

Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Board Meeting - January 26, 2019
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Hall, DeFuniak Springs, Florida

- CALL TO ORDER :** The meeting of the Pensacola-Tallahassee DCCW was held on January 26, 2019. President Mary Sauvageau called the meeting to order at 9:45am (Central Time) and began with an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Vice President, Joan Walker. President Mary Sauvageau welcomed everyone and then introduced the officers and the new East Central Deanery Board Member, Bea Garcia. There were no guests.
- QUORUM :** Attendance was taken and a quorum was established. Sign-in sheets and roll call attached. Excused were Sr. Margaret Kuntz, Peggy Clark and Jan Shiplett.
- MINUTES :** Minutes of the August 18, 2018 meeting had been distributed by email. Those minutes were approved.
- OFFICER REPORTS:**
- PRESIDENT:** President Sauvageau reported that she has been busy attending events at affiliations and deaneries around the diocese in addition to volunteering at St. Dominic's Hurricane Distribution Center and meeting with the Eastern Deanery for preliminary convention planning. In August she represented us at the NCCW Convention in Pittsburg. As discussed at the last meeting, President Sauvageau purchased a copy of *NCCW Guidance and Resource Manual* at a cost of \$30. Upcoming activities include attending the "Catholic Charities Lunch with the Bishop" as well as the FCCW Board meeting and 50th anniversary celebration in Orlando. A copy of the President's full report is on file.
- VICE PRESIDENT:** Joan Walker reported she will be attending the NCCW Convention in Atlanta in August.
- SECRETARY:** Sue Steverson read a thank you letter from Sharmane Adams in appreciation of our gold sponsorship for Celebrate Faith 2019. Sue reminded members to submit their reports in advance of the board meetings.
- TREASURER:** Jan Condon reviewed the Treasurer's Report for 8/19/18 to 1/26/19 with the ending balance \$9951.10. Additionally, the Vocation Purse Club balance is \$46.67. Affiliations that have not yet submitted their Diocesan and/or NCCW dues have been notified. It was suggested that ECD affiliations may not be able to submit dues at this time due to the economic situation in their area following the hurricane. A copy of the Treasurer's report is filed for audit.

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DEANERY PRESIDENT REPORTS:

- EASTERN:** Linda Husbands, EDCCW Deanery President, reported that a great deal of time was spent in the Fall organizing for the FCCW Convention which was eventually cancelled due to Hurricane Michael. Now affiliations are planning for the Jubilee Mass reception, the Rite of Election reception and the upcoming DCCW convention. Linda reported details of individual affiliation activities. A copy of the complete report is on file.
- EAST CENTRAL:** Ruthie Kress, the ECDCCW Deanery President, reported their activities have been limited due to all the affiliations concentrating on helping with hurricane relief efforts throughout the deanery. The ECDCCW report is on file.
- WEST CENTRAL:** Rosemarie Adams, WCDCCW Deanery President, shared that the deanery has hosted a Fall Gathering and an Advent Day of Renewal. They are now making plans to attend CDAC and the DCCW convention in April. Her complete report is on file.
- WESTERN:** Norma Jolly, WDCCW Deanery President reported the newly formed Western Deanery is established and very active. Their new banner has been completed. Norma highlighted the activities of several affiliations. A copy of her complete WDCCW report is on file.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

- SPIRITUALITY:** Peggy Clark was excused from the meeting. No report.
- SERVICE :** Betty Otto provided a copy of the article, "Can an Innocent Person be Put to Death?" and encouraged all Board members to read it. She also reminded everyone of the Free the Girls project asking that gently used bras continue to be collected and donated for sex trafficking survivors to sell in third world countries. Lastly, Betty passed around a purse so members could donate what they wished to the Purse Club. The complete report is on file.
- LEADERSHIP:** Joan Morgan reminded everyone of the upcoming DCCW convention in April and NCCW convention in August encouraging attendance. She asked all Board members to consider becoming individual NCCW members if they have not already do so. Joan also reminded all Deanery Presidents to remember the process for selecting a nominating committee, developing a slate of nominees, and holding elections for new officers. Her complete report is on file.

