

Meeting Minutes
June 13th, 2026
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: St. Mary, West Haven

President Susan Porter called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

In attendance for the meeting were: Amy Kennedy, Angela Martinez, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Columbo, Casey Pond, Cheryl Johnson, Cleo Mota, Elisebeth Price, Gabby Gauchay, Gaylynn Huffman, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jennifer Enman, Jennifer Streker, Jessica Jurkowski, Joan Simard, Marcie Downs, Maria Devereux, Michael O'Shea, Monica Rich, Olga Salas, Pat Voorhes, Robin Marvive, Roslyn Gunderson, Susan Espinoza, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn, Lily Bardley, Remy Federspill, Marie Smack, Lisa Cook, Rose Berry, Mary Lebaron, DeAnna Keller, Lorri Finch, Jodi Smith, Michelle Stratton, Barbara Larsen , Sharon Butler, **Zoom attendees:** Jennifer Warner, Father Ariel

Opening Prayer: Maria Devereux, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.
Susan Vaughn provided and recited the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Welcome and Introductions: President Porter read the DCCW Mission Statement and acknowledged Amy Kennedy as NCCW President and thanked her for joining us. President Porter also recognized all DCCW past presidents in attendance. President Porter then thanked St. Mary's for hosting. Cleo Mota introduced her helpers.

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

Acceptance of the Agenda: President Susan Porter asked if there are any corrections or additions to the agenda. She moved The Utah Catholic Conference from Upcoming Events to New Business. President Porter added Province Director Update to Unfinished Business. Convention Bag Donation Surplus was also added under Unfinished Business. Deacon Ordination was added to Upcoming Events - Friday, June 19th at 6pm. President Porter asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Angela Martinez moved that the Proposed Agenda be accepted, Pat Voorhes seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda was accepted as corrected.

Reading of April 17th, 2026 Board Meeting: President Susan Porter asked for a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes. Becky Columbo motioned, Joan Simard seconded, and the motion passed.

President Porter asked if there are any changes to the dispensed minutes. Becky Columbo spoke to correct page 4, sixth paragraph, the assembly of the convention bags that took place the night of April 17th, not the morning of. On page 4, in the Nominating Committee

Announcements Jessica Jurkowski and Gaylynn Huffman's names are spelt wrong. Page 5, second full paragraph, The Board meeting is listed as taking place in 2025 - needs to be corrected to 2026. Pat Musich asked for prayer for Marsha Murphy's husband, not Donna Murphy.

President Porter stated the Convention minutes will be filed as amended.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Fr. Ariel (Zoom), remarks read by President Porter. He wished to congratulate us on a job well done for the 2026 convention. He reminds us of our role as women in the church to bring hope to those in need. God works through ordinary people who generously say YES to His call. He thanks us for our faithful service to the Church.

NCCW President Remarks: Amy Kennedy, report is on the website. A reminder to contact the NCCW office to update contact information when new presidents take over. President Kennedy recognizes Jeanne Audiss for her service as the Province Director.

San Francisco Province Director Remarks: Jeanne Audiss reports on her participation in the NCCW Resolution Committee. In preparation for NCCW National Convention 6 new resolutions have been approved by the board to adopt at NCCW National Convention. She then reports that she received approval from NCCW Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Tom Washburn to share his report with the bishops and diocesan presidents from our province. Jeanne is happy to have received a response from the Bishop of the Oakland, CA Diocese. Jeanne then talks about the Shepherd Project, which invites us all to pray for our Bishops everyday from May 1st to October 31st. Each day a different Bishop is recognized. President Porter will send out, via email, the information to participate in the Shepherd Project. Another reminder to contact the NCCW office to update and double check that information is correct. Jeanne thanks all for her support in her role as the Province Director.

Reports of Officers: Before the reports of officers Susan Porter speaks on preparing reports. Why are reports important? They provide information on financial status and activity. Along with Meeting Minutes, they become our history. Know your audience. Be concise. She explains that affiliate reports may become part of the deanery president's reports, so keep that in mind. President Porter thanks Angela Martinez for being diligent in getting all reports on the DCCW website, but encourages all to also share a bit of the report in person at the meeting. The purpose of sharing at the meeting is to stir interest that directs guests to go read the full report on the website.

President: Susan Porter, report is on the website. President Porter provides a list of some summer reading, encouraging all to study the lives of the saints. She highlights the book; Joyful Momentum, by Elizabeth Tomlin - she speaks about the theme "a Call within the call" and the 7 key qualities for discernment. 1. Openness 2. Generosity 3. Courage 4. Interior

Freedom 5. Prayer Reflection 6. Setting Right Priorities 7. Serving Out of Love. President Porter closes by encouraging us to not lose sight of our mission to unite the Catholic Women of Utah.

1st Vice President: Gabby Gauchay, report is on the website. Gabby addresses and welcomes new attendees, starting out in new roles. She encourages them to not be overwhelmed to enjoy the journey that they are beginning. Gabby offers assistance to anyone who needs help or has a good idea and expresses excitement for the next few years!

