

*DRAFT of MINUTES*  
**Province Board of Directors Meeting**  
Country Inn & Suites, Duluth, MN  
June 26, 2022

*(Evening prior to Province Conference - St. James Catholic Church, Duluth)*

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Province of St. Paul & Minneapolis Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Chris Heiderscheidt at 6:26 pm.
- OPENING PRAYER** Alice Parendo led opening prayer
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited
- NCCW MISSION STATEMENT** Chair Heiderscheidt led the recitation of the NCCW Mission Statement
- QUORUM** A quorum was established
- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** Chair Heiderscheidt welcomed new and returning members
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Minutes were approved as read
- TREASURER'S REPORT** Fiscal year Dec. 1, 2021 – Nov. 30, 2022  
Quarterly Reported Income - \$6,700; Expenses - \$9,523.70  
Total Cash on hand: \$24,534.62  
Province Conference: 60 registered attendees (4 guests & 56 paid)
- PARLIAMENTARY TIP** Parliamentarian Lucy Johnson educated the board on the protocol of Debate and Amendments with multiple choice questions & discussion
- PROVINCE DIRECTOR REPORT** Chairman Heiderscheidt spoke about Roe & Dobbs being overturned on Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. NCCW Convention registration opens July 1 and is limited to 480 registrants. Connections have been made with the Crookston Diocese and one of North Dakota's Dioceses. Non-affiliated Dioceses in Province include Crookston and all of North and South Dakota. Board members were encouraged to pray a daily rosary; battles ensue to combat spiritual warfare. Funds for Ukrainian relief are still being collected via the NCCW website (nccw.org) Chairman Heiderscheidt is a member of the Leadership Commission and is working on project *Retain, Regain and Grow*. Service commission continues their work on promoting the USCCB programs of Walking with Moms in Need & addressing Human Trafficking. Five resolutions were submitted to the Resolutions committee and 1 was approved. The LTD team continues to offer training via zoom. Submission dates for Our Lady of Good Counsel award nominees are June 26-July 9. Maribeth Stewart, representative of NCCW for WUCWO, participated in the

International Women's Day. The WUCWO General Assembly will be held in Assisi in May 2023. NCCW individual affiliates number 1400. Past NCCW member lists by A/Diocese were handed out to A/Diocesan presidents to call those individuals, encouraging them to affiliate again.

## **A/DIOCESAN REPORTS**

A/Diocesan Presidents of Duluth, New Ulm, St. Cloud, St. Paul/Minneapolis and Winona-Rochester gave their reports.

**Duluth** - Alice Parendo reported the that letter sent out by their Bishop to Diocesan priests was edited and updated; Are in the process of enacting a 5-year Diocesan plan; will be handing out a questionnaire at fall conference to gain input from members

**New Ulm** – Jackie Finstad, installed a Diocesan president at NUDCCW Annual Convention. She reported on their annual convention and speakers (250 women attended); Leadership training on May 16 – Donna Sanders and Shirley Nowak led the training; still awaiting and praying for a Bishop to be assigned to their Diocese

**St. Cloud** – Linda Borgerding reported on their spring Lenten retreat held on March 12; Fun, Food and Fun Fundraiser on June 16 (147 attendees); Aug. 4 pilgrimage to Eastern section of Diocese (Isanti, Elk River) focus on Adoration; Work continues on restructuring of Deaneries, from 7 to 5.

**St. Paul/Minneapolis** – Mickey Nickelson, Kitui Diocesan; Shared about Synod meeting and question of who would you like to meet if you could ... why didn't I choose the Governor of our State and ask about issues contrary to Catholic teaching – elevator speech; courage; Kitui Dormitory \$50,000 fundraising goal has been met but will continue to fundraise, as the need still exists for funds; project not yet complete; difficult to build consensus via emails; leading is a learning process!

**Winona-Rochester** – Eleanore Jones reported that they'll be placing an ad from the Council of Catholic Women, welcoming Bishop-elect Robert Barron, due to be installed July 29, 2022. August 13, Spiritual Day of Grace for Women with featured speakers, Fr. Randal Kasel of St. Michael, Pine Island and Patrick Norton, speaking on Sister Annella Zervas, O.S.B. and St. Mother Teresa.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NCCW Associates** – Chris Heiderscheidt reported that the Associates of NCCW funded zoom so the Province Directors could meet virtually

**NCCW Nominating Committee** – Bev McCarvel reported on Marla Johnston being re-elected as NCCW Treasurer. They currently seek nominees for President-elect, Secretary and Nominating Committee Members.

