

**Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**  
**Executive Spring Board Meeting**  
**St. Germanus, Arapahoe, NE**  
**Friday, April 14, 2023 at 3:00 pm**

Prior to the meeting, members met at Shirley K's Restaurant in Cambridge followed by a tour of S. L. Jonson Studios. The group then made a visit to St. John the Baptist Church to see their remodeling project.

President, Trudy Burenheide, called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm. Fr. McGuire led us in an opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President-Elect, Judy Weston, confirmed there was a quorum. A motion was made by Karen Dey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Weston, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer, Diane Synek**, presented the financial report since the winter meeting in February. Contributions from parishes totaled \$2,549 for dues and \$2,655 for special projects. Total disbursements: \$3,903.70. Apostles For Life disbursement to area pregnancy centers, \$1,982. Remainder of the medals- \$329.15. Other expenses were related to the Winter Symposium. Judy Weston was reimbursed for her NCCW Convention expenses.

Balances as of April 13, 2023	
General Fund	\$12,382.63
Special Projects	\$40,823.89
DI&L. (as of 12-31-22)	\$11,342.76
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$64,574.28

Diane included spreadsheets showing the contributions made by each parish since January 1, 2023. A discussion followed regarding the amount of dues paid by parishes. PCCWs are encouraged to pay for each woman of the parish as they are able. Members expressed the confusion of many at the parish level as to when to make payments and to whom. It was decided the deanery presidents should communicate to the parishes to help clarify. The three Vice Presidents and Judy Weston will contact the deaneries to clear up any misunderstandings and talk about the needs of the LDCCW, remembering that building the relationship is more important than just asking for money. Michelle Chambers, Kathy Rentschler, and Janice will take care of contacting the Lincoln parishes and Karen Dey will talk to the York Deanery.

Agnes Anderson asked about sending a check to the bishop for the Burse. It was decided there should be a payment given each year. Trudy will contact Bishop Conley to present the check for this year. Agnes also asked that a picture and report be given about the Bishop's Project when it is completed so members can see where their money is going.

President Trudy and Michelle Chambers, from the Family Life Office will decide on the amount of money to be given this year for Youth Ministries from the President's Project Fund.

Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

There was no **correspondence** to share.

### **Commission Reports:**

Commission Chairs were asked to only share concerns or unique updates and give the complete report during the full board meeting in order to conserve time.

**Spirituality**—Teresa Koch offered some prayer books to any women involved in the Seven Sister's Apostolate. She also shared information regarding modesty, advice to raising chaste men, and the many feasts days celebrated in the month of May.

**Service**—Kathy Rentschler—saved her report for the full board meeting, but did comment on the many good works being done across the diocese as she learned through reviewing the Charitable Works Surveys. She commended the many faithful women for their service.

**Leadership**—Michele Chambers reported 32 women participated in the LTD Zoom Training Event held on March 18.

Michele reported the changes in the Family Life and Youth Ministry Offices' personnel. Five TECs were held this past year. The one in McCook had to cancel due to lack of participants. It was decided to continue trips to the March For Life even though Roe v. Wade has been overturned.

Updates to the Deanery Rosters are going well. If anyone has changes, they are to make a comment to the side on the website and Michele will make the changes.

**Bylaws Committee**—Kay Portillo went over the updated proposed changes to the bylaws.

Kay proposed the following changes to the bylaws, second by Trudy Burenheide:

1. A simple typing error on page 15, changing **xii** to **ix** – **the Exec Board approved and Full Board voted to approve this change at the Winter Meeting.**
2. Article 5, Section D, b and c  
b: Diocese Handout Rosters will be distributed and reviewed at the Fall LDCCW Exec Board and Full Board Meetings  
c: Deanery Handout Rosters will be distributed and reviewed at the Fall LDCCW Exec Board and Full Board Meetings.  
Diocese and Deanery Rosters will not be distributed or reviewed as part of the purpose of the kickoff meeting. The President will have them prepared for distributed and review at the Fall LDCCW Exec Board and Full Board Meetings.
3. Elimination of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President position
4. Change in who can audit the financial records since we would eliminate the auditors position.

Karen Dey said 'Certified Internal Auditor' should be included as someone who can audit the books. Trudy called for a vote to make the addition. Proposed change was passed.

**Nominations Committee**—Bonnie Damrow will be present and report at the Full Board meeting on Saturday.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Deanery Roster updates need to be sent to the president so she can update the email list.
2. Faith Sharing Zoom meeting will be May 13 at 7:30 pm on Mother's Day. Members will be asked to share a favorite memory of their mother or how their mother influenced their faith instead of

anyone giving their personal testimony. Trudy is hoping to meet ladies across the diocese through these meetings. Everyone was encouraged to promote this monthly event.

## **New Business**

1. Charitable Works Survey format was changed this year. Please give any ideas to Trudy Burenheide or Kathy Rentschler to improve this reporting device.
2. NCCW National Convention will be August 24-26 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Val Able, reported the 64<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention will be in Lincoln at John XXIII Center instead of Nebraska City which was originally planned. It will be April 26 & 27, 2024.  
There is no charge for the use of the rooms there. There may be heavy hors d'oeuvres instead of a meal on the 26<sup>th</sup> due to the change in venue. Deaneries are still asked to send \$25 for centerpieces. Possible activities are being discussed. Raffle tickets will be handed out at the Fall meeting. Julie Rosenbaum offered to be on raffle committee. Barb Janda accepted the job of organizing the silent auction of baskets. Val and Trudy are keeping in mind the purpose of the convention--a celebration along with building friendships and relationships.
4. Trudy encouraged everyone to read, "Follow Me! Called to Serve, Chosen to Lead" from the NCCW website. She felt it would be especially helpful for deanery meetings.
5. Province Meeting will be held on July 17 in Grand Island.

**Spiritual Advisor** comments from Fr. McQuire included a joke about free haircuts for clergy followed by thoughts from two books he's reading: Jesus, the Apostles and the Early Church and Three Women and the Lord.

## **Announcements:**

NewsNotes will go out May 1. Please send articles to [ldccwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ldccwpresident@gmail.com) at least one week before.

Fall Executive Board Meeting, August 18 at St. Mary in Sutton

Fall Full Board Meeting, August 19 at St. Mary in Sutton

Evening plans following Executive meeting: Supper provided by the ladies from St. Germanus then a visit to Old Cellar Vineyard.

Motion by Michele Chambers to adjourn the meeting, second by Kay Portillo, meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Recorded by Secretary, Donna Havlat