

39th ANNUAL PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE DCCW CONVENTION
"Jesus Christ – The Source of Our Hope"
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Tallahassee, Florida
May 8-10, 2014

Call to Order: Peggy Clark called the 39th Annual Pensacola-Tallahassee DCCW Convention to order on May 8, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Rev. Richard Dawson gave the invocation. The colors were presented by Godby High School ROTC Color Guard and they led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and singing of the national anthem.

Welcome: Peggy Clark welcomed everyone to Convention. She introduced the Board; Jan Marks, Tallahassee Mayor's wife; Rev. Michael Foley, Eastern Deanery Spiritual Advisor; Sue Weathersbee, Convention Co-Chairman and recognized first-time attendees.

Keynote Speaker: Sheila Hopkins introduced the Keynote Speaker, Rosi Schuhmacher, President/Province Director, Florida Council of Catholic Women, Province of Miami.

Credentials Report: Judy Platt, DCCW Treasurer, presented the Credentials Report, as of 2:30 p.m.: 43 voting members (which included 15 board members), 2 clergy, and 1 guest for a total of 46. The Credentials Report was adopted.

Parliamentarian: Pat Treadway, DCCW Parliamentarian, read the Rules of Convention 2014 found in Convention Booklet. After reading she made a motion to adopt the Rules. President Peggy Clark asked for the vote. It passed.

Roll Call: Grace Amell did roll call by Deaneries.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Platt reported beginning balance \$16,444.92, revenue \$7,421.62, expenses \$10,045.41, ending balance \$13,821.13. Scholarship fund \$515 and Priests' Calendar \$427.60 remain the same.

Audit Report: Jan Shiplett for Martha Skalasky. Jan reported that audit was done and all was in order and balanced.

Resolutions: Betty Otto did 1st reading of the resolutions.

Nominations: Jan Shiplett, Nominating Committee Chairperson, presented the following nominations: President, Cynthia Lacour; Vice President, Sue Weathersbee; Treasurer, Betty Otto; and Secretary, Linda Husbands. Jan thanked her Committee for assisting with the slate of officers.

By-Laws: Pat Treadway read the proposed Amendments to the Bylaws and rationale for each change.

1. Article VI, Government, Section 1. Board of Directors, number 6. – Changed Corresponding Secretary "shall be appointed" to "if appointed." This passed.
2. Article VI, Government. Section 1. Board of Directors, number 9. – Deleted requirement for Past Presidents to declare their intentions for two years. Past Presidents will not be counted as part of the quorum unless serving in a voting position. This passed
3. Article VII, Nominations and Elections. Section 1. Diocesan Board Member, sentence 1. Changed "elect two (2) members" to "elect one member." This passed.

4. Article VIII. Duties of Officers. Section 4. Recording Secretary, sentence 5. Added 30 day notice and included use of e-mail to distribute. **Norma Jolly made a motion – Recording Secretary is responsible for mailing notices of the board meetings and minutes of previous board meeting thirty (30) days prior to meeting via postal service or e-mail.** The motion was seconded and amendment passed.
5. Article X. Meetings. Section 1. Sentence 1. Withdrawn

At 3:15 p.m. EDT, Peggy Clark recessed business portion of meeting until Friday morning, May 9, 2014.

May 9, 2014

Business Session: The business meeting was reconvened by President Peggy Clark at 9:15 a.m. EDT.

Invocation: Rev. Michael Foley, Eastern Deanery Spiritual Advisor, gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: Recited by Attendees.

Credentials Report: Judy Platt, DCCW Treasurer, presented the Credentials Report, as of 9 a.m., 52 voting members (which included 15 board members), 2 clergy, 1 religious, and 3 guests for a total of 58. The Credentials Report was adopted.

Resolutions: Betty Otto did the second reading of the resolutions. The first resolution, ‘Prayerful Support for Pope Francis’ was adopted. The second resolution, ‘Conscience Protection and Religious Liberty’ was adopted. Betty thanked her Committee for their work on the resolutions.

Election of Officers: Sheila Hopkins read the Nominating Committee’s candidates for office: President, Cynthia Lacour; Vice President, Sue Weathersbee; Secretary, Linda Husbands; and Treasurer, Betty Otto. Peggy announced each candidate’s name and office and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed. Each office was voted on individually and the candidates elected. Peggy introduced the newly elected officers.

Invitation to 2015 Convention: Charlotte Mackey, Northwest Deanery Vice President, cordially invited all the ladies of the Diocese to the Convention in 2015. Northwest Deanery will be hosting and as soon as the Bishop gives the date they will send out information.

Announcements: Sheila Hopkins announced Bishop Parkes will celebrate the 5:15 liturgy and installation of Officers will take place immediately after mass. Fran Gobalek ,Co-Director, Open Door Women’s Clinic, will be at Saturday’s luncheon to accept Past-President’s Charity gifts. Everyone reminded to put their name in the prayer partner basket and turn in their Convention evaluation form. New President Cynthia Lacour will hold a brief business meeting after Saturday’s luncheon. Sheila closed with a special thanks to Eastern Deanery for hosting Convention.

Closing Prayer: Father Richard Dawson

Peggy closed the business meeting at 9:42 a.m. CDT

Grace Amell, Secretary

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