

SW MN Synodical Women of the ELCA

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Board Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2018

After the SW MN Synod WELCA Board set up for the 2018 Leadership Workshop at Gloria Dei Lutheran, the board met at the Redwood Lodge. Meeting was **called to order** by President Joan @ 7:07 p.m.

In attendance were: Joan Iverson, Karla Conrad, Barb Wurtzberger, Betty Brandt, Kim Christianson, Linda Magnuson, Jane Tongen, Christina Nelson, Marcella Chapman, Louise Ferry, Betty Anderson, Diane Fredin, Absent: Maria Lokensgard

Opening Devotions - given by Betty Brandt (Power of Positive Thinking) & followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Prayer requests or concerns: prayers for Jane's sister who continues her fight with cancer; Marcy asked for prayers for her church's new venture--adding a Wednesday evening worship service; Louise Ferry's son & daughter-in-law will be having a new baby soon & for Sonja who has MS; Betty Anderson praying for life, which is joyful at times but also has sadness; Diane's husband who is looking for a new job; Joan had a positive call from Marion McCrory who is suffering from major health problems; Karla asks for prayers for all people with addictions of some sort; Barb Wurtzburger's husband, enduring the pain from kidney stones; Kim asks for continued prayers for former board member, Sara Larson, who is attending Wartburg College via on-line courses.

Agenda was approved with two additions, upon a motion by Diane & second by Linda.

Secretary's Minutes from July 17, 2018, with one date correction, were presented. Minutes were approved with this change on a motion by Marcy, second by Karla.

Correspondence: 1. Thank you from Sara Larson for helping her monetarily (\$250) with her education. She is now a lay minister & studying seminary soon. We are to feel free to ask her to write or help with upcoming events. 2. Greeting from Kristy Henriksen & thank you for the good wishes given her since finishing her time on the synodical board. It was the highlight of her life. 3. Gratefulness from Pastor Linda Pedersen to the board for honoring her with well wishes for her upcoming retirement. She appreciates our generous gift to the Chilstrom Scholarship Fund—marking the passion she has for growing, especially women, in ministry. 4. Terebinth Refuge appreciates the tie fleece blankets given them. 5. Terebinth Refuge also sent an invitation for a Fundraising Breakfast to be held on September 13, 2018 at the Calvary Community Church in St. Cloud, MN.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Maria on vacation. Report was given to board. The report will be placed on file.

Old Business:

1. Conference Fall Gatherings – see sheet given to all.

2. Triennial news – Joan relayed that she had made bookmarks for distribution at the Fall Workshop advertising the Triennial, registration will open sometime in the fall of 2019, the theme should be ready by February 2019, Churchwide is requesting that each Synod select a Triennial Promoter before the end of the year. Discussion was had on what expenses would be paid for by the Synod. Such as, mileage to attend gatherings, hotel if overnight, registration for one or half if two promoters, duplicating costs, postage, meal reimbursements (board open to work with personal expenses); expectations are to include: bringing synod board updates. This was only a discussion & actual determination of reimbursed expenses would be gone over at the next meeting for approval.
3. Leadership Event – reviewed Leadership Event Schedule & Program; all set.

New Business:

1. Diane made 800 copies of the Fall News & Notes. All liaisons took enough copies for their fall gatherings.
2. Region 3 Conference Call Report:
 - a. WELCA made a very good impression on youth.
 - b. Triennial theme to be discussed for Feb. 2019 distribution.
 - c. If a board member has any issues with WELCA, churchwide would like to know. And if so, give to President Joan for presentation.
 - d. If any board member would like to do any writings, e-mail terri.lackey@elca.org
 - e. Thankoffering service is available on the web for all church units to use.
 - f. Churchwide is setting up an exploratory committee (Jan. 2019 meeting).
3. Joan received a telephone call from Al Erickson asking us to keep praying for “Our Kids”. An e-mail from him was given to all.
4. 2019 SW MN Synod Women of the ELCA Convention to be held on May 3 & 4, 2019 at First Lutheran in Marshall was discussed. Preliminary discussion & decisions are listed on separate sheets. President Joan will update & e-mail separately. Further discussions will be held at next meeting
5. The *Communicator* deadlines: September 1, 2018 & December 1, 2018.
6. Start thinking about the 2020 Convention—Hutchinson has been proposed for site?
7. The 2018 Fall Conference Gathering sheet was given to all by President Joan.

Next board meeting: November 3, 2018, 9: a.m. at the Synod office in Redwood Falls.

Closing Devotions by Marcella Chapman (Be consistent – “Showing Up”). Luke 10:38-40

Group recessed for sleep at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Fredin,

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Other Dates:

May 3 & 4, 2019 32nd Convention of SW MN SWO Women of the ELCA
 @ First Lutheran, Marshall, MN – will be voting on the 11th Triennial
 voting members.

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Board Meeting Minutes - Continued
September 8, 2018

Business resumed @ 1 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

1. Feedback on Leadership Event – individual comments written on attached sheet. All around, it was noted that it was great!
2. Lower food order & perhaps get possible attendance in advance of workshop (liaisons could call their conferences & get a heads up on how many were planning to attend).
3. Mission Action – discussed making bandages & sending to Global Health – could be called “Rippers & Zippers”.
4. Archiving church records (baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths, minutes, etc.). It is an understanding that Luther Seminary does this for individual churches who close their church.
5. Archiving individual church WELCA minutes discussed & will be researched further. Once confirmed & direction is obtained, this could be presented in a convention workshop.
6. Policy Statement will be gone over, retyped, & approved. The statement would then be available for all on the website.
7. The Synod Nominating Committee Liaison, Betty Brandt, gave all a listing of positions that need to be filled at the next convention.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Clean up held at closing.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Fredin,
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Brief recap of the Leadership Event held on Saturday, September 8, 2018:

“Drink in the Gifts of the Spirit”

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Psalm 23:5*



8:30 Registration, coffee & fellowship

9:00 Gathering Music

Welcome by Joan Iverson

Purpose Statement Read

Introduction of Board Members

Greetings from Bishop Anderson – “Be Faithful Now”

1. What’s working around here?
2. What is not working so well?
3. What will make us better?
4. What keeps us from improving?
5. What should we move to the forefront?

Devotion & Meditation by Pastor Linda Pederson

Theme Hymn: “Fill My Cup, Lord”

Announcement of 2019 Convention In-kind Offerings

Gifts to All

(22 cups, 3 thermos, 2 water bottles, 6 aprons, 8 shawls, 16 medallions, 12 key chains)

Other Announcements

Officer Workshops

Litany for Leaders

The Lord’s Prayer

Table Prayer

Lunch

Attendance: Crow River (4), Glacial Ridge (8), Great River (5), Lac Qui Parle (3), Lakeland (5),
Minnesota Valley (5), Prairie (6), Scenic Valley (4), Shetek (7), Watonriver (7) = 54
Plus 13 board members & 2 guests = 69 total