



# Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women National Council of Catholic Women

ODCCW BOARD MEETING      SEPTEMBER 17, 2016  
St. John Vianney "Parish Living Room"      9:30 AM

**CALL TO ORDER:** ODCCW President Mary Matheus called the meeting to order.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Rita Billingsley led the opening prayer of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Beginning of the Scriptural Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:** Led by Executive Officer Kathy Leigh.

**WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS AT HEAD TABLE:** By President Matheus.

**SILENT ROLL CALL/QUORUM:** Recording Secretary Connee Maxim stated a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TRANSITION BOARD MEETING:** minutes were approved as printed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Corresponding Secretary Nadine Hardin reported a thank you received from Father Norm McFarland for the \$1500.00 donation to Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Building Fund. Nadine's report is on file.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Margaret Hettler reported that the report on file is a summary and she will prepare a more detailed report of Income and Disbursements and will email it to the board members. Funds available as of 8/31/2016 are \$39,231.41, including savings account balance of \$7,814.44 and Temporary Restricted Assets of June Sayer Leadership Fund and Burse Fund of \$3,712.86, this number was questioned as to its correctness and this will be followed up on. Operating Account Balance is \$35,129.83.

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** Father Miguel Gonzalez enjoyed the National CCW Convention and Lake Yale. At national, a new Spiritual Advisor was named: Father Richard Dawson from the Pensacola/Tallahassee Diocese. Father Miguel is hoping that more members will attend the Dallas, TX, NCCW Convention in September, 2017; Father Miguel will be Master of Ceremonies for the liturgies at the Dallas convention. He requested prayers for Father McCormick who was diagnosed with acute leukemia and asked Bishop Noonan to accept his retirement due to health issues. The Year of Mercy will be concluding in November but Father Miguel said that we do not stop being merciful. He is looking forward to the FCCW Conference in Jacksonville.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Matheus led the first decade of the Scriptural Rosary. Her report is on file. She will email those handouts that she accidentally left at home to the board members. Besides the parishes mentioned in her report, St. Mary of the Lakes, Eustis, is interested in returning to CCW. President Matheus asked Father Miguel and Connee Maxim to present their "bees" with the flowers since they were not

able to do it at the transition meeting. She also asked three board members not present at the transition meeting to state their name, affiliation, and gift/talent. Julie Drake: gift of mentoring, Ine Ivey, teacher, organizer, helper, and Lucille Carpentier, gab and organization.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: Karen Hill asked the board members to review the current bylaws for any changes necessary.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Executive Officer, Kathy Leigh, report on file. She is updating the recognition report forms, guidelines, and letter. They will be placed on the ODCCW website once completed,

REPORTS OF VICE PRESIDENTS (DEANERY PRESIDENTS): all reports on file. Brief summaries were presented.

Mary Ann O'Shea, Central Deanery President, has started a deanery blog and has established a goal for each year of her term.

Evelyn Ging, Eastern Deanery President, summarized her report with the first year will stress communication. Connee Maxim, reporting for Sue Miller, Northern Deanery President, said Sue has sent information to each of the six affiliations in the deanery. She has been in contact with the President of St. Mary of the Lakes, Eustis, Ladies Sodality to inform her of Council of Catholic Women with the possibility of a new affiliation. Carolyn Paternoster, Southern Deanery President, stated the activities of the affiliations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Spirituality: Laura Dodson continued Scriptural Rosary with the Second Sorrowful Mystery. Her report is on file. She thanked Sylvia Roy McCormick, the previous Spirituality Chair for sharing all information with her.

Leadership: Evelyn Ging led the third decade of the Scriptural Rosary and presented a brief summary of Virginia Hagen's report on file.

Service Commission: Kim Kendall, Service Commission Chair, report on file, led the fourth decade of the Scriptural Rosary and then summarized her report. Her goal is to improve communication.

Legislative Committee: Nanette Parratto-Wagner led the fifth decade of the Scriptural Rosary. She summarized her report on file. She asked everyone to read and share her report and to stay on Catholic Values when looking at the candidates. A discussion followed on the Legislation Committee being a part of the Spirituality Commission. Legislation Committee is guided by Catholic values. A discussion was also held on the newspaper ad appearing in the Orlando Sentinel and other national newspapers from a group calling themselves "Catholics for Choice". The organization is NOT a Catholic group and is led by the ultra-left wing group of George Soros. Tell people with certainty that it is not Catholic and not true.

Membership Committee: Cathy Petroff's report is on file.

Convention Core Committee: President Matheus reported the theme "Called to Serve, Missionaries of Mercy" for the 2017 ODCCW Convention. Mary said at the NCCW Convention, no break-out sessions with changing of rooms was used and she would like to do this with our ODCCW convention so everyone can be a part of all the commissions. A discussion followed. No break-out sessions will be held for the ODCCW convention. Jane Carter will be a keynote speaker and a seminarian from St. John Vianney will speak on his vocation and call to serve. President Matheus asked someone to take on a project for the convention banquet featuring the seminarians at St. John Vianney Seminary at Boynton Beach with a picture and story of each one. Nanette Parratto-Wagner volunteered. The Bishop's Mass will be held at St. Brendan's, Ormond Beach. Evelyn Ging presented a report on file asking everyone to begin accepting Angel Ads, Memorial Ads, and Program Book

Ads. Incentive Raffle will be presented in January. There will be a reward to the deanery selling the most ads \$ wise. An error on the bottom of the page for the Program Book Ads will be corrected and placed on the ODCCW website.