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- LEGISLATIVE:** Virginia Green updated everyone on the School Safety legislation and reminded members that Catholic Days at the Capitol will be on March 26-27 this year. She will email the Board the priority issues when they become available. The complete report is on file.
- SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- FCCW**
CONFERENCE: Sheila Hopkins, FCCW President-Elect, thanked everyone for all they contributed for the FCCW conference although it was cancelled due to the hurricane. Plans are now to celebrate the FCCW 50th anniversary at a special banquet in conjunction with the FCCW Board meeting in February. A book outlining the 50 year history is available for sale for \$10. Sheila's installation as the President of the Province of Miami (FCCW) will take place at the NCCW convention in Atlanta. She would be honored to have all of us in attendance.
- NCCW**
CONVENTION: Sheila also reported on NCCW activities. She attended the March for Life in conjunction with the NCCW January Board meeting. NCCW elections will take place in April and everyone was reminded to be looking for the slate in the upcoming Catholic Woman magazine. A summary of the NCCW convention information was provided. Both of Sheila's complete reports are on file.
- BURSE CLUB:** Sue Weathersbee, the Eastern Burse Club Co-Chair reminded everyone that the Mass intention at the Mass celebrated by the Bishop on the last Tuesday of each month is for all the Burse Club members. There are Mass Cards available. Since this was new information for many, Sue offered to write a brief explanation for the process so we can all be accurately informed.
- PENCIL POINTS:** Mary Sauvageau reported that Pencil Points E-Newsletter has transitioned to an electronic format. The first electronic issue was sent on December 10, 2018 and is available on our website. Future issues will be emailed on the 10th of the following months: March, June, September, and December. If an affiliation or deanery has an article for inclusion it should be submitted to Mary by the first of each of those months.
- WEB PAGE:** Linda Husbands requested that affiliation/deanery photos can be sent to her to be added to the DCCW website. Anyone who is available to serve as a back-up to Linda in keeping the website current is asked to contact her. If there is enough interest, Linda is offering to conduct a workshop in the Spring. Linda has posted the Bylaws and Standing Rules on the website.

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- WAYS & MEANS:** Colleen Gamer reported that there continues to be pins and OLGC blank cards in the inventory which can be "checked out" for sale by affiliations/deaneries. Colleen is adding 12 blue NCCW scarves to the Ways & Means inventory. Her full report is on file.
- PUBLICITY:** Mary Sauvageau is submitting convention information to the diocesan News Notes electronic newsletter and the Catholic Compass Magazine.
- HISTORIAN:** Linda Husbands is considering creating a book of pictures at the end of each DCCW year as a means to maintain a historical reference of our activities. To accomplish this, photos will need to be submitted.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- BANNER STAND** The replacement banner stand voted for at the last meeting is not needed as an extra stand was found at an affiliation and donated to us. Mary will write a thank you note to Fr. Kevin McQuone for the donation.
- CATHOLIC IN AMERICA** The question of sponsorship has been postponed.
- COMMUNICATION:** President Sauvageau again requested that when she asks Deanery Presidents to share information with Affiliations that she be copied on that correspondence when the email is sent. She stressed that communication is vital to a healthy organization.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- RENEWAL OF TAX EXEMPT FORM** The current exemption expires on August 31, 2019. Cynthia Lacour will investigate obtaining a renewal.
- HUGS FOR THE HOMELESS** Deanery Presidents need to submit their charity of choice along with one check (the sum of all affiliation money collected) to Jan Condon no later than February 28. She will forward the donation to FCCW on our behalf.
- DCCW CONVENTION APRIL 6** Linda Husbands provided packets and posters to each Deanery President to be shared with their affiliations. Packets were also provided for each board member. She asked that they encourage attendance by all women in their parishes. In addition, each affiliation should work on selling 50/50 Drawing tickets, contributing a program ad, etc.
- PTDCCW SHIRTS** Two versions of a tee shirt were offered to the members to review and consider if there is interest in something being designed. The logo could be a general

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PTDCCW design or a specific design for the upcoming convention. No decision was made at this time. Colleen Gamer was tasked with providing more information.

