

**South Carolina Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 24, 2022
Camp Kinard**

Present:

Officers:

President: Risse Snelgrove

Vice President: Amanda Boatwright

Secretary: Shari Donley

Treasurer: Virginia Herlong

Board:

Christie Gardner

Diane Wicker

Karen Freeman

Linda Roland

Cindy McManus

Guests: Linda Griffith, Denise Caulder, Ella Shumpert

Excused Absent: Joy Derrick and LaTynia Taylor

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00A by President Risse Snelgrove.

Opening Devotion: by Shari Donley on the Church Home Vision Prayer.

Report of the Secretary – Shari Donley

Minutes Approval: The minutes from the September 23rd and 24th Board meeting were approved as written and distributed.

Correspondence

- Risse S. shared that we have received the expected \$1,000 from the Katie Fund.

President's Report – Risse Snelgrove (Refer to Google Docs)

Risse S. presented her report as the following information.

- Working on Handbooks with Cindy McManus
- 10/9/22 Attended the CWO Stewardship and Development meeting by zoom
- 10/15/22 Attended St. John's Lutheran in Spartanburg WELCA organizing meeting
- 10/16/22 Attended the Western Conference Fall Gathering at St Mark's Leesville gave greetings
- 10/29/22 Attended the Foothills Conference Fall Gathering at Immanuel Greenwood gave greetings
- 11/5/22 Attended St. John's Walhalla Quarterly WELCA meeting and gave greetings
- Call with Dr. Lindler regarding criteria for Nursing Scholarship
- 12/2/22 Hosted Holiday Fairtrade Market at my church and sold all left over products from convention. Collected \$7,000 over two weekends.
- 1/5/23 Mission Community Committee Zoom Meeting regarding SC WELCA Survey with Linda Roland and Diane Wicker
- 1/9/23 Mission Growth Committee meeting with Cindy McManus and Joy Derrick regarding the Camp Kinard Retreat.
- 1/14/23 Attended meeting at Holy Spirit Lutheran in Charleston. Met with the ladies of Holy Spirit during their yearly planning meeting regarding forming a Unit. The ladies voted to start a unit.

- 1/16/23 Held an officer's zoom meeting regarding Benevolence funds. A recommendation was sent to the Board and was approved via email vote.
- 1/20/23 Lunch with Sarah to ask her to be on the nominating Committee along with Amanda Cruse and Ella Shumpert.
- 1/22/23 Amanda Cruse resigned from Nominating Committee as chair due to another commitment. Added Linda Boatwright to fill Amanda's vacancy.
- 2/3/23 Lunch meeting with Cindy Mc Manus to work on Handbooks
- 2/16 and 2/17 attended some of the CWO Leadership Event
- 2/18/23 Gave greetings to Lutheran Men in Mission Convention at Messiah in Mauldin
- 2/20/23 Attended Finance Committee Zoom Meeting regarding 2024/2025 budget
- Working on Bible Study for IOP Retreat in May on "Amos – The Good Life"
- Resignation accepted from Denise Warren
- Excused Lytania Taylor from Board Meeting due to foot surgery. Excused Joy Derrick due to health issues.

Treasurer Report - Virginia Herlong (Refer to Google Docs)

Bank statements as of 1/31/2023 showed a bank balance of \$7,349.39. Cash available was \$3,826.29. As of 1/31/2023 the 2 -year Mission Investment Fund CD had \$15,000. The RESTRICTED FUND – Edna Corley Estate fund as of 1/31/2023 had a balance of \$30,630.71. The 1/31/2023 financial statement was discussed. The reports were received as information.

Virginia H. moved and Cindy McManus second to reinvest the \$15,000 CD at the current adjustable rate of interest. Motion carried.

Virginia H. presented on behalf of the Finance Committee the proposed 2024-2025 budget which was rejected by the Board. Enhancements to the budget was discussed. Linda Roland suggested that \$100 be transferred from Finance and Stewardship to the RIPPLE publication. After discussion Linda Roland moved and Virginia Herlong second to leave this line item as presented in the proposed 2023-2024 budget. Motion carried.

Virginia H. will send the Board a monthly Treasurer's report to the Board.

The Board will appoint a Finance Accounting Review Committee to include Shirley Counts as Chair, Elsa Hope and Barbara Ware. The final committee review report will be included in the convention Bulletin of Reports (BOR).

VP Report – Amanda Boatwright (Refer to Goggle Docs)

Amanda provided a written update on the convention planning. Jan Long will provide prayers for the Prayer Room and for the Prayer Garden. The Board members are to wear the SCWELCA t-shirt and blue jeans on the first day of the convention. Amanda ask for a list of hosting conferences for the next five years for planning purposes.

Content for the BOR are to be sent to the Secretary by May 1, 2023 in either Word or Excel format. The document will be compiled and then sent to Denise Caulder by June 1, 2023. Denise will then have the report printed and binded for distribution at the convention. Risse S. will send an email listing the Who-To-Do for the content of the BOR.

Triennial Gathering Update – Linda Griffith (Refer to Google Docs)

Linda G. reported that she has received two applications for the SCWELCA stipends to attend the event. She is still waiting for the registration cost from the CWO. Linda shared that Ella Shumpert cannot attend. Cindy McManus will attend in Ella's absence. Amanda Boatwright will attend in Risse S. absence. Elsa Hope is also attending.

