

## **NCBWL President-Elect Written Record of Term Activities for 2021-23**

*From Claudia Weber - April 2023*

### **Special Events and Projects**

- In 2021 and 2022, I organized the League's **Christmas gifts to the Dominican Infirmary and Sisters of Mercy Convent.**
- In 2021 the Dominicans at St. Cecilia Infirmary received \$500 for the purchase of portable blood pressure equipment for the Infirmary. We also brought member donations of stamps, note cards and some home-made lap blankets and shawls. Later the same day in December - I went to the Sisters of Mercy and presented them with gift cards, stamps, note cards and hand made crochet lap robes and shawls.
- In 2022, the Dominican sisters requested help in purchasing an aquarium. Our donation of \$500 was presented at our Christmas visit. This gift has proven to be very popular and even therapeutic per Sr. Casey Marie at the St. Cecilia Motherhouse.
- I visited the Sisters of Mercy on Pennington Bend on the same day in mid-December -Sr. Beth Higgins and a group of a dozen other sisters received gift cards, stamps and note cards. The League donated a check to the Sisters of Mercy for \$500 (which matched the Dominican donation) and was accepted into their "most pressing needs" fund.
- I attended all but one monthly meeting and both Christmas parties for the past two years and helped facilitate the 2022 Pearls of Wisdom venue at the Catholic Pastoral Center with our POW co-chairs and Diocesan staff.
- For both Pearls of Wisdom fundraisers, I recruited sponsors and auction item donations as well as being a table sponsor.
- I assisted with our ongoing relationship with Coco's Italian Market for many of our meetings and brought several guests who became members.
- When needed, I filled in at meetings for our traveling President and attended all board meetings.
- I helped in the recruitment of a new Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Sims-Baker and of Sr. Mary Peter who will also help us at meetings and events as needed.
- Most recently I have enlisted the help of other members in recruiting a new Board for 2023-25. I am heartened by the enthusiasm of these "elected" women to help carry on the amazing, record-setting efforts of the current President and Board.

Thank you Lynne for your leadership and creativity in making this League bigger and stronger!

## NCBWL Publicity Chair

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From Lisa Link April 2023

As Publicity chair, I was in charge of promoting and informing people of important events and happenings of the NCBWL.

This included emailing meeting and special event notices to the Tennessee Register, parishes and schools to be included in their bulletins and school newsletters.

I created graphics and posted them on social media platforms to promote upcoming events.

I emailed registered attendees about each monthly meeting as a reminder about the social action beneficiary for that month.

I wrote press releases to promote and summarize the success of our Pearls Of Wisdom events for local news outlets and the Tennessee Register.

For our April 2022 meeting, I organized a Business Spotlight Event where 28 business owners and nonprofits gave a 2-minute elevator pitch about their business or organization and each donated a door prize.

This new format was well received and well attended so next year we will most likely need to find a larger event space!

The highlight of my position was finding out that new members and guests had heard about us through one of the communication avenues, either on social media or in a Diocesan publication.. so my work was paying off!

## **Janine Moore's (Secretary) report for the April Induction Meeting**

What the last two years being the League's secretary have been like!

I joined NCBWL in late 2019, but didn't have the chance to attend many meetings since I taught CGS at St. Philip on Wednesday evenings. I switched to teaching on Tuesdays so I could attend meetings, but then Covid hit and there weren't any meetings for a while. In late 2020, Lynne Warne contacted me to meet to see if I might have an interest in serving on the NCBWL Board. That was an interesting question, since I didn't really know anything about the organization. But I knew I liked Lynne and her enthusiasm and vision for this organization. So, I said yes.

It's been a fast two years. The job of secretary has been to be sure there is written/digital records of each monthly membership meeting and the quarterly board meetings. For any of you who are interested in looking at any historical info on meetings, Cora Newcomb has uploaded them onto the Member Portal of the website.

What did I get out of doing this?

- Learned about NCBWL and its role from the inside
- Met many interesting Catholic women who are engaged with their community
- Got to hear fascinating speakers at the monthly meetings
- Attended some of the spiritual events, as well as the weekend retreat at Bethany Retreat Center
- Had monthly opportunities for fellowship with other women. Everyone has been welcoming. The meetings are an opportunity to reflect internally and with others.
- Worked with the NCBWL Board to move the organization forward, under the leadership of outgoing president, Lynne Warne. I learned a lot about leadership from your example, Lynne!
- Donated dinners for the three Pearls of Wisdom Gala's since I've been involved. This year's dinner will be this Saturday and starts off with a tour of the historic Harrison House, followed by dinner at my house.
- Hosted the Christmas Party 2022 on one of the rainiest, stormiest nights ever

To the new board. Best of luck and thank you for serving. It will be fun to see where NCBWL goes in the next two years!

NCBWL Social Action Chair  
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From Lisa Link April 2023

As a new member in 2018, I suggested that we begin collecting items for local non-profits at our monthly meetings as a way to combine our efforts to make a difference in the Nashville community and fulfill the League's mission of service. Thus the Social Action position was born and I've been spearheading it ever since

My responsibilities included identifying and contacting local non-profits about donation needs and possibly having a representative attend the monthly meeting. I asked members for suggestions on who might need our help.

I would then deliver collected items to the local non-profit or arrange for the speaker or another member to do so.

I helped promote their causes, websites and needs on our social media pages as well.

During the 2021-23 term, we collected items for 15 unique local organizations and hopefully increased the awareness of our members to some new charities. I tried to alternate causes where you could donate something you already had with something you had to purchase. I also tried to alternate between Catholic-specific charities and local non-profits.

I helped arrange 2 service projects for members, one with the Nashville Diaper Connection and one to process books for Book'em. I am now working on securing volunteers and funding to help with the Habitat for Humanity Women Build happening on June 3.

The highlight of my term has been seeing the amazing generosity of our members and knowing that by combining our efforts, we have been able to make a significant difference in the lives of many in our community!

## **NCBWL Treasurer Written Record of Term Activities for 2021-23**

*From Deb Fay - March 2023*

### **Highlights from my term as your Treasurer (for April meeting)**

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer for the past two years. I did all the usual things you would imagine a treasurer doing – deposits, disbursements, reconciliations, reports. But I think you are probably most interested in our overall financial wellbeing and what YOU did for NCBWL over the past two years.

There are summary sheets on each table – one side has the March 2023 detailed report of our revenues and expenses as well as what we hold in reserve and the other side has a summary of the revenues, expenses and reserves for the past two years.

As you will see, in total for both years, we operated in the black.

If you have any questions or comments, please email or call me.

One item to highlight is our major revenue and expense area – our Pearls of Wisdom fundraiser.

Whether you sponsored, attended, donated, or purchased auction items for our Pearls of Wisdom fundraisers, over the past two years you raised a net total of \$118,840.12, allowing us to gift each high school \$17,000 in 2021 and \$20,000 in 2022, plus save \$5,000 each year for a future St Michael's Academy scholarship.

I have been working with the 3 high schools to insure our scholarship funds are being distributed to our recipients the way we want – using first the school's annual endowment draw and adding to that whatever portion of our annual gift is needed to fill the recipients' need. The remainder of the annual gift goes into the school's endowed Aurelia Varallo Mariani Scholarship Fund. We're almost complete with an amendment to the original letters of intent and I will continue to work with the schools until that is completed.

Bottom line – I am pleased to report that we are a financially sound organization. Keep up the good works!