

**SW MN SWO of the Women of the ELCA**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, July 29, 2019

**Location:** SW MN Synod Office, Redwood Falls

Morning snacks were brought by Maria Lokensgard and Jill Duncan.

Opening devotion was given by Joan Iverson based on Psalm 17:8, "The Apple of Your Eye".

Prayer requests were shared by those in attendance.

**Present:** Betty Brandt, Kim Christianson, Karla Conrad, Dianne Doscher, Jill Duncan, Louise Ferry, Janet Hagen, Joan Iverson, Maria Lokensgard, Christina Nelson, Jane Tongen.

**Absent:** Linda Magnuson, Barbara Wurtzberger.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by President Joan Iverson.

**Agenda:** A **motion** was made and seconded by Karla Conrad and Betty Brandt to approve the Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

**Secretary Report:** A **motion** was made and seconded by Christina Nelson and Betty Brandt to approve the Secretary Report which included minutes of the May 3, 2019 board meeting and minutes of the May 3 and May 4, 2019 SWO Convention. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** A thank you was received from Global Health Ministries and from outgoing board member Betty Anderson along with notice of a Terebinth Refuge fundraising breakfast on September 12, 2019.

**Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer Report was presented and will be **placed on file**. Balance on hand is \$45,178.90 as of July 31, 2019. Expense vouchers were distributed. The Treasurer will be working with the Great River Conference to return control of their checkbook to them.

**2019 Convention Recap:** The evaluation comments from the 2019 SWO Convention were reviewed and will be **placed on file**. Lydia Davila's Convention report to CWO was reviewed.

**2019 Synod Assembly Recap:** Christina Nelson shared information about the new ecclesiastical ballot process our Synod will be using in the future to elect a Synod Bishop; Joan Iverson reported that she was able to share information about WELCA with several women who stopped by our display table; Karla Conrad reported that the rolling bandages project went well.

**Old Business:** None.

**Transition Time:** Outgoing and incoming board members shared information and materials to complete the transition process.

**New Business:**

1. A **motion** was made and seconded by Joan Iverson and Betty Brandt to destroy the 2019 SWO Convention ballots and evaluation sheets. Motion carried.
2. A **motion** was made and seconded by Janet Hagen and Karla Conrad to honor a request for the 2020 Synod Assembly to make and gather cloth bags for use on walkers and wheelchairs. Motion carried. Betty Brandt will find a pattern which will be shared in The Communicator, at the Leadership Event, and at Fall Gatherings. The bags will be gathered in May 2020 at the SWO Convention where a prayer card

from WELCA will be made and added. They will be delivered to St. Peter for the June 12 and 13, 2020 Synod Assembly where they will be available to be stuffed.

3. The 2019-2020 Board Assignments and Meeting Schedule was completed and will be **placed on file**.
4. A profile of each board member has been shared by email or by hard copy among all the members of the board.
5. Secret Prayer Partners were drawn by each member of the Board and a listing will be kept by the Secretary.
6. A **motion** was made and seconded by Betty Brandt and Kim Christianson to accept the changes to the Policy Statement as presented concerning reimbursement to Board members for Triennial Gathering. The motion carried. **See attached.**
7. A **motion** was made and seconded by Betty Brandt and Louise Ferry that the SWO Treasurer return control of Conference treasuries for Crow River, Great River, Prairie, and Shetek Conferences back to the Conference level and that this process be completed ASAP and no later than December 31, 2020. Motion carried.
8. Triennial news was shared including a listing of our Voting Members and Alternates, a listing of those who have expressed interest to date in the Triennial along with a sign-up sheet to be made available at Fall Gatherings to gather additional names. Registration opens September 30 with the early bird rate of \$325 available through January 6, 2020.
9. After some discussion, a decision was made to **table** a request from the CWO that we (along with each SWO) contribute \$2400, the cost of sending one voting member to the Triennial Convention, apparently to ease the budget.
10. The listing of Fall Conference Gatherings was reviewed and some information was updated. Additional updates are needed.
11. It was noted that the next deadline for The Communicator is September 1.

#### **Other Business:**

1. A listing of past Convention and Leadership Event Themes was shared. We need speaker ideas for our 2020 SWO Convention.
2. We will promote the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the ELCA and will commemorate it in some way at our 2020 SWO Convention.
3. It was noted that there have been some staffing changes in the CWO.

Recess for Lunch at 12:20 pm. The meeting continued at 1:35 pm with planning for the Leadership Event.

**Date:** Saturday, September 7, 2019

**Location:** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 301 N. Lincoln Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283

**Theme:** Spur One Another On

**Theme Verse:** Hebrews 10:24-25

**Theme Hymn:** Great is Thy Faithfulness, ELW 733

Other details concerning the event can be found on the planning worksheet supplied and updated by President Joan Iverson. **See attached.**

A **motion** was made and seconded by Janet Hagen and Maria Lokensgard that Personal Care Kits will be announced at the Leadership Event as the In Kind Offering for the 2020 SWO Convention. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Duncan, SWO Board Secretary

