**Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

**Full Board Meeting ZOOM**

**Saturday, January 15, 2022 – 9AM**

Kathy Rowell called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Meeting will be ZOOM recorded by President Rowell and Barb Janda. Fr Lux opened the meeting with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and it was reported that we had a quorum with 34 women present. Fr. McGuire joined in later.

President Rowell asked if there were any changes to agenda. President added: adjustments needed to the LDCCW History in the Resource Manual. The motion was approved.

Kay Portillo discussed the voting procedure for the election of officers. President Rowell will ask for any other nominees. Then she will read off the names of the nominees. People on ZOOM will ‘raise their hand’ to vote and those on phones will be asked to vote verbally. There needs to be 2/3 members vote to suspend voting by ballot and allow a vote by acclimation since there will be only one candidate nominated for each office. President Rowell will have to state that election by ballot be suspended and we will be voting by acclimation.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Correspondence –thank you notes were received from Pregnancy Centers, Hastings Catholic Schools, Spirit Catholic Radio, & several retired priests who received Christmas cards.

Karen Dey presented a detailed Treasurer’s report for the 18 months. Financial and Parish Contribution reports were discussed. Treasurer’s report was approved.

**Commission reports** –

**Spirituality** - Ellen Jirovsky. Ellen said 5000 Parent Educators books have been purchased. Divine Mercy is in need of a representative. Ash Wednesday events are still be planned. Funds for Nuns haven’t received any requests as of this meeting. Ellen informed members she will be taking a sabbatical at this time.

Beth Ruhl was present to give report for Pi Alpha Chi. Currently 28 woman and they are doing great things. In November, they will be celebrating their 10th anniversary. Details will be sent out.

**Service** - Kathy Rentschler –Diaper drive numbers were up from previous years. Dates for upcoming events were discussed - Catholics at the Capital, Walk for Life, Marriage Encounter, Engaged Encounter, World Marriage Day, & Retroiville.

**Senior Citizens** - Marilyn Maney – reminded everyone to apply for the Homestead Exemption. Also we all need to be careful of the phone scams that are out there.

**Leadership:**  Judy Weston – encouraged everyone to get their COVID booster. She said Constant Contacts costs $14/month and is a very good way of communicating.

Ginger Jelinek then gave Legislation report. She said the Nebraska Catholic Conference hasn’t sent out a 2022 update yet. She informed every one of the bills coming up and the need to be informed and talk to our representatives. Fr. Lux and Fr. McGuire commented on these bills also.

Kay Wessel gave her Leadership report. This year the Diaper Drive has a total of 171,799 diapers being donated. She thanked everyone for their efforts.

**Nominating Committee Report** –

We will be voting on a new slate of officers for the 2022-2024 term. President Rowell thanked the nominee committee for their efforts. President Rowell announced each position then asked for any other nominees, there were none. Our Bylaws state we are to vote by ballot with 2/3 members present. Ellen Jirovsky made the motion seconded by Karen Key to suspended election by ballot due to ZOOM. Motion was accepted. There are 24 voting members present. Since there was only one candidate for each office, Teri Sullivan made the motion, seconded by Kay Wessel that we suspend the bylaws requiring ballot voting and vote by acclimation. Voting took place with 20 “Yes” votes taken. President Rowell then congratulated the new officers.

Auditors – Shirley Huss

Financial Secretary – Karen Key

Recording Secretary – Donna Havlot

Treasurer – Diane Synek

3rd Vice President – Jackie Kassebaum

2nd Vice President – Barb Janda

1st Vice President – Valerie Abel

President Elect – Judy Weston (4 year term, moving on to President)

President Trudy Burenheide moved up from President-Elect

Officers will assume their duties after the Convention on April 22-23 in Holdrege. President Rowell reminded current officers to bring with them their Resource Books to be handed to next slate of officers. President Rowell commented that this election went smoothly thanks to Marilyn Maney and Kay Portillo for helping us!

