

SW MN SWO of the Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2020

Location: Online Zoom meeting

Present: Noreen Beranek, Betty Brandt, Kim Christianson, Katherine Claussen, Karla Conrad, Jill Duncan, Janet Hagen, Joan Iverson, Maria Lokensgard, Linda Magnuson, Jane Tongen, Pastor Kathryn Skoglund.

Absent: Dianne Doscher, Louise Ferry.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Joan Iverson.

Installation: Our two new Board members, Noreen Beranek and Katherine Claussen, were installed during a brief ceremony. Welcome!

Opening Prayer: Betty Brandt offered our devotional from Psalm 31:24 and opened in prayer.

Secretary's Report: A **motion** was made and seconded by Betty Brandt and Karla Conrad to approve the Secretary's Report as presented which included minutes of the May 1, 2020 board meeting and the May 2, 2020 appointment of new board members by email. The motion carried.

Correspondence: A thank you was received from Barb Wurtzberger for the gift received for her service to the Board.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented and will be placed on file. Balance on hand was \$50,707.60 as of July 16, 2020.

Mission Action, Mission Community, and Mission Growth Reports: The three groups are working on their articles for the next issue of The Communicator.

Business:

1. **2021 SWO Convention:** The Convention is scheduled for May 1, 2021 at Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell. It was agreed that using the theme we had planned for the 2020 Convention, Celebrate! (with a focus on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the ELCA) would be a good idea. Joan will be in touch with Celebration Lutheran to see if we can still do a walk-through on Saturday, October 3.
2. **Triennial:** No new news has come out concerning the postponement of Triennial to 2021. We are already aware of some who had registered for the 2020 event but will not be able to attend in 2021. Registrations can be transferred and refunds are possible, too.
3. **Fall Leadership Event:** We have heard from Gloria Dei Lutheran in Redwood Falls that they are not allowing any outside groups to use the church at this time. That leaves us without a location for our Leadership Event in August. Churchwide is encouraging us to hold no in person meetings through the end of the year. Given these situations and numerous other concerns about the pandemic, a **motion** was made and seconded by Maria Lokensgard and Betty Brandt that we cancel the 2020 Leadership Event. The motion carried. Joan will communicate this decision to the Conference presidents.
4. **Conference Fall Gatherings:** The SWO Board is recommending that Conference Fall Gatherings not be held in 2020. Joan will also communicate this decision to the Conference presidents. (Crow River and Scenic Valley Conferences have already cancelled their Fall Gatherings).
5. **LWR Collection:** We will not be offering a Synod wide collection of LWR quilts and/or kits this year. Conferences and Units are encouraged to ship or deliver their donations on their own. Joan will share this information with the Conference presidents.

Announcements: Joan Iverson will plan to participate in the Region 3 SWO Presidents Zoom call on July 30, 2020.

Next Meeting: A next meeting date was not determined.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Sharing Time: Prayer requests were shared. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Duncan, SWO Board Secretary