

**Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Spring Convention Board Meeting  
St Jude Catholic Church, Chattanooga, TN  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual KDCCW Convention  
Thursday, 30 April, 2009**

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Convention Board Meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. by President Ann Dennis.

Salute to the Cross, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel and Prayer to Our Mother of Vocations was led by Jane Carter.

Pledge to the Flag and NCCW Mission Statement were led by Karen Joubert.

*A Litany in Honor of Women, Bearers of the Good News*, was led by Karen Joubert.

Board members present by Roll Call as follows:

Monsignor Mankel	Ann Dennis	Jane Carter
Debi Hartman	Joyce Welsh	Karen Joubert
Patty Johnson	Suzanne Erpenbach	Pam Brophy
Shirely Cecconi	Julie Drake	Patricia Forde
Nancy Heaps	Mary Hilchey	Sally Jackson
Kitty Jansen	Shirley King	MaryJo Koory
Linda Lambert	Loretta Lowden	Karen Meiring
Janice Mickel	Kathy Morin	Cathy Palisoc
Aimee Place	JoAnn Presk	Karen Quilliams
Ann Respass	Susan Tribble	Judy Trochelman
Theresa Weiner	Anne Wharton	Eileen White
Monica Witkowski		

**January Board Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were e-mailed to members approved as submitted.

**Correspondence:** Loretta Lowden reported two (2) sympathy cards were sent to Jack Bryant and Ann Caste and one (1) get well card to Anne Wharton and family.

Cards were sent to absent KDCCW Board members to let them know they were missed. A moment of silence was offered for the repose soul of Jinx Bryant.

**E-Secretary:** Aimee Place announced the e-mails are going well and encouraged everyone to put the deanery and church she is from on all e-mails for quick identification.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joyce Welsh said she will be attending the KDCCW training day on June 20<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has questions regarding the procedures that need to be followed or if they have any specific areas that need to be addressed, please let her know prior to training day so she can be prepare to answer their concerns. Joyce offered information on the process of reimbursement for the NCCW Convention in Jacksonville. The Profit and Loss statement for fiscal year 1 July, 2008 to 30 April, 2009, was submitted for review. Copy is on file.

**The 2009 - 2010 Proposed Budget:** This year the grant from the Diocese will be \$10,000. There are two items that needed to be addressed: 1) **Commission Allotment:** it was suggested a reduction to \$450 instead of \$750 since in the previous two years we did not use all that was budgeted and 2) **NCCW Convention Expense:** The increase of NCCW registration fees have gone from \$275 to \$325 for this year. A motion was made by Sally Jackson and seconded that the maximum NCCW Convention Assistance to the Board members of the 2009-2011 Board to attend convention in Jacksonville be \$300. The motioned passed. Ann Dennis asked for the board's approval that Susan Baker of Cumberland Mountain Deanery and Denise Betoski of Smoky Mountain Deanery, who have accounting and finance backgrounds, along with Joyce to audit the books of the treasurer from the last year. The motion was made by Jane Carter, seconded and carried.

Joyce gave a checkbook balance of \$2,156.53; convention acct. balance of \$10,418.57 and Education Fund balance of \$13,748.65 for a combined total of \$26,323.75 Report on file.

**Parliamentary Point:** Karen Joubert submitted a copy of the Robert's Rules of Order - Summary Version for Fair and Orderly Meetings and Conventions. Karen stated that on page 25 of the Convention booklet you will find the Rules of Convention. Please read and familiarize yourself on voting delegates. Voting Cards

will be distributed at convention. There are no bylaw changes this year and no new resolutions except the traditional courtesy resolutions.

**Presidents Reports:** Reports were given and filed.

Ann Dennis, KDCCW President

Judy Trochelman for Chattanooga Deanery

Karen Meiring for Cumberland Mountain

Shirley Cecconi for Five Rivers Deanery

JoAnn Preske for Smoky Mountain Deanery

**Commission Chair Reports:** Reports were given and filed

Helen Percle, Church Commission, report given by Ann Dennis for Helen Percle

Patricia Forde, Community

Susan Tribble, Family Concerns

Eileen White, International

Kitty Jansen, Legislation

Sally Jackson, Organization

**Old Business:** Ann Respress, Cathy Palisoc, Convention Co-chairs & Janice Mickel, Convention Treasurer: Convention sign up is 185 attendees. They have broken new ground by having the convention at a parish instead of a hotel which meant much more work for the convention chairs. Ann Respress reported that the ladies of the Chattanooga Deanery have worked very hard and all preparations have been made to welcome attendees.

**Resolutions Committee:** Pam Brophy, Chair and Jane Carter and Karen Joubert were thanked by Ann Dennis for their hard work on getting the resolutions from the past 20 years in order. No new resolutions were submitted this year and several outdated resolutions will be remanded tomorrow in the Remanding of Resolutions Ceremony.

