Meeting Minutes
September 26th, 2026
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: Christ the King, Cedar City

President Susan Porter called the meeting to order at 9:58 am.

In attendance for the meeting were: Angela Martinez, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Columbo, Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Cheryl Johnson, Gabby Gauchay, Gaylynn Huffman, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jennifer Enman, Joan Simard, Julie Carlin, Katherine Martin, Marcie Downs, Marie Smack, Maria Devereux, Michael O'Shea, Michelle Stratton, Pat Voorhes, Robin Marvive, Roslyn Gunderson, Ruth Penderghast, Susan Espinoza, Susan Porter, Susan Neilson, Teri Miller, Jennifer Warner, Kathy Fazio, Donna Dischbelin, Kathleen B. Lisa Carver, Carolyn Raines

Opening Prayer: Maria Devereux, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions: President Porter read the DCCW Mission Statement and acknowledged Father Jay of Christ the King Parish. Fr. Jay welcomed and blessed our meeting. President Porter also recognized all DCCW past presidents in attendance. President Porter then thanked Christ the King for hosting. Jennifer Enman introduced her helpers.

Quorum: Establishment of having a quorum was confirmed by 1st Vice President/President Elect, Gabby Gauchay, standing in as secretary for Tisha Ramos-Yarber.

Acceptance of the Agenda: President Susan Porter asked if there are any corrections or additions to the agenda. President Porter added under New Business that October is Respect Life Month. Carol Harley moved that the Proposed Agenda be accepted, Robin Marvive seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda was accepted as corrected.

Reading of June 13th, 2026 Board Meeting: President Susan Porter asked for a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes. Angela Martinez motioned, Jamie Beert seconded, and the motion passed.
President Porter asked if there are any changes to the dispensed minutes. Jeanne Audiss suggested the correction of the "spelt" vs. "spelled" on page 2, 1st paragraph, under "acceptance of agenda".
President Porter stated the minutes will be filed as amended.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Fr. Ariel was excused.

NCCW President Remarks: Amy Kennedy was excused, report is on the website.

San Francisco Province Director Remarks: President Porter was pleased to recognize our newly installed Co-Directors, Marcie Downs and Bonnie Siegrist. Marcie Downs shared some remarks with the group. Marcie asked any previous Province Directors to please stand and be recognized. Marcie mentioned that they were installed at the NCCW Convention, where 18 Utah women were present, including our National President, Amy Kennedy. Marcie reports that there are many questions that her and Bonnie have, they are excited to participate in upcoming meetings and to have Jeanne Audiss mentor them. If anyone has any questions on their position or what they are doing, Marcie and Bonnie are open to being contacted.

Reports of Officers: Before the reports of officers Susan Porter thanks Jeanne, Marcie and Bonnie for their service and a special thanks to Marcie and Bonnie for also contributing a beautiful basket to the NCCW Convention.

President: Susan Porter, report is on the website. President Porter reminds us that we were all created by God to be in community. Meetings, Utah Conference, Convention, or even most recently, funerals. President Porter recognizes and invites any attendees, especially newcomers to the NCCW convention to share their experience later in the meeting. President Porter then went on to remind us that October is Council Recognition Month and encouraged us all to not let our CCW be our Parishes' best kept secret.
1st Vice President: Gabby Gauchay, report is on the website. She reported that she enjoyed her time at the Utah Catholic Conference the weekend prior. She reported that lots of meaningful conversations were had and she was excited to see the fruits of those conversations. Gabby then went on to remind and encourage everyone to start thinking about ad soliciting for the 2027 DCCW convention. Though a little early, Gabby said that it is never too early to talk to the wonderful businesses you have in your community with the invitation to support the DCCW mission.
Second Vice President: Jessica Jurkowski was excused. Report on the website.
Secretary: Tisha Ramos-Yarber, excused. Gabby reminded us that the Roster is a living document and work in progress. Keeping the secretary up to date with changes to your affiliate contacts is vital.
Treasurer: Gaylynn Huffman reported that the last DCCW Convention Report stated that there was zero profit. Gaylynn has since submitted a new report to show the profit of $12,672 for the 2026 Convention. Gaylynn then reported the DCCW activity from June 1 to August 31st.
Immediate Past President: Annette Pressley started by recognizing that one of her duties as IPP is to make sure the DCCW board is complete. She reported that our recently elected Secretary, Jenni Fazio had to resign and announced that our newly elected Secretary is Tisha Ramos-Yarber.

