



## ***Nashville Catholic Business Women's League***

### **MEETING MINUTES**

March 17, 2021

Temple Hills Country Club, Franklin, TN

#### **Welcome & Call to Order:**

President Teri Hasenour Gordon welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm. Introduced new member Cheryl Pryor, DRE at Holy Rosary, Donelson. Cheryl will serve as NCBWL's Spiritual Life chair.

#### **Blessing:**

Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Michael O'Bryan, led all in the blessing before dinner

#### **Business Spotlight:**

None

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

After dinner, all stood and Teri Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Spiritual Reflection:**

Fr. O'Bryan was presented with a nice St. Patrick's Day gift (which clinked in the brown paper bag). His reflection was on the life of St. Patrick.

#### **Program:**

Lisa O'Neill-Sullivan introduced Fr. Mark Beckham, pastor, St. Henry's Church. Fr. Beckham talked about five books of different genres that he is currently reading and recommends. A list of his recommended books will be on the website.

#### **Announcements:**

Our next meeting will be the installation of new officers on April 21 from 5 – 7 pm, both live at the Catholic Pastoral Center and via Zoom.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Review of Minutes ..... Teri Hasenour Gordon**

Hard copies of the minutes taken during the 1/27/21 meeting were at the tables. Teri Gordon recommended approval with a spelling correction. After review, Lynne Warne moved to approve, Cora Newcomb seconded, motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report ..... Sandra Szejner**

NCBWL Balances as of 1/31/21:	\$	8,001.50
Retreat & Amazon Smiles Dep.	\$	272.15
Checking Balance 2/28/21	\$	8,273.65

Money Market Account 2/28/21	\$ 1,705.89
Scholarship	\$ 696.78
Total Assets	\$ 10,676.32

Brenda Gardiner moved to approve, Alex Lourd seconded, motion carried.

Claudia Weber introduced Judy Orr, director of Catholic Charities on Zoom. Information about Catholic Charities and their work was at each table. Judy Orr gave us an update. Catholic Charities has had a 50% uptick in requests for help, coming from three directions: Pandemic layoffs, tornado relief, and the Christmas bombing victims. About 5% of Catholic Charities overall budget comes from the diocese – the balance has to be raised. Teri Gordon urges us all to support this year’s “Pathways to Possibilities, “a virtual fundraiser for Catholic Charities. NCBWL has donated \$1,500 this year. Teri is hoping individual members will support the work that Catholic Charities does.

**Spiritual Life Report ..... Donna Adams**

A retreat will be at the Bethany House Retreat Center in Dickson beginning on Friday July 23 at 4:30 pm and ending Saturday at 4 pm. Includes dinner on Friday night, Mass on Saturday, Soul Core session (a cross between yoga and The Rosary), a presentation by First Farmers & Merchants, “What Women need to know about Financial Investments” and “Financial and Estate Preparedness for our Survivors” presented by Teri Gordon. Space is limited to 16 slots. Cost is \$100.

**Membership/Recruitment Report ..... Kim Hoover**

95 members paid their dues in 2020. Renewal letters for 2021 are going out this week. Renewal is \$55 – you can mail in your check or pay online. A huge thank you to Kim for keeping our club together this year!

**Program/Speakers Report ..... Lisa O’Neill-Sullivan**

More information to follow as NCBWL works out the format of our next few meetings.

**Communications and Publicity Report ..... Cora Newcomb**

The deadline for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month with a publication date of the first Wednesday of the next month. A separate email announcing the monthly membership meeting will be sent on the first of each month. A separate follow-up email will be sent two days prior to the due date of RSVP.

**Development/Auction Report: ..... Veronica Moreland and Patricia Vance**

**Pearls of Wisdom 2021**  
No report

**Hospitality ..... Faye Knochenmus**

No report

**Social Action..... Lisa Link**

The April project will be in support of Catholic Charities. Details in the newsletter.

**Business Networking ..... Shelley Heile**

No report

**Special Activities ..... Lynne Warne**

On Sunday, December 19, an anniversary tea will be held in the afternoon at the Hermitage Hotel, a joint celebration of NCBWL’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Christmas Party.