**ASSISTANCE WITH
DUES PAYMENT
MOTION**

A motion was offered by Wilba Burgess that the PTDCCW pay for the NCCW dues for the affiliations of Our Lady of the Rosary parish, St. Francis/Holy Cross parishes, and St. Dominic parish for a total of \$300. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Pat Treadway presented "Several Minutes with Pat and Robert" on the topic of time management at meetings. Questions/comments regarding a speaker's presentation should be addressed to the President, not the speaker or others in the audience. This will reduce confusion and keep the meeting on track

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S
REPORT:**

Fr. Rick Dawson will have red scarves for sale at Catholic Days at the Capitol.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Led by Fr. Dawson.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM and the members proceeded to Mass.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 7-8, 2019	FCCW Board Meeting and 50 th anniversary celebration, Orlando
February 9, 2019	Diocesan <i>Celebrate Faith</i> with Confirmation of Adults, Sandestin
February 17, 2019	Jubilee Mass/Tally, Co-Cathedral of the St Thomas More Time 11:30am/1:00pm
February 24, 2019	Jubilee Mass/ Pensacola, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Time 2:30pm/3:45pm
March 10, 2019	Rite of Election/Tally, Co-Cathedral St. Thomas More Time 3:00pm/3:45pm
March 17, 2019	Rite of Election/Pensacola, St. Paul Church, Pensacola Time 3:00pm/4:00 pm
March 26-27, 2019	Catholic Days at the Capitol, Tallahassee
March 27, 2019	Red Mass of the Holy Spirit, 6:00 pm Co-Cathedral St. Thomas More, Tally
April 5, 2019	DCCW Board Meeting, tentative time 4:00 pm (ET)
April 6, 2019	DCCW Convention, Tallahassee, 8:00 am (ET)
April 7, 2019	Tour of Mission San Luis, 10:30 am (ET) Tallahassee
August 21-24, 2019	NCCW Convention, Atlanta, GA

WEB ADDRESSES:

NCCW: nccw.org

FCCW: flaccw.org

PTDCCW: ptdccw.org

Secretary

Approved: _____ Date: _____

President Report
January 26, 2019

I have enjoyed the opportunities to travel around the diocese attending several events. I attended East Central Deanery's Fall General Meeting in Blountstown in September and Western Deanery's Advent Day of Reflection in Pensacola the beginning of December. Throw in a couple of affiliation meetings in Niceville and Pensacola plus some preliminary convention planning in Tallahassee. I've been out to volunteer at St. Dominic Catholic Church's Hurricane Michael Distribution Center in Panama City several times as well and sent requests for board members to shower Beatrice Garcia, after losing her home to Hurricane Michael, with spiritual bouquets.

Just after our August board meeting, I got to travel to Pittsburg for the NCCW Convention. I think Sheila will speak on this with more detail. I will say these were jam-packed days with speakers, Liturgy, workshops and fellowship. Having never been to Pittsburg, there was also time to do some sightseeing as well. I did purchase a new *NCCW Guidance and Resource Manual* with the money that was allotted. It is here if anyone would like to check in out.

Speaking of conventions, I am happy to say that our last speaker slot was filled this past Tuesday. Praise God! This has been a real challenge because many of our priests are attending the diaconate ordination of Troy Fulford that weekend. More on our convention later today.

Next, I will be wearing my NCCW blue scarf to the "Catholic Charities Lunch with the Bishop" event on January 31. And, I will be traveling with Fr. Rick to participate in the FCCW Board Meeting (February 7-8) as well as attend the FCCW 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on February 8 both of which are in Orlando.

