat Ryan, introduced the following:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral – Although no representative was present, Pat reported that this affiliate is the largest and most active in the deanery.
- Holy Cross – Martha Schelski reported that they prayed the Rosary and had a bake sale for flood victims.
- Holy Family – Ann Dennis said, although the ladies were not organized as a CCW group, they are very active in the parish.
- Holy Ghost – Carolyn Pole reported they have been incredibly busy getting ready to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Msgr. Mankel’s ordination. They are also involved in helping delinquents in juvenile detention.
- Immaculate Conception – Marilyn Haffner said they make Rosaries and have given over 1500 away this year. They sponsored a time budgeting workshop, collected throws during Lent, and participated in Catholic Day on the Hill.
- Our Lady of Fatima – Helen Percle reported they had an Advent retreat with Sister Timothea. Several women have taken leadership positions in the PPC, and they do fundraising to give back to the community.
- John XXIII – Blanche Mackay said they held $2.00 suppers every Sunday night since most parishioners are students.
- St. Joseph the Worker – Barbara Callan reported they had a weekly Bible study, played a leadership role in church renovation, are involved in food and clothing distribution, and participated in Right to Life in Washington, D.C.
- St. Mary in Oak Ridge – Sharon McCutchan said they had a special day of reflection, were leaders in the 2nd Annual Scholarship Fund, and have reached ½ of their $5000 goal to build a well in India.

Five Rivers Deanery President, Shirley Riehl, introduced the following:

- Holy Trinity – Marlene Holt said they have a Patriotic Rosary on the fourth Saturday of each month and they sell “flags on the hill” for $25 on all flag days in honor of or in memory of someone.
- St. Patrick – Allison McKenna said they pair up with First Communion children as prayer partners and then bake them a loaf of bread and present them the week before their First Communion. They raised $11,000 for the capital campaign, and they baked and sold pies giving $1200 to the community’s Daily Bread Food Kitchen.
- Notre Dame – Denise Michaud said they also bake/sell pies, sponsored a luncheon for graduating seniors, and made gifts/had a reception for First Communion. At the beginning of each meeting, they have a meditation.
- Good Shepherd – Since President Dorothy Necessary had deaths in the family, Jo Ann Preske reported. They have intercessory prayer on Tuesday and first Saturday of each month. They advocate togetherness. They sponsor pizza party and give gift cards as a service project. Ladies are in training for the RCIA team.
- St. Mary in Johnson City – Mary Keeks said they have had a membership drive, had a program on Holy and Courageous Women, and had a day of reflection with Father Dan Whitman. They are big supporters of the Catholic Center at ETSU and Catholic Charities.

Cumberland Mountain Deanery President, Kathy Morin, introduced the following:

- All Saints – Susan Tribble said they had monthly meetings of the nineteen women who chair small groups, and they tried to have three joint activities a year. They have brochures for women describing the groups – daytime and evening. They keep adding groups as needed. They participate in recycling flowers for people in hospitals and nursing homes that wouldn’t otherwise have them. They sponsor a Lenten retreat.
- Blessed Sacrament – Jennifer Perkins reported they have very few women, but they do a lot: annual women’s retreat opening up to the whole parish, $1000 scholarship for a graduating senior, ecumenical service during Lent, Catholic Day on the Hill.
- St. Alphonsus – Donna Gocella said they have a card party to raise funds for a $2000 scholarship each year. They are having an old fashioned Tupperware party asking all
ladies to bring their oldest piece of Tupperware. They have a Lenten soup/salad supper and Stations of the Cross.

- St. Francis of Assisi – Arlene McShane reported they had a day of recollection, had a soup supper and Stations of the Cross during Lent, raised $10,000 with a rummage sale for local charities, and have a Christmas luncheon.

- St. Joseph in Norris – Nikki Kapolka said they had Women of Grace classes, had an Advent candlelight service combined with a cookie swap, and support several charities such as a pregnancy center and Crazy Quilt.

- St. Mary in Oak Ridge – Michelle Gionelli reported they are always busy: retreat with Sister Timothea, Holy Family Guild involving young mothers, Christ Child Shower.

- St. Therese in Clinton – Cathy Hundley said they share with St. Joseph. They are involved with Stations of the Cross during Lent. A rummage sale is in the works. A “Tea and Crumpets” social includes daughters.

- St. Thomas the Apostle – Kitty Jansen says they are a guild, and CCW is part of the guild. They would love to share with other parishes their plans for Advent by Candle light which is a beautiful spiritual evening.

Chattanooga Deanery President, Geraldine Charton, was unable to attend due to deaths in the family; therefore, Agnes Wheeler introduced the following:

- Holy Spirit – Mary Jo Koory reported their St. Vincent DePaul Society has been very active the past four years. Their rummage sale raised $20,000 to help people in the community pay electric bills, rent, etc. Their prayer group studies scripture and also provides bereavement receptions. Msgr. Al wants CCW to get started.

- Shepherd of the Valley – Gayle Hixson said their group provides fellowship with other churches in the community.

- St. Jude – Judy Tockleman reported they held a business expo for Catholic business owners. They held their 3rd Annual International Rosary and Potluck Supper. They also have monthly luncheons with Father Charlie.

- St. Therese of Lisieux – Kelly Drury said they sponsored a one-day pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Huntsville, Alabama. They had an advent wreath making evening. They participated in the Walk for Life for the New Hope Pregnancy Center.

Jane introduced our honored guests Jerry Whitley from the Diocese of Richmond and Joyce Burti and Jackie White from the Diocese of Memphis.

- Jerry Whitley – Their group is only two years old. They sponsor four movies (chosen by the priest) a year to raise money for charitable organizations. On the evening of Christmas they have a lavish dinner for people who are alone at Christmas. They are also sponsoring a prayer shawl ministry.

- Joyce Burti – They held a mystery dinner theater which is a great fund raiser.

In closing, Jane reminded everyone that the strength of Council is what happens in the parishes. Jane expressed pride that the KDCCW has more NCCW members than any other diocese even though only 3% of the population is Catholic; and she thanked Shirley King for her tireless effort in calling ladies to renew their membership if they forget. Women were invited to visit the displays and/or the beautiful Rosary Garden before returning to hear Sister Helena speak at 4:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Collins, Secretary