



P.O. Box 50994 | Nashville, TN 37205

Minutes of the Meeting

September 20, 2023

Coco's Italian Market & Restaurant - Patio, Nashville

Welcome and Call to Order:

6:00 p.m. - Following social hour, **President Claudia Weber** welcomed all to the meeting and opened the floor for announcements:

- **Ladies of Charity Consignment Fall SALE 2023:** Consignment Fall Sale will begin on Friday, September 29 and continue through Saturday, November 4, 2023. Opening day is Friday, September 29, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Holy Rosary Parish's search for second-grade teacher:** Referrals of any interested retired or new teacher are sought for this position.
- **Kendra Scott event:** Event yielded \$867.00 in sales-related revenue for NCBWL.

Mission Statement Reminder:

The NCBWL mission is to provide opportunities for Catholic women to engage in fellowship through stimulating programs and meaningful service.

Saying of Grace:

6:10 p.m. - Sr. Mary Peter Muehlenkamp led grace before the buffet dinner service.

Opening Reflection:

6:35 p.m. - Fr. John Sims-Baker shared a reflection on the miracles of Jesus and Mary, emphasizing trust in Jesus to care for his followers.

Attendance Update:

33 Members

2 Religious

10 Guests

45 Total Attendees

Program:

6:50 p.m. – Debbie Rayab addressed participants on her experience serving with the Catholic Medical Mission Board.

- **Topic:** Catholic Medical Mission in Zambia, Africa.
- **Speaker:** Debbie Rayhab. Debbie also shared a special tasting of pumpkin soup that she also cooked during her mission work in Zambia, Africa.
- **Summary:** Discussion of Debbie Rayhab's experiences as a nutritionist and her work with women who have children with disabilities. The program emphasized the need for modified foods to achieve proper nutrition in an environment that lacks water and electricity, and the challenges presented to mothers and volunteers.

NCBWL Business Meeting

7:15 p.m. –

- **Announcement and introductions by Claudia Weber:** There will be **no meeting in October**. The next meeting will be November 15, at Coco's.

- **New business focus by Courtney Conklin**, Co-Chair of Pearls of Wisdom, on **PoW gala**-related update/appeals:
 - Only three seats are left and available for sale.
 - Members are asked to lend old encyclopedias for gala decorations.
 - Only cash will be accepted for valet and drinks.
 - Tickets will include two free drinks per attendee.
 - As name cards will be on tables, members are asked to provide Courtney the names of their guests.
 - Members should send Courtney any dietary restrictions.
 - There still is a need for auction items and wine donations.
- **Other Announcements**
 - The **Cursillo Retreat** for women is scheduled for Thursday, October 5 – Sunday, October 8. Location is Camp Marymount, 1318 Fairview Blvd E., Fairview, TN 37062.
 - The next Cursillo retreat will be held in the spring of 2024, on March 14, 2024.

Closing

- Jennie Guinn, led the prayer and reflection on St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, about Mother Teresa’s dedication and faith with an extraordinary impact on, and love for, the ones she touched.

Adjournment:

7:45 p.m. – The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra MacSweeney,
Vice President and 9/20/2023 recording officer

and Trish Cronin,
Secretary