

**Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**  
**Full Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM**  
**at St. Joseph's, Geneva & ZOOM meeting**

Kathy Rowell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Meeting will be recorded by Judy Weston. President Rowell opened with a prayer & Pledge of Allegiance. There is a quorum with 34 women present and 10 joining on ZOOM. Fr. McGuire joined the meeting later. Fr. Lux was unable to due to a funeral in his parish.

President asked if there were any changes to agenda. Minutes & Treasurer's report were emailed out to all members. No corrections or deletions were needed from the minutes of January 4<sup>th</sup>. Minutes were approved as printed and have been out via email.

Karen Dey presented the Treasure's report with a shared screen. Treasures' report was sent via email. Discussion was held on this. Treasurer's report is approved.

**Commission reports –**

**Spirituality** - Ellen Jirvosky. Ellen mentioned the Parent Educators books. Ellen is wondering if we could offer these for sale to other Dioceses. Ellen suggested getting a 'royalty' from these sales. Some discussion resulted and was tabled. Funds for Nuns was discussed. There is a young woman in Vietnam who is interested in coming and joining the Vietnamese Sisters. It was decided not to send any funds for her until she actually arrives in Lincoln and request financial help.

Beth Ruhl was present to give report for Pi Alpha Chi. She said their meetings have been restricted due to COVID but hopefully in the Fall they can increase meeting time.

**Service** - Kathy Rentschler – reminded everyone to collect donated eye glasses or rosaries. The Lions Club has been taking our donations of eye glasses and sending them to the missions. Rosaries will be given to Catholic Social Services.

Marilyn Maney - joined us via ZOOM. She reminded everyone to apply for the Homestead Exemption and also to register for the COVID shot. Handouts are included in Deanery packets.

**Leadership:** Judy Weston – Catholics at the Capital was discussed and that it was done via ZOOM. Nebraska Catholics Conference had 3 sessions that were very informative. She suggested legislators should attend our meetings. She reminded everyone the need for a Legislative Chairman. Beth Ruhl volunteered to find someone to fill this position. Judy said that the Constant Contacts have increased by 50% of log ins

Kay Wessel gave her report. She said due to COVID she was unable to travel thru the Diocese to attend Deanery meetings but she intends to do this in the future and inform them of what we actually stand for and do.

**Parliamentarian Report** – Kay Portillo & Judy Weston are Co-Parliamentarians. Kay stated that our country is in a critical time. She suggested having starting '50 Days for the Nation'. Praying for one State each day, offering sacrifices for this and fasting. We could put

this in the Newsletter, SNR, Spirit Radio, parish bulletins, etc to get the word out. This could start May 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone agreed this would be beneficial.

Kay said we need to update the ByLaws:

Page 8 of By Laws. First requirement is for the President Elect. Suggestions:

1. Eligibility - nominee for President Elect can be but is not limited to a member of the current or past LDCCW Executive board. Nominee shall have exhibited leadership in parish, deaneries or diocesan and or community. (This way we don't have to change profile sheets)

2. Eligibility - All nominees shall exhibit leadership qualities related to a specific office. This would be for all offices - (President elect all the way down) by eliminating that they be past members of the board. It opens it up to more women in the Diocese.

Discussion was held on Preference #1 or #2. It was decided to delete #1 and make #2 #1 now. Julie Rosebaum made the motion to accept the wording. Motion carried. This will be voted on at the Convention.

**Nominating Committee Report** – Agnes Anderson, Darla Brazda & Judy Weston. We need officers for 2022-2024 and Omaha Province.

**Historian Report** – Linda Schaben - The LDCCW scrapbook (2018-2020) was passed around for members to view. This will be put in the archives at the Chancery. Kay Wessel reminded everyone to start collecting information and photos for the next scrapbook. Agnes Anderson asked us to keep Viola Vi Bibow in our prayers. Vi passed away 11-7-2020 in Omaha. She will be remembered.

**Province Director** – Theresa Pavlik was absent, but President Rowell reminded everyone of the honoring Mother's Day program. These are due back to the NCCW office by April 30<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded us of Earth Day and of the quilt raffle.

## **Old Business**

President Rowell discussed the article in the Southern Nebraska Register a few weeks ago. She encouraged more articles to be submitted to 'get our name out there'.

Kay Wessel discussed adding Willow Pregnancy Center in Beatrice to our list of who we financially support. Percentages were given and dollar amounts. Last year our budget was \$1650 this year we increased it to be \$2200. The Executive Board recommends the LDCCW add the Willow Pregnancy Center in Beatrice to the list of Pregnancy Centers the LDCCW assist monetarily. 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation came from Ann Jansky. All voted in favor.

Officer installation was brought up. It was suggested to do this at the Doniphan meeting in August. President Rowell encouraged everyone to watch 'The Chosen' movie.

Resolution Committee: Carlece Kenner offered to be on this committee and they will present at the Winter Symposium. Everyone thanked her.

## **New Business** –

The Province meeting will be in Grand Island on July 19<sup>th</sup>. President Rowell encouraged us to attend. We will be the host for this meeting. Judy Weston will look into asking White Foot

Restaurant to cater for us. It was discussed to have a ZOOM meeting prior to this to finalize the details.

Discussion included: changing Ash Wednesday retreats to a Friday in Lent and suggestions on getting information out to our parishes. Teresa Koch will again make the palls for two the newly ordained priests. Kay Wessell & Ann Jansky will take care of the New Priest Orientation Day. President Rowell encouraged the summer activates for our youth in the parish. She informed us that her ZOOM contract runs out in July so we need to decided. Judy Weston will research our options. Cost is \$150.00 with ZOOM.

President Rowell drew names for the gifts she received from Spirit Catholic Radio for our donation. 4 names were chosen. Host gifts were then given out to 18 members. Guest Speaker – Sandy Lefever then gave everyone a presentation about the hand made quilts the Geneva PCCW makes each year. They are donated to various organizations such as CSS and Matt Talbot.

Fr. McGuire discussed the Health Standards proposed by the Nebraska Department of Education. The draft standards have been made public and there was a lot of concern as to what the NDE proposes. Ginger Jelinek (Crete Deanery) has been researching the standards and has spoken at committee meetings. The LDCCW members were encouraged to read the standards, especially item 7 – Human Growth and Development, and contact the NDE with **specific concerns** about specific standards. A broad statement such as, “I don’t agree with what you are proposing” might not carry much weight.

Two examples of **Kindergarten** standards are:

HE.K.7.1.a: State medically accurate names for body parts including genitalia.

HE.K.7.2.a: Discuss different kinds of family structures. (e.g. single parent, blended, intergenerational, cohabitating, adoptive, foster, same-gender, interracial)

*Note that a traditional father/mother family is not mentioned.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Year of St. Joseph Dec 8, 2020-2021
- Bishop’s Project – Archives Display
- President’s Project – CSS Hastings/St. Gianna West
- NCCW Mother’s Day Mass
- Diaconate Ordination May 28, 2021 at 7pm
- Priesthood Ordination – May 29, 2021 at 11 am
- NCCW Convention Registration in May – help with cost
- Fall Meetings August 20 – Exec Board at Doniphan  
August 21 – Full Board at Doniphan

**Meeting adjourned** at 3:10 with Fr. McGuire giving us his priestly blessing

Recorded by Barb Janda