Communication Committee Report – Cindy McManus (Refer to Google Docs)

Cindy McManus gave an update on the *Ripple* and her work to clean up the distribution listing which included many new subscriptions.

Cindy M. asked on behalf of the Communication committee that the Board accept the recommendation to pay for MailChimp for 2023. Recommendation was approved.

Cindy M. will send another email blast regarding the Isle of Palms retreat and the Triennial Convention event.

Cindy M. asked that the Board submit their respective reports for the next RIPPLE by March 21, 2023.

Mission Growth Report:

Cindy McManus provided a report. Joy Derrick has replaced Denise Warren as committee chair. There are 34 registrants for this weekend retreat at Camp Kinard and the event is under budget. The Isle of Palms Retreat will include a Bible Study by Risse S. on the Book of Amos and "Living the Good Life".

Virginia H. will put in a deposit for the 2024 Camp Kinard event to cover 18 rooms.

Mission Community Report – Linda Roland (Refer to Google Docs)

Linda R. provided a draft of a survey that addresses the revitalization of WELCA. The plan is to have the survey distributed via the Synod website, by pastors to include in their respective church bulletins and via the conference coordinators to pass out at conference events or to contact each church. This survey distribution will be during the months of March and April. The survey results will be compiled and shared at the convention in June.

Mission Action Report – Karen Freeman (Refer to Google Docs)

Karen Freeman reported that our Global project will be to collect hygiene kits for Tanzania and provided details on the content of the kits and how they are to be put together. The local project will be to collect monetary donations for Camp Kinard for room supplies, maintenance supplies and tools, or to the Chapel Fund.

12:35PM - Break for Lunch

01:31PM – The business meeting resumed.

Conference Coordinator Report – Diane Wicker (Refer to Google Docs)

Diane W. provided an update on the current conference leaders listing and getting updates.

Constitution/By-Laws/Standing Rules – Risse Snelgrove and Christie Gardner. No updates.

Old Business:

- Katie's Fund \$1,000 grant – A report must be sent to the CWO by 12/27/23 on how the grant was used. There were six suggestions presented on how to use the grant. Virginia Herlong moved and Amanda Boatwright second to use the grant for Leadership Development and Training. Motion carried. Risse S. will appoint a task force to develop the training program. Cindy McManus and Diane Wicker will serve on the task force. One other person will be recruited to serve.
- Handbook for CWO, SWO, Conferences, Units – Suggestions to update the Handbook draft document were discussed. A revised handbook will be distributed for another review.
- Long Range Planning Committee Update – The 2024 convention will be held at St. Luke's in Summerville. The host conferences will be Epiphany, Amelia and Coastal (fka as Trident). Joy Derrick will share a Welcome invitation at the June convention. Christie Gardner moved and Karen Freeman second to approve having the 2024 convention at St. Luke's in Summerville. Motion carried with one (1) abstention. The committee will determine if the convention will be held the third weekend or the last weekend of June, 2024. The 2025 convention is to be hosted by the Western conference. The 2026 convention is to be hosted by the Midlands conference. The 2027 convention is to be hosted by the Upstate and Foothills conferences. Churches will be contacted to start the planning process.
- Per Sarah Cheeseman from the Nominating Committee, they suggest to add a ballot at convention to fill the remaining one year term to fill the Board vacancy by Denise Warren. Diane Wicker moved and Christie Gardner second to approve the Board President appointment of Linda Griffith to fill the current Board vacancy by Denise Warren until a replacement is voted on at the 2023 convention. Motion carried. The Rules of Procedure for the 2023 convention is to include a ballot to fill the one-year term Board vacancy along with the vacancies for two-year terms.
- Newberry Scholarship Criteria Approval – Virginia Herlong moved and Cindy McManus second to accept the scholarship criteria provided by Dr. Jenny Linder of the nursing program at Newberry College. Motion carried. Virginia H. suggested that any future donations to the program go straight to Newberry College. Our website will be adjusted to share this new directive for the nursing program donations.

New Business:

- Future Projects for 2024, 2025 ideas – Discussion will be deferred to the next Board retreat.
- Convention Registration/Registrar – There will be two Registrars at the convention.
- Ella Shumpert first time voting delegate for Triennial has resigned – Virginia Herlong moved and Karen Freeman second to have Cindy McManus replace Ella. Motion carried.
- Possible Resolution to Triennial Convention on Mental Health – Virginia Herlong moved and Amanda Boatwright second to have SCWELCA bring a resolution to the Triennial convention to focus on awareness of mental health and related teen suicide. Motion carried. Risse S. will compose the resolution content and present for signatures.

RIPPLE articles List – There will be March edition and there will be a special May edition that will be devoted to the 2023 convention. Cindy McManus provided the content deadlines.

Wrap-Up:

The next Board meeting will be on May 13, 2023, from 10A to 3P at the Family Like Center at Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington. Each attendee is to bring a covered dish for lunch.

A closing prayer titled "I Am Loved" was shared by Amanda Boatwright.

The Board approved to adjourn the business meeting adjourned at 3:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Donley,

SCWELCA Secretary