

Minutes
Province Board of Directors Meeting
Church of St. Theodore, 315 E. Clark St., Albert Lea, MN
Monday, October 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the Province of St. Paul & Minneapolis Board of Directors was Called to order by Province Director Carol Shukle at 9:21 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER Opening Prayer was led by Chair Shukle to Our Lady of Good Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited and the NCCW Mission statement was read by the board members

WELCOME Chair Shukle welcomed all in attendance and expressed gratitude to Fr. Kurt Farrell, spiritual advisor for Winona-Rochester, for celebrating Mass

QUORUM A quorum was established

APPROVAL OF AGENDA The agenda was approved as it stands

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes from the June 12, 2023 minutes were approved as submitted

PARLIAMENTARY TIP Parliamentarian Lucy Johnson was absent so no report was given

TREASURER'S REPORT Chair Shukle reported on behalf of Treasurer Mathiowetz that the total cash on hand is **\$21,096.54**. Chair Shukle proposed, on behalf of the Treasurer, to amend the budget to include coverage for NCCW Spirituality Commission Chair Debbie Keller at \$400 per national board meeting (\$1,200 per year). Linda Borgerding moved this proposed amendment be accepted.

Motion passed

Chair Shukle also introduced the proposed budget, on behalf of the Treasurer, for the 2024 Province Conference. Connie Andrews moved to adopt the proposed budget.

Motion passed

CORRESPONDENCE NOT REQUIRING ACTION Chair Shukle received a note from Archbishop Hebda

PROVINCE DIRECTOR Chair Shukle reported attending the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City, where she was installed as our Province Director. She commended Jeanette Fortier (Winona-Rochester Diocese) for stepping up to perform last minute during Saturday evening's banquet. She mentioned that NCCW President Beth Mahoney's theme is "*Women journeying together, sharing our stories*". Each NCCW board member received a book on St. Clare, Light of Assisi. She attended the DCCW Conference in St. Cloud but due to illness, missed the Winona-Rochester Conference in Austin. She'll view the recording of the PD training in order to become updated on her role. She shared her experiences in Rome on pilgrimage with her family earlier this month. Each Board member receive a miraculous medal card with Pope Francis pictured.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR REPORT

Duluth - Deacon Richard Johnston shared his experiences praying the Liturgy of the Hours, and the importance of focusing on Christ as the center of our lives. Bishop Daniel Felton's Listening events theme was *Healing, Hope and Joy*, the focus of his next article in the St. Cloud DCCW newsletter, *The Hinge*. Also shared were highlights of his first time attending an NCCW Convention.

Winona-Rochester - On behalf of Fr. Kurt Farrell, Shelly Holt gave a report, highlighting that Tuesday Oct. 17 has been designated by the Primates of Jerusalem as a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence.

A/DIOCESAN REPORTS

Duluth – Anita Brandner reported that five members of their Diocese attended the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City. The Brainerd Deanery held their Fall Conference on Sept. 30. The Hibbing Deanery's Fall Conference was Oct. 21 at Blessed Sacrament. On Nov. 11, the DDCCW will conduct their Fall Conference in Cloquet at Queen of Peace and the Diocesan Spring Conference will be on April 24, 2024, at a parish TBD in Duluth.

New Ulm – Jackie Finstad shared that nine women and Msgr. Lozinski attended the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City, recommending Councils consider financial assistance to encourage greater attendance. At Deanery Fall Gatherings, topics highlighted were *Miscarriage Ministry*, *Fall Cleaning of Hearts* and *Dresses for Africa* project. Plans are underway for the 2024 NUDCCW Convention on April 27, 2024 in Glencoe and the Province Conference at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye on June 25, 2024.

St. Cloud – On behalf of Lois Wesbur, Linda Borgerding reported that four women attended the NCCW Convention. A bus pilgrimage included parish destinations where CCW events aren't typically held, to heighten awareness. The SCDCCW Fall conference was held in Wadena with Bishop Patrick Neary installing the new Diocesan officers. Lois and Linda attended the Winona-Rochester conference in Austin. The Spring Retreat will be on March 9, 2024.