**Friends of NCCW for WUCWO** – Maribeth Stewart is encouraging fundraising for African Women on WUCWO website. The WUCWO General Assembly will be held May 2023 in Assisi, Italy, postponed a year due to Covid. The General Assembly is held every 4 years: 2010 was in Jerusalem (Joan McGrath and Connie Andrews attended); 2014 was in Fatima, Portugal (Marge Sehnert);

2018 was in Senegal, Africa (Lucy Johnson). Friends will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary during their annual breakfast meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the NCCW Convention in Minneapolis

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NCCW Convention (Nov. 2-5, 2022)** – Mickey Nickelson reported that the Bus Tour on Nov. 1 will include State Capitol and Cathedral with All Saint's Day Mass. Kathy Zweber will be posting a Sign-up Genius for Province volunteers, at a date TBD. All volunteers must be registered Convention attendees. Beth Mahoney, NCCW President-Elect Beth Mahoney will be in Minnesota in early August. A meeting with her will be set up with the Minnesota Liaison team. The Native Pride dancers will perform during Friday evening's Fundraiser (Nov. 4). Saturday's Closing Banquet will feature homespun entertainment. The plan for Masses and Rosaries will include a variety of languages. Our Province will purchase 4"X5" notebooks with NCCW logos and convention theme for attendees' convention bags.

**NCCW Convention Program Ad** – Shelly Holt, Kathy Zweber & Chris Heiderscheidt shared the 2-page Ad spread designed by an area graphic artist

**Province Conference Report** – Connie Andrews reported that the Province Conference will be held on Saturday, June 27 at St. James' church and social hall in Duluth. The 8:00am Mass will be St. James' parish daily Mass and all attendees are welcome. In lieu of a Mass collection, items for the Star of the North Maternity Home will be collected as well as cash or credit card donations. After coffee & rolls, the meeting will convene at 9am by past Province Director Connie Andrews. Keynote speakers include Fr. Richard Kunst, curator of the largest Papal Artifact collection outside the Vatican and Deacon Lyle Johnson, of the Star of the North Maternity Home.

## **NEW BUSINESS Standing Rules Review Committee**

**MOTION** Barb Mathiowetz, moved that a number 11 be added to read, "*A past or current president of NCCW shall be exempt from paying registration fees for any Province event.*"

***Motion carried***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - Dates to Calendar**

**NCCW Rosary Call** -13<sup>th</sup> of month; 6:30 pm (CT); 1-515-606-5163; Code 703993; \*6 to mute

**NCCW Membership ZOOM Call** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month at 6:00 pm (CT)

**ACCW Convention** – Friday, April 29, 2023 at St. Peter’s Church, Mendota Heights

**ACCW Leadership Day** – March 4, 2023

**Duluth DCCW Fall Conference** – Saturday, Oct. 1 at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin

**New Ulm DCCW** – Saturday, April 30, 2023

**St. Cloud DCCW Fall Conference** – Saturday, Sept. 17 at St. Mary’s in Alexandria

**Winona-Rochester DCCW Spiritual Day** – Saturday, Aug. 13 at St. Mary’s in Litomysl

**CLOSING PRAYER** led by Connie Andrews

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm

Next Province board meeting: Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 in New Ulm Diocese

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Debbie Keller, Recording Secretary – Submitted

July 7, 2022

Date

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Debbie Keller, Recording Secretary – Approved

Nov. 14, 2022

Date

**ROLL CALL**

***Board Members Present:***

**Chris Heiderscheidt**

**Lucy Johnson**

**Shelly Holt**

**Joan McGrath**

**Barb Mathiowetz**

**Jackie Finstad**

**Alice Parendo**

**Anita Brandner**

**Connie Andrews**

**Doreen Hogan**

**Betty Berge**

**Mickey Nickelson**

**Eleanore Jones**

**Jeanette Fortier**

**Linda Scephurek**

**Linda Borgerding**

**Bev McCarvel**

**Debbie Keller**