Additionally, I created and submitted the ad for the Diocesan Hearts on Fire event.

And, a potential new council at St. Rita Parish in Sandestin is still on the radar.

I await more invitations to deanery and affiliation gatherings and meetings!

This concludes my report.
Mary Sauvageau

Pensacola-Tallahassee DCCW / Eastern Deanery Report (ED)

January 26, 2019

During the past months, members from all **ED** affiliations worked on the Florida Conference scheduled for October 2018 in Tallahassee which had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Michael. Afterwards much effort went into cancelations and refunds for the conference and both monetary and direct support through collection and distribution of food and goods for those impacted by the hurricane.

SERVICE: **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton CCW (SEAS)** provided Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for families in need in the parish and community, gifts to adopted families through Wakulla Operation Santa program and donated children's gifts to Catholic Charities Christmas Connection. **St. Thomas More CCW (STM)** assisted with sign-ups for the Parish Directory photos, the annual parish picnic and the annual affiliation Christmas dinner. **Blessed Sacrament CCW (BS)** provided gift cards for parish families in need, gifts to adopted families through Catholic Charities Christmas Connection and assisted with various Parish activities.

SPIRITUALITY: **SEAS** provided food and help with funeral receptions. **BS** members as well as other affiliations continue to support the 24-hour Adoration chapel at Blessed Sacrament.

LEADERSHIP: Welcome to Amy Harris, new president of **SEAS** formerly a member of Blessed Sacrament. **SEAS** sold cheeseballs to support local elementary schools with backpacks filled with supplies and held an annual Fall craft fair and bake sale. They attended/supported Human Trafficking presentation by Robin Thompson, JD, MA, Director of Survive & Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC). They also held a breakfast for Fr. Dustin Feddon and Fr. Bernie Jakubco to both welcome and say farewell. **St. Thomas More CCW (STM)** is hosting fellowship Sunday once a month for parishioners. They also sold Trappist Monastery bakery items and held a Christmas cookie bake sale. Current **BS** CCW president, Susan Emmanuel is serving another two-year term. **BS** has four active circles and fundraisers included cheeseballs, jams and jellies, and bake sales.

All affiliations are planning to help with the Jubilee Mass Reception on February 17th and the Rite of Election Reception on March 10th. Some will be attending Catholic Days at the Capitol and the Red Mass on March 26th and 27th. **SEAS** is providing food for Joseph House reception hosted by Bishop Wack and Fr. Dustin Feddon in January and a Polish Dinner fundraiser in conjunction with Knights of Columbus in March. All **ED** affiliations are planning Lenten Light Meals on Fridays during Lent.

Deanery Plans include revising our Bylaws and working on membership this year, but progress has been slow due to other activities taking precedence. The Eastern Deanery will also be hosting the 44th PT-DCCW Convention in Tallahassee on April 6th at St. Louis Parish and all affiliations will be assisting.

Submitted by: Linda Husbands,
Eastern Deanery President

EAST CENTRAL DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

President's Report

January 26, 2019

East Central Deanery General Meeting was held September 22, 2018 At St. Francis Parish in Blountstown FL. Our guest speaker was Mr. Tom Flowers, a parishioner of St. Francis Parish in Blountstown FL. Mr. Flowers presentation was inspirational as he talked about being an example of Prayer and Faith as he revealed how the power of Prayer and Faith brought him back from the doors of death several times in his life. Mary Sauvageau, the DCCW President, was our honored guest along with Father Schamber

Our Day of Reflection normally held the first Saturday in Lent has been cancelled this year due to Hurricane Michael. Our Spring meeting will be tentatively held at St. Bernadette's Parish in Panama City Beach on March 9th.

Due to Hurricane Michael leaving our deanery with nothing but destruction and devastation, all of our affiliates have suffered losses. We have all been concentrating on helping our church's, parishioners and communities recover from all we have lost as well as dealing with our own losses. Please keep all who have lost through this disaster in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ruthie Kress

West Central Deanery

January 26, 2019

Our Fall Get-together was held October 31st at Holy Name of Jesus. Deacon Dwyer was our guest speaker and the talk was on Advent and the 7 Stations of the Cross, Contrast and Comparisons.

