

## SW MN Synodical Women of the ELCA

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### Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2019

The following board members met at the First Lutheran Church, Marshall, MN at 9:30 in the morning: Joan Iverson, Jane Tongen, Betty Anderson, Karla Conrad, Louise Ferry, Linda Magnuson, Betty Brandt, Kim Christianson, Maria Lokensgard, Barb Wurtzberger & Diane Fredin. Also in attendance was Corlys Knudson, First Lutheran WELCA representative. Absent: Marcella Chapman & Christina Nelson. A walk through the church was led by Kim Christianson & specific areas were determined to be used for the 2019 SW MN SWO Convention on May 3 & 4, 2019.

After the tour, the meeting was **called to order** by President Joan @ 10:10 a.m. Morning snacks were brought by Joan Iverson.

**Opening Devotions** - given by Barbara Wurtzberger (1 Corinthians 12:6) on “Creativity”.

**Time of sharing & prayers requested**--happiness by Betty Anderson & her husband who sold their current home in two days & purchased another in Rosemount, closer to their children, shortly thereafter; Betty Brandt's husband is becoming much slower due to his Parkinson's; Jane Tongen's daughter will be married on April 27 in SC; Linda Magnuson's friend Gayle is having health issues; Kim Christianson's mother passed away recently at age 98; Diane Fredin said many need prayers due to the extreme flooding in many parts of Minnesota, Iowa & Nebraska; Joan Iverson's cousin's wife, Sandy; Maria Lokensgard has happy memories of her youngest nephew making it to Minnesota State basketball tournaments; Louise Ferry's husband is experiencing major side effects of his last chemo treatment; Barb Wurtzberger's husband is still recovering from knee replacement & her sister Annette's daughter's problems.

**Agenda** as printed was approved upon a motion by Betty Brandt & Kim Christianson.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Joan received a call from Pastor Al Erickson (Director of Adults Saving Kids) who wanted to be included as workshop speaker. He will be told that the workshop schedule of presenters is full. Fliers are okay.
2. No other correspondence was presented.

**Secretary's Board Minutes** from January 5, 2019 were approved on a motion by Betty Brandt & second by Kim Christiansen. One correction was noted.

#### **Treasurer Items -**

1. Treasurer Maria went over the details on the Treasurer's Report as of March 8, 2019 & the Statement of Revenues & Expenses for the years ended January 31, 2019 & 2018. The reports were approved upon a motion by Kim Christianson & second by Betty Brandt.
2. The proposed Budget for 2020 was discussed. A motion to approve the Budget as printed & include in the 2019 SW MN SWO Convention booklet was made by Betty Brandt & seconded by Louise Ferry.
3. Betty Brandt asked if the board could approve sending financial aid for Puerto Rico. It could be presented to Lydia Davila (from Bayamon, Puerto Rico, who will be our Churchwide Rep.) at Convention. Motion requesting a check for \$500.00 was made by Diane Fredin & seconded by Betty Brandt. Carried.
4. Kim Christiansen received a request from the Lac qui Parle Conference in regard to helping them pay for table decorations. A motion was made by Kim Christianson & seconded by Betty Anderson to give them half of their costs or \$20. Carried.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. The President's Publicity Packet is available on line.
2. A Rotation Schedule (hand-out sheet for board members from Joan) for Determining SW MN SWO Convention Sites for the years 2019 through 2035 was discussed.
3. The Convention Worksheet was discussed throughout the meeting & is included separately.
4. Triennial prize drawing was slightly discussed as to how many times one could enter. Attendees at the Fall & Spring Gatherings could enter once at each gathering & then again at the 2019 SW MN SWO Convention on May 3 or 4, 2019.
5. President Joan attended the Synodical President's meeting on February 22 to 24. She gave us a brief verbal review of what was discussed.

### **New Business:**

1. 2019 Spring Gatherings were gone over, with additions made.
2. Color copies of the News & Notes had been made. Each liaison will be taking copies to their Spring Gatherings.
3. Future convention sites were discussed. A synod map was furnished & discussion led to the rotation of convention sites.
4. President Joan asked that it be presented at all Spring Gatherings this year, that in all elections a person of color or a person who speaks two languages must be included in yearly elections.
5. It was decided that SW MN SWO would head a **Synod Assembly** Service Project on June 7, 2019. Karla Conrad will be the leader with other volunteers as helpers. They will be working on rolling bandages & need two, 8' tables.
6. Triennial Promoter Pat Stevermer & Joan Iverson will have a Triennial Display table at the June 7 & 8 **Synod Assembly**. Set up is to be before 10 a.m. on Friday, June 7 & taken down after 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8.
7. Committee reports for the 2019 SW MN SWO Convention booklet are due to Christina on or before April 1, 2019.
8. Leadership Training for Conference Board members: September 7 at Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls.
9. Churchwide Exploratory Committee has asked WELCA boards to discuss & consider three questions: 1. If you could make changes to our constitutions to encourage more participation in the organization, what would they be? 2. The Triennial convention costs approx. \$2,400 per voting member. Annual revenue from offerings has been insufficient to pay for the convention over the past two Triennium. How could your SWO assist with the costs? 3. Why is this organization important to you? If this organization went away tomorrow, would you miss it? Would it matter? Why?

**Closing Devotions** by Louise Ferry ("joining at the table"). The Lord's Prayer was recited.

**Board members** are to be at First Lutheran Church in Marshall, MN on May 3, 2019 at 8 a.m. to set up. Karla & Diane will have 8 a.m. treats & refreshments for the morning. **The next board meeting** will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 10 a.m. at First Lutheran in Marshall. Opening devotions will be given by Linda Magnuson & closing by Joan.

**Prayer Partners** to be revealed some time during the Convention hours & \$20 gifts exchanged.

**Closing Devotions:** "I Thirst, I Quench" by Betty Anderson

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:45 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by Diane Fredin,**  
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