

SW MN Synodical Women of the ELCA

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Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2018

Meeting was **called to order** by President Joan @ 9:07 p.m. Morning snacks were brought by Barbara W. & Louise F.

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

Opening Devotions - given by Karla Conrad (Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness); we followed with the Lord's Prayer.

Time of sharing & prayer concerns: 1. Marcella's husband is having cataract surgery soon & her church is in transition. 2. Louise Ferry's church is also in transition, husband is hospitalized, a new grandbaby has joined the family. 3. Karla's church is sharing ministry. 4. Barb W.'s church is in process of calling a new pastor, personally, she has had recent cancer scares. 5. Betty has no concerns. 6. Linda is okay. 7. Diane's husband has found a job. 8. Maria's sister is on chemo; this is a scary time for her family; her church is also in the "call committee" mode. 9. Joan is reeling from a combine fire this past week so harvest is about a week behind for them. 10. Kim C. asks for wisdom in today's decisions.

Agenda was approved upon a motion by Marcella & second by Linda.

Secretary's Minutes from September 7 & 8th, 2018 & brief recap of the September 8, 2018 Leadership Event were accepted by President Joan as presented. There were no additions or corrections. Motion was made by Marcella & seconded by Linda to destroy evaluation sheets received on September 8, 2018, approved.

Correspondence: 1. Maria received a note from Pastor Dee Peterson and returned the \$150 check given her in June for her services. She asks that it be put into continued work of the fine ministries of the Synodical women. 2. Betty Ghylin forwarded a thank you from the St. Cloud veterans for the socks & lip balm collected at the June convention & given to the veterans.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Maria went over the details on the Treasurer's Report. The report will be placed on file.

Unfinished Business:

1. Triennial prize drawing slips from Fall Gatherings were gathered.
2. Fall Gathering attendees:
 - a. 56 – Crow River
 - b. 90 – Glacial Ridge
 - c. 47 – Great River

- d. 97 - Lac Qui Parle
- e. 93 – Lakeland
- f. 58 – MN Valley
- g. 48 – Prairie
- h. 34 – Scenic Valley
- i. 34 – Shetek
- j. 40 – Watonwan

New Business:

1. A sympathy card will be sent to the family of Marlene Lien (a former 2005-2010 SWO board member) who died October 17, 2018.
2. The Synod Council voted to take to vote at the June 2019 Synod Assembly, the question of merging conferences—from 10 to 6.
3. 2019 Convention planning was gone over & is attached separately.
4. The *Communicator* deadline is December 1 for those board members writing articles.
5. After lunch, the Policy Statement was gone over with additions & corrections made. The new Policy Statement has been re-written by President Joan & is attached after the minutes.

The next board meeting will be held on January 5, 2019 at the Synod Office in Redwood Falls at 9:30 a.m. Opening devotions will be given by Christina, closing devotions by Louise, & snacks will be brought by Betty B. & Linda M.

Everyone: start thinking about the 2020 Convention date & site.

Closing Devotions by Kim C. (“Fruits of the Spirit”). Colossians 5:22-26.

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.