Parliamentarian: Jeanne Audiss had no report.
Historian: Becky Columbo, report is on the website. Pictures were included in the report. Becky also recognizes all of the reports on the web and the good work all the ladies are doing.

Reports of Commission Chairs/Co-Chairs:

Service: Pat Voorhes report was all about the Boxes of Joy. She reported that this year the DCCW will contribute 485 boxes. It was also announced that there are new drop off locations. St. Mary's will take care of the Northern Deanery and St. Peter's will be the Southern Utah County & Eastern Deanery drop off centers. Pat brought boxes for some affiliates to be distributed. Pat suggested to pay the $9 mailing fee online.
Spirituality: Maria Devereux was excited to announce that she now has a co-chair Lisa.
Leadership: Joan Simard expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. She shared that the ByLaw committee has met and is working hard to revise the current ByLaws and will be moving on to the Standing Rules next.
Legislative: Donna Murphy spoke about how the NCCW Convention is such a great opportunity for comradery. Donna then pointed our legislative interests to the USCCB for resources and letter templates to write to your local representatives. She reminded us that midterms are coming up.

Reports of Deanery Presidents:

Eastern Deanery: Michelle Stratton, report on the website. She stated that there are a lot of new people in new positions and that the Eastern Deanery is open to having help and learning opportunities for these new ladies to learn their positions.
Northern Deanery: Cleo Mota, excused.
Salt Lake Deanery: Teri Miller reported that the annual Our Lady of Lourdes Spaghetti Dinner was the following day and invited us to attend.
Southwestern Deanery: Jennifer Enman, report on the website. Jennifer told us about their "Fall for Jesus" event where some proceeds go to cover DCCW Convention costs.
Wasatch Deanery: Robin Marvive, report on the website. Robin asked us all to join in saying a "Hail Mary" for our group and the ladies who may be going through something. Robin then reported that the Wasatch Deanery is excited to be the 2027 DCCW Convention hosts!

Reports of Standing Committee Chairs:

Finance: Gaylynn Huffman stated that the Proposed Budget would be covered later in the agenda.

AWARE: Susan Espinoza reminded us that all AWARE reports should be 1 page in WORD format.
Website: Angela Martinez thanked everyone for getting their reports in on time. She was excited to announce the new website format and was open to suggestions. She asked that all reports are sent in WORD or JPEG format.
MDR: Michael O'Shea & Barb Kerouac, Barb recapped the Utah Catholic Conference. She reported that there were a lot of women that helped and we had several inquiries. She expressed her hope for St. Mary's in Park City and St. Andrew's in Riverton. She let the group know that the MDR group wants to visit the councils, so she asked for an invite. Barb suggested that the UCC be added to the budget going forward.
DOM - Jamie Beert apologized that ZOOM was not set up for this meeting but she reported that she will be prepared going forward. She recognized Reinette's absence from the meeting as Reinette was traveling to Idaho for a family wedding. Jamie asked for prayers for Reinette, as the trip would be difficult emotionally for Reinette, since the recent passing of her husband, Dale. Jamie shared that Reinette has expressed the overwhelming love and support she has received from everyone since Dale's passing.
Nominating Committee: Annette Pressley did not have anything to report.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u>
DCCW Promotional Video Update/Publicity: Gabby Gauchay thanked everyone for their participation and content. She especially thanked DeAnna Keller for her exceptional photography. And Gabby was pleased to announce that a video has been finished and was viewed at the conclusion of the meeting.
2026 NCCW Convention Report: President Porter reported that there were 18 women plus Father Ariel in attendance. She then invited Teri Miller up to share her experience. Teri was blown away to meet Catholics from all over the Nation. Teri highlighted the NCCW Convention theme this year - Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening was a wonderful theme and touched home. Jennifer Warner then came up and shared her experience of meeting other women and discussion about how others run their CCW. Becky Columbo shared her experience as a frequent attendee and how she left her phone in the car. Jennifer Warner saved the day and brought it with her. But her luck soon returned as she won not 1 but 2 50/50 raffles! It was mentioned that it was Joan Simard's birthday during the convention. Annette Pressley closed the discussion by remembering the speakers from convention and the quote "don't waste good suffering".
GMAC Fundraiser Report: Carol Harley attended and reported that it was a wonderful event, as usual. The Bishop was in attendance and the weather was spotty but turned out ok. Susan Vaughn took a basket up for DCCW. Ranae Lupus took a basket up for the WDCCW. The event next year will be held on August 28th, 2026
Utah Catholic Conference Report: This was covered in previous reports.

