

SW MN SWO of the Women of the ELCA

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Location: Online Zoom meeting

Present: Noreen Beranek, Betty Brandt, Kim Christianson, Katherine Claussen, Karla Conrad, Dianne Doscher, Jill Duncan, Louise Ferry, Janet Hagen, Joan Iverson, Maria Lokensgard, Linda Magnuson, Jane Tongen.

Absent: Pastor Kathryn Skoglund

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Joan Iverson.

Approval of Agenda: A **motion** was made and seconded by Betty Brandt and Dianne Doscher to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Opening Prayer: Katherine Claussen opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report: A **motion** was made and seconded by Noreen Beranek and Linda Magnuson to approve the Secretary's Report as presented which included minutes of the July 16, 2020 Board meeting. The motion carried.

Correspondence: A thank you was received from Kim Christianson.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report covering activity from July 15, 2020 through the end of the fiscal year was presented and will be placed on file. Balance on hand was \$51,375.54 as of January 31, 2021. Budget reports were also shared. A **motion** was made and seconded by Janet Hagen and Noreen Beranek that the Board approve the 2021 Budget at \$12,500 as presented. The motion carried. A **motion** was made and seconded by Betty Brandt and Karla Conrad that the 2022 Proposed Budget at \$53,000 be approved to be presented to the 2021 SWO Convention. The motion carried. A **motion** was made and seconded by Dianne Doscher and Karla Conrad that we send \$1,140, which represents half of our 2020 SWO Convention offering, to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund designated for Texas. The motion carried.

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

Conference of Presidents Report: President Joan Iverson, along with Board members Katherine Claussen, Noreen Beranek, Linda Magnuson, Louise Ferry and Janet Hagen, attended the Conference which was expanded this year to include additional Board members and held via Zoom. The theme was "Pivot, Don't Panic" and was well received by those who attended.

Business:

- 1. 2021 SWO Convention:** The question of whether or not we can hold a Convention in 2021, and if we can, how we should do that, is very much undecided at this time. We no longer have a location secured as Celebration Lutheran in Sartell has removed our May 1 date from their schedule due to pandemic concerns. The Board will meet again on May 1, 2021 to further discuss the situation, giving us time to look into other options and to see what the conditions of the pandemic are at that time.
- 2. Synod Assembly Video:** We have received an invitation from the Synod to create a video that would be shared at the Synod Assembly in June, showcasing the ministry of the Women of the ELCA. Joan and Maria will work on a dialogue and on the particulars of recording a Zoom meeting. We will plan to hold a quick Zoom meeting the end of March in order to record our video.
- 3. Conference Spring Gatherings:** Synod Liaisons reported the various ways the Conferences are dealing with Spring Gatherings this year from cancellations to voting by mail to communicating by emailed letters.

4. **The Communicator Editor Position:** Christina Nelson, our current editor, has indicated that she and her family will be moving out of state in the near future. She will continue her duties for now as they can all be done virtually and will look to passing on those duties to someone within our Synod in the next year or so.
5. **Triennial:** At this time, the plan is to hold a virtual (business) Convention August 3-5, 2021, dependent upon a Churchwide vote to amend the constitution later this summer. The Gathering portion of Triennial has been postponed until 2023 and current registrations will be refunded.

The Communicator: The next deadline for submitting articles is Monday, March 1. Please email your articles to Christina.

Next Meeting: We will meet virtually the end of March to make our recording for the Synod Assembly and will hold our next business meeting on Saturday, May 1, 2021. We will wait until April to determine whether that meeting will be in person or virtual.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Closing Prayer: Karla Conrad closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Duncan, SWO Board Secretary