Our Advent Day of Renew was hosted by St. Margaret of Scotland with Fr Angelo as our honored guest.

Both functions were a blessing to all who attended.

Our Deanery is gearing up for the Hugs for the Homeless Campaign in February as well as assisting with the Jubilee Mass and Rite of elections. There will be a few of our affiliation members going to Orlando, but most of our women will be attending the Celebrate Faith Conference in San Destin.

A discussion will be held on selecting members to attend Catholic Days at the Capital and paying for their hotel room. We will encourage our affiliations to also send a member.

We are looking at carpooling to Tallahassee for the DCCW Convention in April and seeing how many members we can get to the FCCW Convention in August.

We will host our Spring Board Meeting May 1st and on the 15th we will have our Spring Get-together and end our 2018-2019 year with a Deanery Bunco Game in June.

As of January 25, 2019

PT-Western Deanery Council of Catholic Women (WDCCW)

President's Report

The following is a synopsis of the activity of the WDCCW activities covering the period of August 19, 2018 through December 30, 2018.

- The WDCCW Quarterly Board Meeting was held on September 21, 2018. There was not a quorum present, therefore, no business could be voted on/completed.
- The new WDCCW Pennant was completed and delivered. Many thanks to Jackie Dickinson who headed this project! Picture provided.
- The WDCCW sponsored an Advent Morning of Reflection. The event was hosted by the Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women (HSCCW). Even with the terrible weather, attendance was over 80 ladies!
 - Father Tom Collins was the guest speaker and provided a wonderful kick start for our Advent season.
 - HSCCW parishioner, Karen Manning provided information about a Human Trafficking awareness project she has begun. The Wear Gray Ribbons with a heart lapel pins will be a reminder of the need to abolish this scourge. Karen offered to assist in the formation of groups in other parishes to sponsor this project.
 - The HSCCW Spiritual Chair, Caty Lohmann, led the group in a spiritual exercise which included an introduction to meditation.
 - There was a raffle with the proceeds to be donated to buying Christmas toys for the children impacted by Hurricane Michael.
- Each Affiliation sponsored programs, events, made donations of time and money, elbow grease and prayer to support their parishes, the WDCCW, the PT-DCCW, the FCCW, and the NCCW. Among their efforts are:
 - St. Rose of Lima - Sponsored booth in parish festival, donated to Hugs for the Homeless, assisted with parish pot lucks and will assist with the Jubilee Mass and Rite of Election Receptions.
 - St. Paul – Sponsored the Baby Bottle Drive to support the Alpha Center, will assist with the Jubilee Mass and Rite of Election Receptions and will host a Mass celebrated by Bishop Wack for an end to Human Trafficking.
 - Holy Spirit – Held annual holiday bake sale, hosted the WDCCW Advent Morning of Reflection, provided reception following the Ecumenical Choir's Christmas Concert,

raised money and collected toys for Northwest FL Catholic Charities for children impacted by Hurricane Michael. The St Gianna group held the first ever Mother Son "Dance".

