

SW MN SWO of the Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Location: Online Zoom meeting

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

Absent: Noreen Beranek, Linda Magnuson, Pastor Kathryn Skoglund.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Joan Iverson.

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

Opening Prayer: Maria Lokensgard opened the meeting with prayer.

Sharing Time: Some time was spent by the group sharing news and prayer requests.

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 February 25, 2021 Board meeting. The motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report covering activity through May 1, 2021 was presented and will be placed on file. Balance on hand as of May 1, 2021 was \$49,064.57.

Mission Action, Mission Community, and Mission Growth Reports: Karla Conrad has been in touch with Christian Literature to let them know our Convention has been postponed.

Business:

1. **2021 SWO Convention:** We are waiting to see what will happen with the Churchwide vote that is expected to come up sometime in July, as this will determine whether or not we can hold a virtual convention to do business. It looks as though Minnesota will be "opening up" more as the summer goes on. No decisions were made at this meeting.
2. **Synod Assembly:** A written report was submitted by Joan Iverson for the Assembly book.
3. **Gifts of Grace:** A **motion** was made and seconded by Betty Brandt and Katherine Claussen that we give an offering of \$324, which represents \$18 for each of the 18 years of Bishop Jon Anderson's leadership in our Synod. The motion carried.
4. **Conference News:** *Crow River* has cancelled their Spring Gathering. *Glacial Ridge* is planning a Fall Gathering. *Great River* churches have been donating LWR quilts. Activity varies from church to church in *Lakeland*. *Scenic Valley* has cancelled both Spring and Fall Gatherings and has expressed concern over filling Conference positions.
5. **Churchwide News:** Dwindling revenue has caused Churchwide staff to be reduced to two full time and one part time as of September 1, 2021. 2021 revenue is at \$1,929,313 compared to expenses of \$2,054,278, leaving a deficit of \$124,965 as of April 24, 2021. The April 30 deadline has passed to request a Triennial Gathering refund.

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

Next Meeting: President Joan Iverson will email the group when there is news from Churchwide as to when the vote will take place concerning virtual conventions. We will anticipate a Board meeting sometime in July. Date TBD.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Closing Prayer: Jane Tongen closed the meeting with prayer. The Lord's Prayer was recited together.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Duncan, SWO Board Secretary