Carmelite Fair Report: Joan Simard was a volunteer and reported that it was a very busy and successful event with both volunteers and attendees.
2027 DCCW Convention Committee Report: Jamie Beert reported that 1 committee meeting has been held. Discussion had been had about how exhibitors will be set up. Ticket sales will be moved out into the hallway this year. Hotel reservations are open until March 16th, 2027 for garden or tower TWO QUEEN rooms. If you would like to upgrade or a king room, you will need to make those reservations now to beat the temple opening crowd. The last topic discussed was the bus schedule. We will not have a repeat of last year when many women opted in to ride the bus and then we had too many buses and not enough riders.
Council Sunday-October: President Porter and Gabby Gauchay talked to Marie Mischel at the UCC about current IMC ad pricing. They were informed that pricing is still being worked out due to the lack of reader statistics. Gabby then sent around a flyer that was made to circulate around the Diocese, inviting women to celebrate Council Recognition Month. This will run in the IMC and will be shared on DCCW social media.

New Business
DCCW Bylaws and Standing Rules Review: Joan Simard stated in her previous report that the committee is working to revise both Bylaws and Standing Rules. More to come.
Approval of Proposed Budget: Gaylynn stated that there were a few items that were changed. NCCW Ad/Auction & Silent Auction under Expenses were changed from $450 to $500. DCCW Annual Convention was raised from $500 to $650. Gifts and Raffles went from $400 to $300. Postage/Printing Supplies was lowered from $250 to $125. It was asked if there were any questions or discussion. Barb Kerouac suggested that a line item be added for UCC. During discussion it was pointed out that this expense is covered under advertising. Carol Harley motioned to approve the Proposed Budget. Susan Neilson second. The motion carried.
Respect Life Month - October: USCCB designated October to be Respect Life Month. 40 Days for life campaign started on September 23rd. Life Chain Event is scheduled in Sandy on October 4th.
Salt Lake City DCCW Convention, April 17-18 th , 2027, Little America Hotel: President Porter reminded us that it is never too early to start talking to your affiliates about the Convention. Start fundraising to offset costs for your members and to make it more accessible to more women.
2027 NCCW Convention, August 25-28 th , Milwaukee, WI: President Porter reiterated that if you save $3.33 a day you will have saved enough to attend. The theme is “Here I am Lord, Responding in Service.” Jeanne Audiss added that if anyone has ever been interested in visiting Our Lady of Champion shrine, it is the only approved American apparition, there will be a tour during NCCW convention.

Correspondence: 2 items were read by Gabby Gauchay from Annette Pressley and Jeanne Audiss. Michael O'Shea also came to the front and expressed her own gratitude for the outpouring of love she has received.

Closing Prayer: Maria Devereux
Next Meeting: November 7th at St. Martin de Porres
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Submitted by:

Gabby Gauchay
1st Vice President/President Elect