**Old Business ..... Teri Hasenour Gordon**

Continue to support both Amazon Smiles and Kroger. Proceeds from these go into our Fr. O'Bryan fund, which is used to help our members who need assistance with their dues.

**New Business ..... Teri Hasenour Gordon**

Kathleen Pohlid has spent the last few months looking over our by-laws to update them. All members should have received an email with all changes. Changes are attached to these minutes. Janine Moore moved to approve, Claudia Weber seconded, motion carried.

**Vote on slate of new officers (2021-2023)**

President:	Lynne Warne
President-elect:	Claudia Weber
Second VP/Programs:	Lisa O'Neil Sullivan
Treasurer:	Deb Fay
Secretary:	Janine Moore
Communications Director:	Cora Newcomb

Alexis Lourd moved to approve, Faye Knochenmus seconded, motion carried.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

A motion to adjourn was made by Faye Knochenmus, Alexis Lourd seconded, motion carried. All prayed the Memorare together to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Moore  
Secretary



## **NCBWL Proposed Changes to NCBWL Bylaws**

On Wednesday, January 13, 2021, the Board of Directors, including the Parliamentarian (Chair of the Bylaws Committee), unanimously voted to approve and propose the following changes to the NCBWL Bylaws which are incorporated in the attached PROPOSED Bylaws.

**These changes will be voted on by the membership at the March meeting. If you are unable to attend the March meeting and wish to vote or make a comment, you may by emailing me at this address.**

**Proposed Change 1: Art IV, Section 2:** The previous requirement for new members to submit an application form signed by a current member as a sponsor is removed.

**Proposed Change 2: Art V, Section 1:** The requirement that monthly membership meetings "shall" be held during specified periods, is changed to "should." An amendment is added to specify that meetings may be conducted remotely.

**Proposed Change 3: Art V, Section 3:** The requirement for the Board to meet during specified months is changed to require meetings once every quarter. Board meetings may be conducted remotely.

**Proposed Change 4: Throughout the Bylaws:** The position of "Recording Secretary" is changed to "Secretary" and the position of "Corresponding Secretary" is changed to "Communications Director."

**Proposed Change 5: Art VI, Section 4:** The quorum is determined by those present, either in person or remotely.

**Proposed Change 6: Art VII, Section 8:** The treasurer's duties are specified to include monitoring and maintaining federal/state governmental and tax affairs of the League. Also, the Treasurer "shall ensure that all organizational, tax, exemption, and other required reports and filings are properly submitted to appropriate federal/state entities."

**Proposed Change 7: Art VIII, Section 1:** The annual membership meeting (during which officers are installed) should be held in person but may be held remotely.

**Proposed Change 8: Art VIII, Section 3:** During the first quarterly meeting, the Board will select a nominating committee to propose the incoming officers.

**Proposed Change 9: Art VIII, Section 5:** The prohibition against serving consecutive terms in the same position applies to the President and Treasurer.

**Proposed Change 10: Art IX, Section 2:** The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Parliamentarian.

**Proposed Change 11: Art IX, Section 3:** The Publicity Chair is renamed “Publicity/Outreach” Chair.

**Proposed Change 12: Art IX, Section 7:** The Special Events and Projects Committee shall have the responsibility of planning and presenting any special events. The requirement for certain specified events to be conducted each year is removed.

**Proposed Change 13: Art X, Quorum:** The quorum for membership meetings is a simple majority of those present, either in person or remotely.

**Proposed Change 14: Art XIV, Amendments:** Proposed changes to the Bylaws by the Board shall be provided to all members, whether in person, via email or by mail. Bylaws may be amended at any regular monthly meeting per the quorum rules.

**Proposed Change 15: Art XVI, Dissolution:** In the event of termination or dissolution, all assets are to be distributed to a Catholic entity organized for charitable or educational purposes as directed by the Board.

**Proposed Change 16: Adding Signature Confirmation:** The President and Secretary will sign confirming Bylaws and/or changes were adopted by the members and the date when this occurred.

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