

SW MN SWO of the Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom.

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

Absent: Betty Brandt

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm and opened in prayer by President Joan Iverson.

Secretary's Report: A **motion** was made and seconded by Kim Christianson and Linda Magnuson to approve the Secretary's Report as presented which included minutes of the November 22, 2021 Board meeting. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report covering activity through January 31, 2022 was presented and will be placed on file. Balance on hand as of January 31, 2022 was \$49,899.85. We have not designated a recipient of ½ of the 2021 Synod Convention Offering (\$425) but will hold on to it at this time with plans to combine it with the 2022 Synod Convention Offering. We now have our own account within the Mission Investment Fund with a balance of \$7,864.24.

The Proposed 2022 Budget was presented for Board approval. Usually it would be presented for approval at our Convention which we did not have in 2021 due to the pandemic. A **motion** was made and seconded by Karla Conrad and Dianne Doscher to approve the Proposed 2022 Budget. The motion carried.

Updates from SWO President: A Leadership Training (formerly Conference of Presidents) will be offered by Churchwide on February 18 & 19 for SWO Board members and including Conference Leadership Teams this year. A one million dollar goal has been set for the Katie's Fund Capital Campaign to begin in June of 2022. Churchwide reps will appear virtually at Synod Conventions in 2022, either in a recorded format or live via Zoom.

Update to Speaker's List: Thank you to Janet Hagen, Betty Brandt, and Dianne Doscher for their work to update the Speaker's List. Dianne will ready copies to be made available at the Convention and it will be put online.

The Communicator Editor Position: No update at this time.

Synod Liaison: No update at this time.

SWO Convention: We worked on plans for our 2022 SWO Convention to be held Friday, May 13, 2022, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, at Our Redeemer in Benson. We chose "Celebrate!" as our theme, Psalm 149:1 as our theme verse, and "We All are One in Mission" ELW 576 as our theme hymn. Our offering objectives will be 50% to Churchwide, 25% to Heartland Girls' Ranch and 25% to Swift County Food Shelf. We will collect in-kind offerings for Project Turnabout, Eagles Nest, and LWR Quilts and all LWR kits. *Christian Literature Distributors will not be able to be present at the Convention for a collection.* Synod Minister Rev. Heather Culuris will be our speaker. Displays are being worked on. Conferences are being asked to promote the Scholarship Program, but the SWO will pay for the scholarships. Jane Tongen will arrange for folders, notepads, etc. from Mission Investment Fund. Triennial buttons will be available to wear. Convention Publicity Packets will be available online by March 1 with a registration deadline of April 22.

Joan Iverson will check with Shetek Bible Camp to see if their facility would be available as our 2023 Convention site.

Other Business:

The Communicator: The next deadline for submitting articles is Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Please email your articles to Christina Nelson.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 4, 11:30 am at Our Redeemer in Benson.

Adjourn: A **motion** was made and seconded by Dianne Doscher and Katherine Claussen to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Duncan, SWO Board Secretary