**Moderator Comments:** Monsignor Mankel stated it is very evident that we have a change in the wind with our new Shepherd, Bishop Stika. This coming Thursday on Monsignor's radio program on WI TA in Knoxville there will be a little reflection on our new Bishop. Please note that there is a wave of blessed enthusiasm for our new Bishop and that he is very well advised.

This convention is a major shift in venue and isn't it wonderful that we have these facilities here at St Jude. This is a wonderful new beginning in the Diocese of Knoxville.

- The new Bishop has asked Monsignor Mankel to be his new Vicar General and as such will meet with the Bishop regularly and be a good advocate for KDCCW as your moderator.
- Monsignor also believes that the Bishop should be on our Roll Call even though he won't be there some of the time.
- Monsignor mentioned that we have a claim on some of the space in the new addition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Chancery Building; some designated space for the KDCCW archives.
- Monsignor stated that he can't underscore the importance of training for current and future Treasurers. The next crisis in the church has been predicted to be financial and we need to protect ourselves from and perception, real or imagined, concerning the use of funds we receive from the diocese.
- Regarding money for Doctor Ruth Queen Smith Monsignor said he believe she is the best Deanery and Diocesan project we ever had, but not sure we should be giving money from KDCCW because the diocese just raised ten million dollars, a great amount of which is for the kind of project that she is working on through the Diocesan office of Religious Education and he didn't believe that KDCCW need pay for it since we have already paid for it through the GiFT Campaign.
- Finally, Monsignor said we need to keep our resolutions before us. The need is for pro-life focus; pro "human" life under attack more than any other member of the species should be ever on our minds. And he added that we should more emphatic about that. Monsignor also mentioned that we should all try to promote the Legion of Mary and apostolates such as the Third Orders.

**New Business:**

Ann Dennis reported that Carroll Shipley of Chattanooga Deanery made a Dogwood Stole for Bishop Stika and this will be given to him along with a subscription to Catholic Woman magazine if it is not already being sent to him.

**Volunteer Hours:** The hours for 2009 need to be submitted as soon as possible, we currently have 20,886 hours reported so if you have not sent yours in, Ann stated she must have them by next week so we can be credited for all the work we have done.

**Annual Reports:** Commission Reports that were e-mailed must be completed and sent to Ann Dennis for the files.

**Patty Johnson, NCCW Region 3, V.P.** Stated that we need the excitement for NCCW that we shared at dinner tonight, please ladies, take this enthusiasm back to your parishes and talk the talk of Council and you will get new members. Patty went on to say one of the things that the National Council does of which you can be very proud is their stand on Pro-Life. The National Board received a special invitation as leaders in the pro-life movement to attend a Mass in Washington, D.C. and participated during the pro-life week; "we all prayed together". She also told of the hard work to promote the dignity in the lives of human persons. NCCW made a statement and stormed Congress with our causes. Please read and re-read your NCCW magazine, she urged, and look at the web sites mentioned within, there is a wealth of information in the magazine. Patty said "the church, the nation and the world need us, we are very valuable, let's keep our enthusiasm up ladies, let's spread that enthusiasm in our churches and if you really want to get excited about NCCW attend the convention in Jacksonville in September".

Jane Carter added that "You don't join NCCW for what you get; you join because you believe in the mission". Jane announced - Training and Development Day at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center, Lenoir City on June 20<sup>th</sup>. KDCCW will be collecting registrations for the NCCW convention in Jacksonville on that June 20<sup>th</sup> Leadership and Development day; you will need to bring two (2) copies of the registration form and a check to this meeting if you are planning on going to convention in Jacksonville. The price goes up July 7<sup>th</sup> so it's important that all Board Members, bring them to training day on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Suzanne Erpenbach, Province Director,** reported, that the help for Bishop Stika's ordination given by ladies of KDCCW and the comments that have come in since the ordination have been just tremendous. She thanked the ladies for all of their hard

work. Suzanne mentioned that she attended the Nashville DCCW Convention last week and, along with Jane Carter, presented an NCCW Leadership Training Development Program for 41 women. The Memphis convention will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> on a Monday, and Suzanne asked if anyone has any friends or family over that way, they need our spirit and support. She said that we have promising things happening in Kentucky and will be going up on May 26<sup>th</sup> to speak to a group of ladies who have not heard anything about CCW. She reported that the Louisville Province dinner at the NCCW Convention in Jacksonville in September will be at a steak and seafood restaurant on the Landing, Thursday evening at 7 PM and attendees will be able to order off of the menu.