Second Vice President: Jessica Jurkowski is grateful for the opportunity to serve in her new role. She reminds all guests to participate in the 50/50 raffle.

Secretary: Jenni Fazio (excused). President Porter asks everyone to please keep the secretary up to date with all name and contact changes for the roster.

Treasurer: Gaylynn Huffman thanks everyone who voted her back for a second term. She is energized for the new term.

Immediate Past President: Annette Pressley will defer to Convention Wrap Up.

Parliamentarian: Jeanne Audiss report is on the website. A list of all adopted resolutions from convention is provided. Jeanne encourages all councils to choose one resolution to focus on as a group for the upcoming year.

Historian: Becky Columbo is excited for the new role. She will be taking pictures during meetings.

Reports of Commission Chairs/Co-Chairs:

Service: Pat Voorhes has a report on the website. Her remarks include thanking everyone for the donations brought to convention. A tote was brought to this meeting to collect items for the Carmelites. Holy Cross ministry has a list of stamps that are of most value. A sign up for Box of the Joy was passed around participants. Pat will be ordering supplies for all councils that sign up. She asks for a volunteer in Utah County to be a drop off site.

Spirituality: Maria Devereux (excused early).

Leadership: Joan Simard reports that her first duty will be to contact the By-Law & Standing Rule Committee and organize a meeting to review and update our By-Laws & Standing Rules. Joan will be attending NCCW convention and will be attending sessions to bring new ideas to our diocese and councils.

Legislative: Donna Murphy (excused) Joan reads highlights from her report. Current Utah Legislation is gathering feedback on issues that are important to citizens. Reminds us of our values and support as members of our Catholic Faith. Joan encourages members to look at the Catholic Women Magazine to get more information on the Cabrini Pledge.

Reports of Deanery Presidents:

Eastern Deanery: Michelle Stratton, report on the website. She states that the Eastern Deanery is busy and that St. Helen is forming their CCW again.

Northern Deanery: Cleo Mota, report on the website. St. James is having a garage sale today. Two affiliates just welcomed new boards.

Salt Lake Deanery: Teri Miller (excused). - No report on file.

Southwestern Deanery: Jennifer Enman, report on the website. St. George is busy raising money for their new building.

Wasatch Deanery: Robin Marvive, report on the website. Robin's hope is that in the next year she and Gabby are able to visit their affiliates and help each grow their councils.

Reports of Standing Committee Chairs:

Finance: Gaylynn Huffman (nothing to report). Asks for deanery reps to serve on the finance committee.

AWARE: Susan Espinoza reported that a new schedule is coming for AWARE report requests. The next report is due September 10th, 2026 for the Fall issue.

Website: Angela Martinez pleads that reports are turned in on time. Any format is ok, except JPEG.

MDR: Michael O'Shea & Barb Kerouac report that they want to be more visible to all affiliates. They offer to come out to council meetings for assistance. They also wish to be invited to the Deanery meetings to meet affiliate presidents and offer their support. Barb reminds all about the upcoming Utah Catholic Conference, the DCCW will have a booth there. She then explains the new "Passport Drawing" happening at the Utah Catholic Conference. Barb Kerouac made a motion that the DCCW provide a \$25 fund in addition to Michael O'Shea's artwork to the Passport Drawing at the Utah Catholic Conference. Pat Voorhes seconds the motion. The motion passes.

Nominating Committee: Annette Pressley is happy to make those calls in two years, inviting women to serve. Barb Kerouac spoke on the electronic vote that happened this year in 2026. She recommends that the By-Laws be adjusted to accommodate electronic voting in the future.

Unfinished Business:

DCCW Promotional Video Update/Publicity: Gabby Gauchay thanks DeAnna Keller for taking wonderful content at the convention. This content, plus the content provided by participating affiliates will be used to produce the video by the September meeting. Gabby promises this or else - you can kick her out!

NCCW Delinquent Dues: President Porter reports all affiliates are caught up!

2026 DCCW Convention Reports:

Convention Chair: Annette Pressley has put together a spreadsheet to sort the 101 evaluation forms. This spreadsheet can be used going forward. Feedback on the

spreadsheet is welcomed. 21 new subscribers to the AWARE came from the evaluation forms. Overall score is 3.81. The comment tab is the most invaluable information. Annette thanks Jamie, Marcie and the Eastern Deanery for their hard and amazing work.

Convention Hostesses: Becky Columbo reports that the Eastern Deanery was a little nervous at first to host but they were determined and SUCCESSFUL! Michelle Stratton reports that making a schedule was helpful. She also mentions that touring the hotel before the event made a big difference to those who were hosting.

Convention Bags: Becky Columbo reads Dominique's report as the Bag Chair. Much gratitude and love is expressed. Total bag expenses \$1,074.02 - \$1,800 was donated.

