

Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Spring Full Board Meeting
St. Germanus, Arapahoe, NE
Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 9:15 am

Members were invited to meet in the church for the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8:30 am followed by coffee and rolls during registration.

President, Trudy Burenheide, called the meeting to order 9:15 am. Fr. McGuire led us in an opening prayer, "Breathe on Me Breath of God", followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President-Elect, Judy Weston, confirmed there was a quorum.

A motion was made by Joyce Reich, 2nd by Val Able, 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. \$50 each to: Katie Patrick, Fr. Coulter, and Fr. Eckrich. \$100 to EVWorship. \$100 donation to the Good Counsel Retreat Center. \$25 Teresa Koch for materials to make the palls (ordination gifts). Judy Weston was reimbursed for the cost of attending the NCCW Convention in November 2022.

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.
- Members were informed that Trudy will decide how much of the Burse money will be given to the bishop for this year and will contact him so a photo can be taken when she delivers the check.
- Diane will send \$521 to the pregnancy centers reflecting the contributions since the last meeting.
- The three Vice Presidents and Judy Weston will contact the deaneries to clear up any misunderstandings regarding parish contributions 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.

It was suggested a new form be emailed to all presidents and treasurers in August so everyone has the correct form with information how and when to make any contributions.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Commission Reports:

Spirituality—Teresa Koch provided information about feasts during the month of May, Marian Gardens, Parent Educator Books available at the meeting, and letters sent to the convents asking if they have a need for funds. She made 3 palls for the three men to be ordained to the priesthood. There will be 5 deacons ordained.

Divine Mercy—Bonnie Damrow read the Nov. 5, 1934 entry from the Diary of St. Faustina, reminding us Divine Mercy Sunday. She also had a handout with the ABC's of Divine Mercy.

Service—Kathy Rentschler shared her findings from the new Charitable Works Surveys. The new form was designed to share the best qualities of our charitable works, not just the numbers. She thanked the large number of faithful women in the diocese for all they do for their parishes. She encouraged us to pray for one another and be witnesses to our children and grandchildren of how to volunteer.

Senior Citizens—Marilyn Maney, via Zoom, provided information regarding Senior Digestion, Five Ways to be Mindful without Meditating, and buying seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables.

Leadership—Michele Chambers was unable to attend Saturday. Trudy gave her report from Friday. 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. There have been staff changes in the Family Life Office. Money from the President's Project will be given to help with Youth Ministry scholarships each year of Trudy's term. She will decide how much and will work with Michele of distribution of funds.

Nominations Committee—Bonnie Damrow—Committee (Bonnie, Karlece Kenner, Shirley Huss) continues to look for prospects and praying for those who will be asked to serve on the Executive Board. A slate of officers will be presented at the fall board meeting and voted on at the winter meeting.

Legislative—Ginger Jelinek, via Zoom, announced good news of advancing LB573 (school choice) and LB574 (let them grow). They each have one more round of debate before they go to the governor to sign.

The Heartbeat Bill-LB626 was debated the day of Catholics At The Capital and passed the first round of debate. Ginger encouraged members to look up who said yes and no and contact them with appropriate remarks. She noted 3 senators that stuck out to her as needing prayer to soften their hearts on the issue: Senators Cavanaugh, Dey, and Hunt.

One national issue she wanted us to watch is the issue of providing chemical abortions.

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

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.

Bylaws Committee Continued

3. Elimination of the 3rd Vice President position which would go into effect for the 2026-28 term
4. Since the auditor position would be eliminated: An assemble member who is a CPA or Certified Internal Auditor who is not serving as the Financial Secretary or Treasurer, or any elected office for LDCCW can perform the audit.

A motion to make a change in the handbook, stating the Future Meeting Dates and Executive Officers of the new term need to be in the Convention Booklet was made by Karen Dey, 2nd by Bonnie Damrow. Motion carried.

Terri Sullivan made a motion to accept the changes as read by Kay Portillo, 2nd by Karen Dey. Motion carried.

Historian—Linda Schaben announced there would be no deanery scrapbooks this term.

Linda is only keeping LDCCW history records for the current term, as she has done in the past. She then gives the book to the president for her term. Members felt the books should be kept in one place. Agnes Anderson has boxes of LDCCW records and would like to see them preserved. Following a discussion, a committee was formed to make inquiries about possible places. A museum or unused rectory in the diocese were suggested. Judy Weston, Agnes Anderson, Linda Schaben, and Bonnie Damrow will serve on this committee. Bonnie will check what LDCCW records are currently at the chancery.

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. Trudy encouraged everyone to read, "Follow Me! Called to Serve, Chosen to Lead" from the NCCW website, under member resources. She felt it would be especially helpful for deanery meetings.
4. Promoting LDCCW throughout the diocese was a frequent comment. The Southeast Nebraska Register seems to be the easier was to reach the masses. Donna will write an article after the meeting and submit it to the Register to help readers' awareness of our organization and what we do.

The meeting was suspended at 11:00 to prepare for Mass at 11:15 with Fr. Ken Wehrs and Fr. Thomas McQuire concelebrating. Lunch followed which was prepared by the St. Germanus PCCW ladies. Fr. Wehrs gave a tour of the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine on the grounds at St. Germanus after lunch.

Presentation by Sondra Jonson—"The Role of Beauty in my Journey to Jesus" began at 1:10. Sondra shared her conversion from Judaism to Catholicism and how art was an important part of her life and journey.

Spiritual Advisor—Fr. McGuire shared thoughts from two books he is reading: Jesus, the Apostles and the Early Church and Three Women and the Lord.

4 X 7 Conversation: Members divided into small groups to discuss "How are we/could we be a leader in faith to our families?"

Announcements: NewsNotes will go out May 1. Please send articles to ldccwpresident@gmail.com at least one week before.

May 13 Faith Sharing via Zoom 7:30-8:00 pm

May 26 Diaconate Ordination 7:00 pm

May 27 Priesthood Ordination 11:00 am

July 27 Province Meeting in Grand Island

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

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

August 24-26 NCCW Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah

Linda Schaben made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Barb Janda, meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Recorded by Secretary, Donna Havlat