- St. Anne's Bellview – Planning a rummage sale (Feb 8-9), the Lenten Retreat (March 9), Confirmation and First Communion Receptions, Father's Day Breakfast, volunteers for the Red Cross and Hospital continue to work, and the group ensures the church, vestments and altar linens are clean.
- Sacred Heart - Sponsored and executed the Baby Bottle Drive to support Alpha Center; the Giving Tree for Catholic Charities and St. Anthony's parish; assisted with parish wide events such as Oktoberfest, Advent Pot Luck and many other ministries.
- St. Jude – Continued support for the Water for Life, Hugs for the Homeless, Alfred Washburn Center, Relay for Life, Cantonment Improvement Committee's Summer lunch program; put on a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser to purchase dictionaries for third graders attending three local elementary schools; donated \$500 to help in the hurricane relief and assisted in clean-up effort; Christmas Party and basket raffles proceeds used to purchase 30 turkeys for the Christmas baskets for Blountstown families.
- Little Flower – Assisted with the first St. Therese Parish Festival; sponsor monthly bake sales; preparing for the Lenten bake-less bake sale; volunteering in the St. Therese Mission.
- St. Thomas More – Chose an Angel Tree family (mother and 8 children) and provided a budget of \$40 each for Christmas gifts; had Mass said for the sick and homebound; preparing for the "Cakes and Casserole Sale" fund raiser; donating \$300 to the Annual Lenten Food Drive; volunteers for the Jubilee Mass reception and providing fruit and cookies.
- Nativity – Held a Christmas Bazaar featuring hand made items such as wreaths and swags and netted \$5500; hosted Parish Christmas Party and donated \$500 for children in Tanzania; supported Peter Jutras (seminarian) with basket of cards and cash; 70 gifts delivered to assisted living ; hosted event featuring Missy Rogers from the Arc Gateway; held a Wear Gray workshop.

The next meeting of the WDCCW is scheduled for February 15, 2019 at the Pastoral Center in Pensacola.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Jolly

WDCCW President

*Sue
Secretary*

**Pensacola/Tallahassee
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Service Commission Report
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With January being recognized as RESPECT LIFE MONTH, an article on a topic of great concern to our bishops and many in our country, is attached. Please take time to read "Can An Innocent Person Be Put to Death?"

Free the Girls project: Remember to save and collect gently used bras for sex trafficking survivors to sell and help support themselves in third world countries.

Our neighbors in Panama City and surrounding areas still need our prayers and support. Catholic Charities would be very pleased to accept your donations.

**Respectfully submitted
Betty Otto
Service Commission Chair**

Legislative Report

26 January 2019

1. School Safety update:

Marjory Stoneman Commission Report to Governor last week.

Some counties mention “Lip Service” to recommendations and timelines set forth by Safe Schools Agency of FL DOE'

Mr. Paulic appointed by Gov. DeSantis to FL School Board. 1st mtg. Held last week. All members agreed to continue oversight on progress,

2. Catholic Days at the Capital 26 and 27 March will e-mail bills we will address as soon as they are announced,

3. Note from Fr. Angelo

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Ways and Means Report

January 26, 2018

I. Inventory

- DCCW Lapel Pins 104 each @\$5.00
- Note Cards 8 sets @\$4.00

II. Income

- DCCW Lapel Pins none sold to date
- Note Cards none sold to date

Current Balance

\$2,280.00

III. Boxes

The ticket boxes used for raffles are on loan in the hands of Shelia Hopkins for the Florida Council Of Catholic Women, Province of Miami, 23rd Bienennial Conference, hosted in Tallahassee on October 11-14, 2018.

The convention was cancelled due to Hurricane Michael awaiting returned back to the Ways and Means Committee for future use.

IV. Merchandise

Suggestion to increase sales of pins and cards - allowing Deanery Presidents to sign out merchandise and present items at meeting for purchase.

Also recommendation sale of scarves to increase awareness of Council of Catholic Women and our commitment of service to the community.

Ways and Means Committee


Colleen Gamer

NCCW REPORT TO DCCW – JANUARY 2019

Sheila S. Hopkins, Immediate Past President

The January meeting in DC is always a special time as we participate in the March for Life and the Executive Committee is invited to the Pro-Life Leadership Mass and Reception at the Franciscan Monastery known as Mount Saint Sepulchre. It is amazing to see the thousands of students, families, groups, priests and religious at the March and filling the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Opening Mass. We enjoyed seeing the snow!

Information of interest from the budget is a total of \$7,756 for Water for Life, \$2,627 for Help a Child, \$3,184 for Madonna Plan and \$923 for Refugee Women has been collected for CRS. The current balance in the Purse Club is \$23,266 available for June when the funding is released.

