

SW MN SWO of the Women of the ELCA

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 22, 2021

Location: In person meeting at Pizza Ranch in Redwood Falls, MN.

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

Absent: Katherine Claussen

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm by President Joan Iverson.

Secretary's Report: A **motion** was made and seconded by Betty Brandt and Jane Tongen to approve the Secretary's Report as presented which included minutes of the May 11, 2021 Board meeting. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report covering activity through November 9, 2021 was presented and will be placed on file. Balance on hand as of November 9, 2021 was \$47,853.71. The monies in the SWO account belonging to Crow River, Great River, Prairie and Shetek Conferences have been transferred to them (\$5,051.73). We will make a decision after the end of the fiscal year (January 31, 2022) as to where we would like to donate half of the Synod Convention Offering that has come in.

Our investment within the Synod's Mission Investment Fund account will mature on December 7, 2021. Our investment was worth \$7,617.81 as of September of 2020. Those funds will be transferred to us. A **motion** was made and seconded by Betty Brandt and Karla Conrad that at this time we establish our own account with the Mission Investment Fund with an initial deposit of at least the minimum amount. The motion carried. Treasurer Maria Lokensgard will take care of the details.

Update to Speaker's List: Our Speaker's List has not been updated since 2017. A committee consisting of Janet Hagen, Betty Brandt, and Dianne Doscher will make contact with listed speakers and work to add additional speakers. They will aim to complete their work by our next meeting.

Review of Constitutional Changes: President Joan Iverson handed out copies of the Churchwide Constitution which was revised at the 2021 Triennial Convention, to be added to our folders. Noted was that the composition of the CW Executive Board has decreased from 21 to 15 members, and that meeting votes by mail, digital technology, conference call and electronic means will be allowed.

Changes that affect our SW MN SWO WELCA Constitution were noted on page 13 of that revised document.

SWO Convention: We worked on plans for our 2022 SWO Convention to be held Saturday, May 7 at Our Redeemer in Benson. *(Date later changed to Friday, May 13 due to conflict with reserving our location)*. This will be a one day Convention with a registration fee of \$50. We will pursue Bishop Dee Pedersen and/or Rev. Heather Culuris, our new Synod Minister, as speakers/participants. We will not plan workshops. We may suggest, in lieu of a Scholarship Program, that each Conference offer a scholarship for attendance at the Convention. We will be electing a full Board and 2023 Triennial Voting Members. Our agenda will remain similar to what it has been in the past. We will collect quilts and kits of all kinds for LWR as our in-kind offering and will look for an organization in the Benson area to receive half of our cash offering. Other preliminary ideas were discussed concerning displays, lunch and snacks, communion, and a possible virtual visit from a CW rep. Assignments were made to the various Convention Committees. We will continue to work on plans for the Convention at our next meeting.

Other Business: Louise Ferry announced a change of address: 28870 South Shore Drive, Starbuck, MN 56381. Her phone number remains the same. Joan Iverson will speak to Christina Nelson about finding someone to take over The Communicator and other duties.

The Communicator: The next deadline for submitting articles is Wednesday, December 1. Please email your articles to Christina Nelson.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 17, 11 am, at Pizza Ranch in Redwood Falls.

Adjourn: A **motion** was made and seconded by Louise Ferry and Dianne Doscher to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 pm

Closing Prayer: We prayed The Lord's Prayer together to close our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Duncan, SWO Board Secretary