Convention Co-chair: Susan Porter reports that our advertising and sponsorship was up this year. Printing costs were less than last year. The programs were printed in Price and the vendor was great.

WOY: Jennifer Streker appreciates everyone being mindful of the deadline. She enjoyed the convention and presenting the WOY.

Affiliate of the Year: Barb Kerouac reports that there were 7 affiliates who applied. She encourages more councils to apply in the future.

Golden Rose: Jeanne Audiss reports that there were 6 applicants. 5 were able to attend the convention. She is hopeful that more young women will be nominated.

Scholarship: Jessica Jurkowski states that there were 14 applicants. All 14 we were able to support.

Registration: Cheryl Johnson Changes will be coming in 2027 for the banquet. We need to get more control of guests. She is going to split SLC and Wasatch registration for the banquet to alleviate banquet congestion. In 2027 she will be ordering more First Time Ribbons. Cheryl proposes that we review the age limit on banquet guests.

DOM: Jamie Beert thanks everyone who filled out the survey cards. She proposes that next year we make more announcements throughout the weekend to participate in the survey. Reinette Shultz has joined the DOM committee. Mark your calendars April 16th - 18th, 2027 will be Convention. In our block for Little America next year, only Queen bed Rooms. Any other upgraded or King rooms are limited. Make your reservation now for those upgrades. Catering and AV cost will come in November. Forms for the Call to Convention Packet will be due at the end of December. Duties will be sent out and coordination meetings will start in August. The committee will visit each Deanery for convention feedback. Jamie then speaks about the bus issues this year. A bus request was added to the registration forms. 4 buses were contracted based on registration. Only 1.5 buses were utilized.

Vendors & Exhibitors: Cynthia was excused. Susan Porter gives a report on Our Lady of Good Counsel Awards.

Convention Throwdown/Poster Session: Maria was excused early.
2026-2027 DCCW Calendar/January Board Meeting Host Needed: Let President Porter know if you can host.

Women's Legislative Council Opening: President Porter asks if anyone is interested let her know.

DCCW Logo: President Porter states that other DCCW's have logos. Gabby Gauchay has created and presented one for approval. A copy was passed around the room. Our Lady of Good Counsel is presented in front of the shape of Utah with our name. It is suggested that a lighter color is used for the shape of Utah. Annette Pressley suggests the font be changed to a darker color for ease of reading. President Porter suggests that the full body logo be used on the website as a trial. This version will also be used for The Utah Catholic Conference.

Convention Bag Donation Surplus: Susan Porter asks for a motion to transfer the surplus 2026 convention bag donation surplus to the 2027 convention bags. Pat Voorhes motions. DeAnna Keller seconds the motion. Motion passes. Gaylynn will create a line item in the savings account for convention bags.

Province Director Update: Bonnie Siegrist & Marcie Downs were nominated as Co-Province Directors for the San Francisco Province from August 2026 - August 2028. President Porter asked if there were any more nominations from the floor - there were none. President Susan Porter declared by acclamation that Bonnie Siegrist & Marcie Downs have been elected to this position.

New Business

DCCW Board Position Openings: No positions are currently open.

Future Convention Envelope Donations: President Porter states that going forward, no donation envelopes should be placed in the Cathedral collection during Mass.

Give Me a Chance Fundraiser, August 29th: This will take place during the NCCW National Convention. Many regular attendees of Give Me a Chance will be at the National Convention. A letter was received from Olga Cooper stating that donations are down this year. Susan Vaughn motions that the DCCW donate a \$100 basket to the event. Pat Voorhes seconds the motion. Motion passes. Susan Vaughn then volunteers to put the basket together and deliver it to the event. President Porter reminds Deanery Presidents and affiliates to consider donating as well.

NCCW Convention Silent Auction Donation: Discussion to increase our annual donation to the NCCW Convention from \$75 to \$100. Robin Marvive motions the change from \$75 to \$100 for the NCCW Convention Donation. Susan Vaughn seconds the motion. The motion passes. Bonnie Siegrist will put together the basket and take it to convention.

Council Sunday Ad: October is Council Recognition Month. The DCCW would like to create and run an ad for this in the Intermountain Catholic. Gabby Gauchay will research the cost of IMC advertising and report back on the September 26th, board meeting. President Porter requests that all bring their plans and ideas for Council Recognition Month to the September meeting for discussion and collaboration.

Upcoming Events

Give Me a Chance Garden Blooms Bazaar, TODAY, June 13th, 10 am-3 pm, 2913 Grant Ave., Ogden

NCCW Convention, August 26-29th, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Give Me a Chance Enchantment in the Summer Garden, August 29th, Guadalupe Garden, Ogden

Utah Catholic Conference, Saturday, September 19th at Skaggs Catholic Center in Draper
Council Sunday, Month of October

Closing Prayer: Jennifer Streker

Next Meeting: September 26th 2026, Christ the King, Cedar City

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Submitted by:

Gabby Gauchay

1st Vice President/President Elect