**Province Director –**Theresa Pavlik greeted everyone with a beautiful prayer. Items she discussed: January is Human Trafficking awareness month, the Province will celebrate 50 years in July, & that they are requesting for Omaha to host the National Convention in 2025. Dates of interest are Jan 17 Martin Luther King Day, Jan 18-25 Week of Prayer, Jan 25 March for Life in Washington DC, Jan 22nd day National day of prayer for the Unborn, March 8th Province meeting, March 9th Catholic’s at the Capitol. There will be a meeting on March 8th at St. Michael’s Church in Lincoln. She stated they are needing a new treasure is anyone is interested. Check out the NCCW website on national legislature agendas and resolutions being proposed. Theresa ended with a beautiful prayer.

**Historian Report –** Linda Schaben - was not present.

**Unfinished Business**

Parent Educators books, KVSS results, Diaper Drive and Raffle tickets have already been discussed. It was suggested at the Executive Board meeting that we try to promote the raffle tickets in our parishes. Possible attach to bulletin. It was also suggested to put this on our Facebook page. These sales will benefit St. Gianna’s West and Catholic Social Services in Hastings.

**New Business** –

President Rowell informed every one of the need to fill the Leadership Commission, Spirituality & Divine Mercy position. Judy Weston is taking on President Elect position and Ellen Jirovsky is stepping down as Spirituality as well as Jeanette Stengle from Divine Mercy. It was suggested there be a ‘job description’ written for these and all our Commission positions. This could be done on Google docs. Trudy suggested we have an Instagram account to attract younger women.

Discussion was held on updating the Resource Manuals. The last time this was done was 2014 with an extensive amount of time put forth. It was suggested at the end of each term, the President could make changes/additions. This manual is accessible on our Website – it is not a legal document. President Rowell informed us that she makes changes, submit to Fr. Coulter and then he makes changes on the website. There will not be any changes at this point.

**Convention News** –

President Rowell said there are several Resolutions that were accepted at the Executive Board meeting and will be taken to Convention. They will be published in the convention book.

President Rowell will work on the convention booklet. Diane Synek will be accepting mail in reservations for the Banquet and Convention.

Raffle items proceeds will be giving to the Good Council Retreat House. We’ve had to cancel several meetings there and hopefully this will help with their budget needs.

Every Deanery is asked to donate $25 for centerpieces, please send to Karen Dey, Treasurer 3914 Branched Oak Road, Staplehurst, NE 68439 and designated for centerpieces.

Each Deanery is also asked to donate a gift basket. The proceeds from the basket raffle will be gifted to the Hispanic Ministry West.

Also, the deaneries are asked to provide a small item/items to be added to the packets that will be distributed (approx. 100). More information will be coming out for the Convention on April 22-24 at Holdrege.

Another reminder, each Deanery is asked to bring a check to the Convention for the President’s Project and present it to a representative of the Hastings CSS/St. Gianna West. Money should be collected at the Deanery level and not sent to the Diocesan Treasurer.

Kay Portillo suggested we ask Spirit Catholic Radio to promote this. Kay Wessel said that we can go on line and add this to their announcements and calendar of events

President Rowell lost computer connection so Judy Weston finished with the announcements.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Bishop’s Project – Archives Display
* President’s Project –– Hastings CSS – St. Gianna West - donations sent to Deanery Treasurer and presented by the Deanery President or representative at the LDCCW Convention
* World Marriage Day –
* Day of Renewal – men included March 2, 2022 - Ash Wednesday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House Hastings Area – still unsure
* Catholics at the Capitol – March 9th
* April 22, 2022 –LDCCW Executive Board Meeting, Prairie Museum, Holdrege
* April 22, 2022 – LDCCW Full Board Meeting, Prairie Museum, Holdrege
* April 23, 2022 – LDCCW Convention, All saints Church Hall, Holdrege
* LDCCW webpage Deanery Rosters – Update with new Deanery/Parish information

**Meeting adjourned** at 12:15 with Fr. McGuire lead us in the prayer, Breathe on Me God.

Recorded by Barb Janda