

**SC Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

Officers Present:

Becky Koch, President
Amanda Boatwright, VP
Linda Roland, Secretary
Rachel Quesada, Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Rae Davis
Amanda Cruse
Merri Lewis
Risse Snelgrove

Sarah Cheesman
Amanda Sease-Baker
Kristin Snelgrove
Denise Warren

Also present: Carolyn Torrence, Parliamentarian

Call to Order: Becky called the meeting to order

Devotions: Linda opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer from Jesus is Calling by Sarah Young based on Luke 1:37 and 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Decision about convention:

Amanda Boatwright moved the following per her convention committee:

1. We do not cancel convention but we shorten convention to a half day convention to conduct the business as outlined in the constitution and postpone until all safety guidelines are met in accordance with CDC, SC Synod, state and local government guidelines and liability insurance is covered.
2. According to the CWO, we do have the right to hold convention and follow our constitution even though they are recommending that state organizations cancel.
3. According to CWO, the liability insurance “may not” be covered but there is no definitive answer at this time.
4. According to CWO, their attorneys are not recommending the use of a waiver since that has not been tested in a court of law at this time.
5. After discussion with S.C. Synod- Bishop Yoos- it is their recommendation that we NOT cancel, but shorten convention to a half day convention, follow our constitution and postpone if necessary to follow all of the published safety guidelines.

Therefore, the Convention Committee submits this report and this recommendation and requests a second which would then allow for discussion before voting. Second – Denise Warren.

Vote:

Rae Davis – no, Amanda Cruse – yes, Merri Lewis – yes, Risse Snelgrove – no, Sarah Cheesman – yes, Amanda Boatwright – yes, Denise Warren – yes, Kristin Snelgrove – no, Rachel Quesada – no, Amanda Baker – no, Linda Roland – no. Yes votes – 5. No votes – 6. Motion does not carry.

Therefore, the Convention is canceled for 2020.

Project:

Rae moved her committee recommendation as follows: We recommend both CAC and LDR projects carry over. We can accept interim contributions for the projects one time during 2020 through August and then 2021 cycle will begin per (unpredictable) normal. Post-August, Action team will continue to reevaluate LDR response to pandemic and other disasters and may amend or supplement global project recommendation based on evolving situation and prioritized needs, including but not limited to the needs of the church wide organization, SC Synod, our region, etc.

Vote:

Rae Davis – yes, Amanda Cruse – yes, Merri Lewis – yes, Sarah Cheesman – no, Amanda Boatwright – no, Denise Warren – abstain, Kristin Snelgrove – yes, Rachel Quesada – yes, Amanda Baker – yes, Linda Roland – yes, Risse Snelgrove – yes. Yes votes – 8. No Votes – 2. Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Becky explained the process outlined by CWO regarding officers and Board members.

Offerings

Rachel explained that regular offerings have dropped considerably especially in May. She made a **motion** (with a second by Denise) not to recommend to churches that they send convention offerings this year.

Vote:

Merri Lewis – yes, Amanda Cruse – no, Denise Warren – no, Sarah Cheesman – no, Amanda Boatwright – no, Amanda Baker – no, Risse Snelgrove – yes, Linda Roland – abstain, Kristin Snelgrove – no, Rachel Quesada – yes, Rae Davis – absent. Yes votes – 3 No votes – 6. Abstain – 1. Motion does not carry.

We want to say something about convention offerings in our email to churches.

50th Anniversary of Ordination of Women

Amanda Boatwright made a motion that SCWELCA make a presentation at this year's Synod Assembly and give out gifts to the female pastors that are present. Then at next year's WELCA Convention we still celebrate as we had planned this year including the reception. Second: Denise Warren.

Vote:

Amanda Cruse – yes, Merri Lewis – yes, Risse Snelgrove – yes, Sarah Cheesman – yes, Amanda Baker – yes, Kristin Snelgrove – yes, Denise Warren – yes, Rachel Quesada – yes, Amanda Boatwright – yes, Linda Roland – yes. Rae Davis – absent. Yes votes – 10. No votes – 0. Motion carried.

Risse volunteered to donate the cost of postage needed to notify the pastors of the change.

Rachel clarified to the Board that a Finance Committee review of the 2021 – 2022 budget was not needed at present because our current offerings will not affect that. Regular offerings support insurance, *The Ripple*, and Board expenses.

June Board Meeting

As St. Philip's Lutheran Church will not yet allow meetings in June, Risse made a **motion** that our June Board meeting again be conducted via Zoom. Second by Sarah Cheesman.

Vote:

Amada Cruse – yes, Merri Lewis – yes, Risse Snelgrove – yes, Sarah Cheesman – yes, Amanda Baker – yes, Kristin Snelgrove – yes, Denise Warren – yes, Rachel Quesada – yes, Amanda Boatwright – yes, Linda Roland – yes. Rae Davis – absent. Yes votes – 10. No votes – 0. Motion carried.

Fall Conference Meetings

Sarah Cheesman made a motion that as CWO suggests canceling all meetings this year, SCWELCA cancel all fall conferences, resuming in spring of 2021, with all current officers remaining in place until fall 2021 for continuity. Second – Amanda Cruse.

Vote:

Amanda Cruse – yes, Merri Lewis – yes, Risse Snelgrove – yes, Sarah Cheesman – yes, Amanda Baker – yes, Kristin Snelgrove – yes, Denise Warren – yes, Rachel Quesada – yes, Amanda Boatwright – yes, Linda Roland – yes. Rae Davis – absent. Yes votes – 10. No votes – 0. Motion carried.

Communication

Becky will compose a notice about the above to go out via Constant Contact to Congregation Presidents and Conference Presidents. After review and comments from the Executive Committee, she will send it to all Board members for review and comment as well before it is sent out.

We will decide at the June 27th Zoom meeting about a summer *Ripple* this year.

The meeting adjourned with the Missionary Benediction.

On April 29, 2020, the Convention Committee made a recommendation via email to all Board members that Shealy's Bar-b-que provide our lunch meal with a cost to the ladies of \$15.00. The recommendation was approved.