The following items were approved for action: development of a strategic plan, signing a petition to the UN Human Rights Council condemning the Tamil genocide in Sri Lanka, and creating a certificate noting Convention session hours for attendees. There is a new affiliate page on the website where affiliates can post ideas. You may also submit prayer requests limited to 10 words that will remain for 30 days. We learn by sharing with province directors from around the country and hear about new resources created by the commissions for NCCW. Praying the rosary, the Angelus at noon and celebrating liturgy are spiritual highlights. Fr. Rick was unable to join us because of illness. We welcomed Fr. Paul Dressler, a Capuchin Franciscan, to the Retreat House for liturgies on Saturday and Sunday.

The call for resolutions has been issued and a call for bylaws will be forthcoming for consideration at the NCCW Convention in August. Nominations for the Our Lady of Good Counsel award are also open.

The candidates for office were announced to the board and the slate will be officially announced to the membership in the upcoming Catholic Woman magazine. Voting, both online and paper ballots, will take place from April 1, 2019 to May 1, 2019. Affiliate membership dues must be current by January 31, 2019 in order for the president to cast the two votes for the affiliate. Individual members must log in with their member log in to cast their one vote.

Our next meeting will be May 31 to June 2. With the nice spring weather, we always enjoy walking up to the Basilica to pray the rosary in Mary's Garden on the grounds that was given to the Basilica through the generous donations of our membership and special donors.

REPORT TO DCCW ON THE FCCW PROVINCE CONFERENCE – January 2019

Sheila S. Hopkins, PD Elect

Thank you to all who donated money, goods or planned to work at the FCCW Province Conference and 50th Celebration of our organization in October 2018. I am especially grateful to Sue Weathersbee, Linda Husbands, Jan Condon, Sue Steverson and Leslie Serpico who had key jobs in the implementation of the planning. We were ready to go until Hurricane Michael appeared on the horizon and we made the decision, in an abundance of caution, to cancel. The hotel was grateful as they were already receiving calls for rooms. Many registrants donated their fees paid and made additional donations so we could present a check for \$9,000 to Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida. Dede Daly, Sue Steverson and I made the trip to St. Dominic's in Panama City to present the check. Seeing the devastation in person really brought home the reality that it will take years to repair. Let us continue to pray for all those affected.

The new plan is a celebration banquet on February 8th following the FCCW Board meeting at the Sheraton Orlando North in Maitland, FL. The cost is \$55 and the deadline is January 28th. The room rate deadline has passed but I can contact the hotel and receive the \$99 rate if anyone is interested. Each participant will receive one of the conference bags, a program prepared for the October event and a special 50th gift. Our committee members attending will handle the basket drawing and jewelry sale. We still have tickets for purchase to win one of the 8 baskets. The evening will include the 50 Year History Presentation, 5 of us each presenting a decade, and the announcement of the Our Lady of Good Counsel awards, one living and one posthumous. One of our members will be receiving an award and cannot be publicly revealed until after the conference. Fr. Luke McLoughlin will be honored for his 28 years of service as Spiritual Advisor for the Diocese of St. Augustine.

We have copies of the FCCW History Book here for \$10. It is 2 volumes in 1 book. The first volume is 1968-1992, edited by Ellen Bachman. We did not have an original script so it has been scanned. The second is 1993-2018, edited by the History Book Committee. It is quite interesting to read about the work of the women and growth of the Council of Catholic Women around the State of Florida. The second volume has the bios of the Florida women who have served as President of the National Council of Catholic Women in the back.

At the NCCW Convention in Atlanta August 21-24, I will be installed as the 4th Province Director from the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Since it will be in Atlanta, I would be so honored if members could be there. Sue Weathersbee will be installed at the province dinner as FCCW Vice President. Florida is one of the strongest provinces in the United States and a model others emulate. Thanks to all of you who always answer the call to serve.