Election Committee: Report on file by Kathy Kirchon

Human Trafficking: Report on file by Susie Harting. President Matheus is considering a speaker from national convention who lives in Orlando to speak at the ODCCW Convention in April. There is a free “app” available called TraffickCam which allows you to take pictures of hotel rooms, the pictures are then placed in a database so that victims can possibly be found through studying the backgrounds of videos and pictures with the database.

Personal Development Team: Sylvia Roy McCormick, report on file, said in October, the team is going to St. Brendan, Ormond Beach, and in November to St. Thomas Aquinas and the team will have an organizational meeting in January at St. John Vianney.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leadership Symposium at Lake Yale wrap up: President Matheus thanked Kathy Bonner, Linda Clark, and Cathy Petroff for an excellent symposium. She also thanked Laura Dodson for the wonderful article in the Florida Catholic newspaper. Sylvia Roy McCormick, who prepared the prayer services, said Kathy Bonner and Linda Clark empowered her; they were detailed and oriented in leading the group.

Jewelry Raffle: The raffle will be ending in October. All tickets are to be in to Margaret Hettler by October 15. Checks are to be made to NCCW for \$2.50 per ticket sold and \$2.50 is kept by the affiliation or group selling the ticket.

Newsletter update: No report

Million Works of Mercy: President Matheus read Jane Carter’s report and thank you which was shared at the NCCW Convention.

FCCW Basket: Mary Ann O’Shea put together a coffee and chocolate basket for the FCCW Conference to be held the end of October. President Matheus thanked her.

Mass kit: Ciborium, cups, lectionary and Roman Missal have been purchased. Linens were donated. Cruets and bowl for hand washing plus a tray to hold items are needed. The new items were used at the Lake Yale liturgy.

#### NEW BUSINESS;

Adoption of the Budget: Margaret Hettler presented the proposed budget. There was a correction on the difference of actual vs. budget for the Leadership Symposium of \$1080.00 on line 2 of Income/Revenue thus changing the difference total to \$3810.72. ODCCW Officers were asked to submit expenses incurred for their office or to at least submit an in-kind statement to indicate actual costs of the office.

*Break for Lunch: Bernadette Kroecker and Carolyn Paternoster led the Angelus and Prayer before Meals*

Continuing after lunch with the budget: A question on the placement of the expense of Catholic Days at the Capital was discussed. Under disbursements, ODCCW convention budget, 2016-2018, was changed to \$7060.00 and a line was added under disbursements for Catholic Days at the Capital for \$1400.00. The Disbursement totals remained the same. The budget was approved as amended.

Basket for Bishop Grady Villas: President Matheus asked the Deanery Presidents to prepare baskets for raffle/auction for the Bishop Grady Villas Gala which is October 22. The baskets were brought in today and President Matheus extended a thank you.

Meeting with Catholic Charities – Open Table: President Matheus attended a meeting with Catholic Charities at the chancery. They presented an “open table” program from the Phoenix Diocese. It is a group of 12 people helping a homeless person or someone struggling to pull themselves out of poverty. The “open table” has someone to help spiritually, with education, with finances, housing, mental health, health care, etc. A screening process to select the person to be helped is used. Orange County has seed money to begin the project.

Lake Yale 2017: A possible theme presented by President Matheus is “Lifesavers for Council”. There will be no bonus session on Saturday morning, but the day will begin at 10 AM with presentations.

NCCW Convention: President Matheus brought back from convention Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer cards, new logo card with NCCW Stewardship Prayer, Good Shepherd prayer card with prayers for Spiritual Advisors, Respite Tri-fold and Vocation Purse Club Tri-fold. She also had available NCCW items that will soon be available on the website such as Vocation facilitator and participant booklets. President Matheus reported that Individual Membership cost has been reduced to \$50.00 and the NCCW is out of debt. At this convention, she ended her second 2 year term as National CCW Treasurer. Thank you, Mary Matheus for representing Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and for a job well done! Four resolutions were approved: Human Trafficking, Child Abuse, Immigration and Catholic Social Teaching and Welcoming High School and Young Catholic Women.

NCCW Pilgrimage to Italy, March 28- April 7, 2017: If anyone is interested in the NCCW Pilgrimage to Italy led by Father Stembler, register soon since there are only 40 openings.

Respect Life Conference, October 14, 15, Orlando: President Matheus led a discussion on the possibility of ODCCW presenting an exhibit at the conference. The ODCCW will submit a request to exhibit at the conference with Mary Ann O’Shea and Nanette Parratto-Wagner assisting with the exhibit. Margaret Hettler and Mary will represent council.

Council Sunday, January 15, 2017: A letter from Bishop Noonan is available to use designating January 15 as Council Sunday in the Orlando Diocese.

A brief Brainstorming Session was held with the board members at the end of the meeting. Questions were given to the deanery groups to discuss and also to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the deaneries.

CLOSING PRAYER: The Closing Prayer was the conclusion of the Scriptural Rosary.

ADJOURNMENT

Connee Maxim  
Recording Secretary