Before adjournment, it was brought to the Board's attention by Patricia Forde that since we were not charging clergy to attend convention this year, we should also provide free meals for the wives of the two married clergy who may attend, namely Father McNeely and Father Montgomery. Following discussion, it was decided that their meals should be covered by the convention.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Debi Hartman  
Recording Secretary

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Friday, 1 May, 2009**

**President**, Ann Dennis opened the convention at 9:35 a.m.

**Vice President**, Jane Carter led the salute to the cross and prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

**Parliamentarian**, Karen Joubert let the salute to the Flag and the Mission Statement.

**President Ann Dennis** welcomed everyone to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention and introduced those at the head table, priests and religious and other special guests. Special recognition was given to Father Bob Hofstetter as he celebrates the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination and President Ann also announced that our meeting facility, The Hofstetter Family Life Center, is named after one of its major designers, Father Bob Hofstetter.

**Chattanooga Deanery President**, Judy Trochelman gave the welcome along with Moderator, Father Joe Brando from the hosting Chattanooga Deanery, with a theme of Rejoice and be Glad on our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Deanery Presidents** from Chattanooga, Cumberland, Five Rivers and Smoky Mountain led the Roll Call of Affiliates beginning with the Chattanooga Deanery. Affiliate members stood to be recognized as their parish name was called and a power point slide show prepared by Sally Jackson and Nancy Heaps, portrayed ladies of these parishes during meetings and church gatherings this past year. The list of parishes and the number of attendees from each is attached.

**Convention Co-Chairs**, Ann Respass and Cathy Palisoc welcomed everyone and presented the program booklets.

**Parliamentarian**, Karen Joubert reviewed rules of convention.

**KDCCW Nominating Committee Chair**, Anne Wharton, presented the slate of Officers for 2009-2011, which has been approved by the board and Diocesan Moderator, Monsignor Xavier Mankel. These officers will be installed by NCCW Region 3 Vice President, Patty Johnson at a ceremony tomorrow.

**NCCW Region 3 Vice-President**, Patty Johnson, gave a short report about her travels and brought news from the National board.

**NCCW Louisville Province Director**, Suzanne Erpenbach, gave a short report about happenings in the Memphis and Nashville CCW programs as well as some small progress being made in bringing CCW to ladies in parts of Kentucky.

**Resolutions Committee Chair**, Pam Brophy and members, Jane Carter and Karen Joubert, led attendees in the Remanding of Resolutions Ceremony. A copy of remanded resolutions is on file and copies of resolutions that remain current have been made available to all board members. Pam also announced that extra copies are available for any interested attendees.

**Convention Host Pastor**, Father Joseph Brande, led the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Memorial Mass was celebrated at St Jude Church followed by lunch. Monsignor Mankel was the principal celebrant (due to Bishop Stika's illness) along with other priests and deacons from the diocese . Deceased women from throughout the Diocese were memorialized in this special annual Mass.

The Priests Luncheon was held in the Parish Hall.  
(Ann Dennis, Jane Carter, Patty Johnson, and Suzanne Erpenbach were invited to speak with the priests during their lunch about KDCCW works and the goals and upcoming projects of NCCW.)

Workshops and Presentations followed lunch:

**Legislation Commission workshop:** *Proclaim the Gift of Life*, Lisa Morris, Presenter.

**Family Concerns Commission workshop:** *The Joys and Blessings of Living Simply*, Nancy Twigg, Presenter.

**Community Concerns Commission workshop:** *Children in Poverty*, Presented by Anne Wharton.

**International Concerns workshop:** *Look Beneath the Surface-Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery*, Presented by Eileen White.

**Church Commission workshop:** *Development of Prayer*, Presented by Father Michael Woods.

Organization Commission workshop: *Where They Went and Why*, Presented by Rose Schuhmacher.

Mexican Fiesta and Fun Night followed.

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Saturday, 2 May, 2009**

Rosary and Mass celebrated at St Jude Church, Father Joe Brando, principal celebrant.

Katrina Rae, Catholic Singer and Evangelist, presented two sessions;  
*Relationship to God and Healing and Evangelization.*

2009-2011 Cumberland Mountain Deanery President, Kathy Morin, announced that her deanery will host the 2010 Convention and details are being discussed. More information to come soon.

NCCW Region 3 Vice President, Patty Johnson led the Installation of KDCCW officers for the 2009-2011 years term. Patty also thanked Ann Dennis and her board for their service these past 2 years and outgoing President Ann was given a gift of appreciation.

2009-2010 KDCCW Officers:

President: Jane Carter  
V. President: Theresa Weiner  
Treasurer: Joyce Welsh, second term  
Secretary: Linda Lambert

Newly installed President Jane Carter adjourned the convention at approximately 3:30 PM.

Debi Hartman  
Recording Secretary