St. Paul & Minneapolis – Doreen Hogan reported 19 women from the ACCW attended the NCCW Convention. She attended two Deanery meetings and a non-denominational church for a "LIFE summit." Mary Ann Kuharski pleaded with pastors to speak about pro-life from the pulpit. The Morning of Reflection will be Sat. Nov. 4 in Mound and Legislative Day will be in Cannon Falls on Feb. 3, 2024. The ACCW Convention will be on April 19, 2024 in Burnsville.

Winona-Rochester – On behalf of Eleanore Jones, Shelly Holt incoming President, reported on the recent Fall Convention on Oct. 7 in Austin. Speakers touched upon Servant of God Sister Inella from St. Ben's and Adele Briese, whom Mary appeared to at (the now) Our Lady of Champion Shrine in Wisconsin as well as health and well being through fitness. The year ahead will focus on spirituality (prayer and adoration) to deepen CCW members' faith.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associates of NCCW – Chris Heiderscheidt reported that Mickey Nickelson will serve as the Associates parliamentarian for the next term. Donations in support of the NCCW have taken place since its founding in the 1970's.

Friends of NCCW for WUCWO – Debbie Keller reported that Friends garnered 25 new members this year and over 80 women attended the Saturday morning breakfast at the NCCW Convention. She is seeking women who speak another language to lead a decade for the NCCW Rosary on the 13th of each month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Province Conference – Tuesday June 25, 2024 will be the date for the next Biennial Province Conference, at St. Mary’s Help of Christians in Sleepy Eye. The theme is tentatively “Lift Up Your Hearts” and will begin with 8:30am Mass. Speakers confirmed thus far are Angela Copenhaver, founder of “We Teach, Think”; Melissa Kaufenberg of Cross Catholic Outreach, and Deacon Mike McKeown. The Province board meeting will be Monday afternoon, June 24, followed by an evening meal.

NEW BUSINESS

Board meeting dates - Chair Shukle discussed the possibility of another day of the week to meet as Mondays are typically priests’ day off, which hinges on finding a presider for our Mass. Following discussion, the consensus was to continue calendaring Monday for future meetings. The Duluth Diocese will host at St. Andrew’s in Brainerd on Monday, February 5, 2024. Chair Shukle proposed if weather is uncertain, she will alert board if meeting will be virtual.

Province Website – Arleen Roelike is working to educate women through the Province website. Please send your documents and information (i.e. Diocesan reports, links, flyers for events, etc) to our Province Secretary, Carolyn Keller at cgkeller@newulmtel.net OR directly to Arleen at aroelike8@gmail.com. The website is: <https://provinceofstpaul-minneapolis.weebly.com/>

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was led by Shelly Holt

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Dates to Calendar	
NCCW Rosary Call -13 th of month; 6:30 pm (CT); 1-515-606-5163; Code 703993; *6 to mute	
NCCW Membership ZOOM Call - 3 rd Wed of every month at 6:00 pm (CT)	
Province Conference – Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at St. Mary Help of Christians, Sleepy Eye	
ACCW Legislative Day – Feb. 3, 2024 at St. Pius V, Cannon Falls	
ACCW Spring Convention – Friday, April 19, 2024 at Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville	
Duluth DCCW Fall Conference – Saturday, Nov. 11 at Queen of Peace, Cloquet	
Duluth DCCW Spring Conference – Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in Duluth	
New Ulm DCCW Spring Convention – Saturday, April 27, 2024 St. Pius X, Glencoe	
St. Cloud DCCW Spring Conference –	
Winona-Rochester DCCW Convention –	
NCCW Convention – Aug. 13-17, 2024 in Oklahoma City, OK	
Meeting Adjourned at 12:38pm	
Next Province board meeting: St. Andrew’s, Brainerd in Duluth Diocese on Mon. Feb. 5, 2024	
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Debbie Keller, Recording Secretary – Submitted	Date
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Carolyn Keller, Recording Secretary – Approved	Date

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Carol Shukle, Province Director

Connie Andrews

Linda Borgerding

Anita Brandner

Jackie Finstad

Jeannette Fortier

Chris Heiderscheidt

Doreen Hogan

Shelly Holt

Sharon Illikman

Carolyn Keller

Debbie Keller

Arleen Roelike

Spiritual Advisors Present:

Fr. Kurt Farrell, Winona-Rochester, Mass presider

Deacon Richard Johnston, Duluth