

Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 2, 2022, Pizza Ranch, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Call to Order: President Ilene Penk called the meeting to order at 1:57 p.m.

Members present: Noreen Baranek, Marcella Chapman, Connie Dallmann, Brenda Danielson, Gwen Degner, Dianne Doscher, Carolyn Enstad, Janet Hagen, Maria Lokensgard, Carmen Maus, and Ilene Penk

Devotions: Janet Hagen gave devotions based on Philippians 4:4-6.

Thank you: Carmen expressed appreciation for sympathies expressed at the time of her father's death.

Agenda: M/S/P Carolyn/ Brenda to approve the agenda.

Reports:

M/S/P Carmen/Dianne to approve the minutes of August 26-27.

Treasurer's Report: Maria distributed expense vouchers and reported a balance on hand of 48,764.10. M/S/P Noreen/Carmen to approve the treasurer's report.

Old Business

M/S/P Carmen/Dianne to use our **Katie's Fund** money for two \$500.00 scholarships to first-time and under 50-year-old Triennial attendees. Carmen will design a promotional poster and bring to our next meeting.

Our **next SWO get-together** will be Thursday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ilene will see if the Synod Office is available as our meeting place. She will also see if Linda Post Bushkovsky can join us via Internet.

Jane Tongen has assumed her duties as editor of The **Communicator** and as **website** manager. All communications should be sent to her at swmnwelca@gmail.com.

The Board discussed the August 27 **Leadership Training Event** and considered ideas for next year.

The **2023 Leadership Training Event** will be September 9, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. Ilene has already reserved Gloria Dei's for the event.

New Business

Janet Hagen presented an inventory of the SWO's **historical documents**. These documents will be given to the synod office which then will pass them on to Luther Seminary for digitizing and archiving.

Conference liaisons reported on the **Fall Gatherings** that have taken place to date:

Janet – Shetek and Scenic Valley
Brenda – Minnesota Valley
Gwen – Glacial Ridge
Maria – Watonwan Valley
Connie – Crow River

2024 SWO Convention host site should be in quadrant 2 (southeast corner) of the synod. We discussed possible locations, but tabled discussion until our next business meeting.

M/S/P Marcella/Carolyn to approve revised SWO **Policy Statement for Conferences**.

M/S/P Dianne/Carmen to give \$5,000 to **ELCA Lutheran Disaster** for those affected by Hurricane Ian.

Planning began for the **2023 SWO Convention** and will resume at our January meeting. The following plans have been made so far:

Date:	Friday, May 5, 2023
Site:	Shetek Lutheran Ministries, 14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN
Theme:	Renew, Redo, Rejoice
Theme Verse:	Zephaniah 3:17
Offering:	50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA 25% to Shetek Environmental Learning Center 25% undesignated to Shetek Lutheran Ministries
In Kind Offering:	School kits for Lutheran World Relief All LWR kits and quilts
Registration Fee:	\$50.00
Convention Committees:	
• Credentials/Registration:	Maria and Marcella
• In Kind Offerings:	Noreen, Carolyn, Carmen and Conference Mission Action Chairs
• Minutes:	Gwen and Conference Secretaries
• Offering:	Maria and Conference Treasurers
• Publicity	Ilene
• Program Booklet	Jane
• Resolutions	Janet and Conference Vice Presidents

Carmen will work on a logo design.

Gwen will look for different versions of the verse and email them to the Board. Brenda and Gwen will look at possible theme hymns.

The Board discussed possibilities for our convention program. Brenda suggested having Linda Lagergren from New London speak on a patchwork journey of faith. Another idea was to have Katie Chapman speak. She is the Director of Environmental Education at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Marcella will check with Katie.

Also discussed was having an activity, such as a campfire, on Thursday night for those who arrive early.

The **next business meeting** will be Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 2 p.m. for the purpose of finalizing plans for the 2023 convention. In case of severe weather, we will meet on January 15.

We concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

M/S/P Carmen/Marcella to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Gwen Degner, Secretary