

**South Carolina Women of the ELCA
Board Retreat Meeting HIGHLIGHTS
Saturday, August 24, 2024
Camp Kinard Lutheran Retreat Center – Batesburg-Leesville, SC**

Present:

Officers:

President: Risse Snelgrove

Vice-President: Christie Gardner

Secretary: Shari Donley

Treasurer: Rachel Quesada

Board:

Sarah Cheesman Lisa Petty

Cristina Guillermo Brianna Harris

LaTynia Taylor Joy Derrick

Sallie Folk Merri Lewis

Guest: Cindy McManus, *RIPPLE* Editor

The business meeting was called to order at 11:34AM by President Risse Snelgrove.

Report of the Secretary – Shari Donley

- Minutes from 6-20-2024 and 6-22-2024 Minutes were approved.
- Correspondence shared was from Cathy Milejczak for the She Shed project.
- Thank you from Newberry College for the donation to the SC WELCA Nursing Scholarship, f
- Thank you from the Churchwide for two recent gifts and donation to Katie's Fund in honor of Linda Post Bushkofsky.

Treasurer Report – Rachel Quesada

- Rachel Quesada presented the report as of July 32, 2024
- Risse in reference to budget stewards explained that the chair of each mission area is responsible for the budget of their respective mission.

President's Report – Risse Snelgrove

- Risse S. presented her report of activities since the last board meeting in May 2024.
- Risse S. shared that Linda Post-Bushkofsky, the CWO Executive Director, is retiring as of June 30, 2024.

Vice President Report – Christie Gardner

- Christie gave the board an update for the upcoming Convention.
- Sarah Cheesman moved and Sallie Folk second to hold the 2025 convention at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aiken, SC on August 15th and 16th, 2025. Motion carried. The theme will be Renew – Refresh- Remember.

Communication Committee Report – Cindy McManus and Lisa Petty

- RIPPLE – The deadline to send in respective reports for the next RIPPLE issue is 9-15-24.
- Website – Lisa is working on adding a Google calendar to the website. A picture of each board member is needed for the website's landing page.
- Adding the option of attendees and donors using credit cards for retreats, convention and donations was discussed. Discussion involved using a nonprofit company to process those payment with no fees. Motion was carried.

Mission Growth/Discipleship Report - Joy Derrick

The goals for 2024 – 2025 are:

1. Promote website resources to non-tech women with a once a month MailChimp blast on a certain topic,
2. Post more information on Facebook to include one a month blast from a Board member of a short and inspiring saying,
3. Plan and execute the 2025 Camp Kinard retreat with Pegi Roberts providing the program, Plan and execute the 2025 Isle of Palms retreat with Jennifer Nuovo leading a Bible Study.
4. Provide a Zoom Bible Study on Jonah starting in mid-October

Mission Community/Stewardship Report – Cristina Guillermo

The goals for 2024-2025 are:

1. Updating the survey on the website
2. Creating a conference liaison job description
3. Develop a statewide option for Faithful Friends to make donation to SC WELCA. Donators can earn points for a possible reduced convention registration cost.

Mission Action/Justice Report – Sarah Cheesman

The projects for 2024 -2025 are:

1. (Local) - Lighthouse for Life who takes care of locally trafficked girls. The goal is to provide a filled backpack to use to start over.
2. (Global) – Lutheran World Relief Farmer’s Market to provide seeds for farmers by selling coffee (two cases) and using the money to purchase the seeds. Chocolate bars will be used as prizes at the 2025 convention.
3. (Global) – Provide fabric kits and accept monetary donations for the shipping to Minnesota.

Conference Coordinator Report – Merri Lewis

An update on the currently scheduled conference meetings was given. The conference liaisons are to do more with the churches in their conference and to attend the conference meetings.

Old Business:

- Teen Suicide Prevention
- Handbook Update and Review
- Training for Units and Conference
- Long-Range Planning
- Coordinators for Anti-Racism
- Truth in Healing and the Land Acknowledgement program will be continue to be led by Pat George

New Business:

- Resolution from the 2024 convention
- The Active Unit Assessment required by the CWO by 9-1-24 was reviewed.
- Convention Projects.
- Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules Review
- Next Board meeting will be on February 28, 2025 at 10:30AM at Camp Kinard in Batesburg-Leesville, SC.