

Daughters of the King of the Los Angeles Diocese
Fall Assembly 2022

Saturday, October 22, 2022, Online

Business Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Kimberly Cortner called to order the twice-yearly Business Meeting of the Daughters of the King Assembly of the Los Angeles Diocese at 9:46 AM.

II. Opening Prayer

Diocesan Chaplain The Rev. Ruth Eller offered the opening prayer.

III. President's Welcome

President Kimberly Cortner welcomed the Daughters gathered on Zoom, introduced guests including President of the Order Nancy Severin and members of Executive Board of both Province VIII and the Diocesan Assembly.

IV. Roll Call

Secretary Carol Morgan conducted the Roll Call. There were 46 Daughters present from 16 active chapters and four Daughters at Large. Six guests from the dioceses of Hawaii, Colorado, El Camino Real, Nevada, Arizona, and Alabama were also present. Ten guests of local chapters also attended. At best count, there were a total of 66 attendees.

V. Approval of Minutes

President Kimberly Cortner asked for approval of the minutes from the 2022 Spring Assembly. Attendees were asked to review the minutes and suggest amendments. No corrections were suggested. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathleen Jensen, seconded by Lisa Drew, and carried by a vote of raised hands.

VI. Financial Report

President Kimberly Cortner reported that our checking account has a balance of well over \$13,000. There has been no change to the balance of our savings account. The Bishop Gooden Memorial Scholarship Fund is holding above the minimum endowment level of \$16,000. There were not enough gains realized this year to award a scholarship at this time. We recently sent to the National Office donations of \$500 for each of the four funds of the Order.

VII. The State of the Order in the Los Angeles Diocese

President Kimberly Cortner reported on the Board's project to call every chapter in the diocese. We are just beginning to see results of those calls. There has been a loss of some Daughters. Last year, the diocese had 46 chapters. Since then, eight chapters have disbanded. About that number will be disbanded this year due to lack of minimum required members. We checked that we have the email addresses for chapter members to make sure they can receive important communications. We asked how the Diocesan Board might be able to help the chapter. It was found that many chapters are thriving during this time. The project has given us a much more realistic idea of the state of the Order in our diocese.

Christine Budzowski reported on revitalizing the Bishop's chapter. This is a special chapter created for Daughters at Large in the diocese to be able to gather in a chapter. Bishop Taylor supports the reenergizing of the Bishop's chapter and will be visiting the chapter meetings. Christine and Margie Hope are co-conveners who are reaching out to all Daughters at Large to invite them to join this chapter.

President Kimberly Cortner and First Vice President Sheila Lowerre are working on amending the Diocesan Assembly Bylaws. Some suggested changes include eliminating Deanery representatives, changing the publication schedule for the *Angel's Feather* from six to four times a year, and updating our dues assistance and relief policy to match the national bylaws.

Christine Budzowski explained the changes to the permanent dues relief policy from the national office. The requirements for this relief include advanced age, financial hardship, failing health, or permanent disability. The minimum age of 85 has been removed. A Daughter receiving this relief would no longer be able to hold office or receive the *Royal Cross* magazine. Chapter presidents are welcome to contact Christine Budzowski, President Kimberly Cortner, or attend the monthly board meeting to gain more information about this new policy.

The Diocesan Board has created a Nominating Committee to recruit nominees for next year's election of Diocesan officers for the term of 2024-2027. The Committee is comprised of Sheila Lowerre (Diocesan First Vice President), Dawn Switzer, Deborah Cantwell, and Johanna Fredrics.

VIII. Announcements

Province VIII is working on an in-person Assembly for Spring 2023.

The Diocesan Board will again offer a Discernment Course using the *National Study Guide* for new or reinstating Daughters in Spring 2023. This course will be offered online.

IX. Adjournment

President Kimberly Cortner adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Morgan, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Kimberly Cortner, President