

**South Carolina Women of the ELCA
Pre-Convention Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 20, 2024
St. Luke's Lutheran Church – Summerville, SC**

Present:

Officers:

President: Risse Snelgrove

Vice-President – Christie Gardner

Treasurer: Rachel Quesada

Secretary: Shari Donley

Board:

Cindy McManus

Joy Derrick

Sallie Folk

Linda Roland

Diane Wicker

LaTynia Taylor

Sarah Cheesman

Guests: Denise Caulder, Pat George, Ella Shumpert, Jennifer Nuovo, Olivia Fulmer, Myrna Wells-Ulland (CWO rep), Brianna Harris, Cindy Lounge, Becky Koch, Cheryl Peters, Lisa Petty, Janet Riddle

Excused Absent: Merri Lewis

The business meeting was called to order at 17:03 by President Risse Snelgrove.

Opening Devotion: by Joy Derrick on Ephesians 3

Risse introduced our CWO representative, Myrna Wells-Ulland

Report of the Secretary – Shari Donley

Minutes Approval: Cindy McManus. moved and Sarah Cheesman second to approve the May 4, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- None to report.

Bulletin of Reports (BOR) – Shari D. asked if there were any corrections to the printed BOR that needs to be announced at the convention. There are corrections on pages 4 and 19. The Finance Committee report will be available for pick-up.

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

Risse S. presented her report as written in the 2024 Convention Bulletin of Reports. Risse distributed the Convention Committee Folders and the Board skit.

Treasurer Report - (Refer to Google Docs)

- The documents were reviewed and received as information.
- Rachel shared that there is \$27k in the bank account with \$15k of spendable cash.
- The Edna Corley CD is due for renewal on July 6, 2024. Sarah Cheesman moved and Cindy McManus second to renew the CD for seven months. Motion carried.
- The \$10k CD is due for renewal in August. Diane Wicker moved and Christie Gardner second to renew for one year at a better interest rate. Motion carried.
- Diane Wicker moved and Sarah Cheesman second to provide a \$500 stipend to St. Luke's for the use of the facilities.

- Cindy M. moved and Sallie F. second to provide a \$500.00 stipend for Paster Rebecca Wicker for being the convention chaplain.
- Diane Wicker moved and Sallie Folk second to split the convention Worship offerings by sending 50% to Katie' Fund, 25% to The Fifth Gospel Foundation and 25% to Neighbors Together.

VP Report – Christie thanked everyone for their hard work on the convention. No venue has been finalized for the 2025 convention. Board members are encouraged to attend the Board Q&A sessions.

Registrar Report: Jennifer N. reported that registration includes 16 first-timers, four officers, nine board members, 58 voting members, 17 visitors, and one first-time guest. The workshops have between 10 – 16 attendees per session if the attendees follow the assigned times found in their convention folder. 130 BORs were printed.

Jennifer advised having a registration cut-off of two weeks prior to the convention.

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

- **RIPPLE** – a special Convention issue was sent out at the end of May.
 - There was a 62% increase in new people visiting the website.
 - Next deadline for RIPPLE articles is 9-15-2024.
- **Web Master Contact Person:** Cindy introduced Lisa Petty of Living Springs church.

Mission Growth Report:

Cindy McManus reported on the Camp Kinard and Isle of Palms retreats for 2025. will speak with Dallas Shealy about the minimum of 20 meals we are charged regardless of whether we have 20 or less. Cindy to also share the lighting challenge in the parking lot at Camp Kinard. I budget for the 2025 Isle of Palms retreat has been completed. The cost of the Camp Kinard retreat will go up by \$10 for 2025. Pegi Rogers will be the speaker for the 2025 Camp Kinard retreat. A Bible Study on Thursday night via Zoom was discussed. Jennifer Nuovo will lead the Bible Study at the 2025 Isle of Palms retreat.

Mission Community Report –Linda Roland.

Linda reported that the latest survey form was to be completed by each church and used as a tool to revamp their individual programs.

Mission Action Report – Sarah Cheesman

Sarah reports that all projects are going well.

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

Diane W. provided an update earlier in the week on the current conference leaders listing and next conference meeting dates.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Sallie F. moved and Cindy M. second to approve all Convention Committees. Motion carried.
- Linda R. moved and Christie G. second to approve the convention agenda. Motion carried.

- Cindy M. moved and Diane W. second to approve the Rules of Procedure. Motion carried.

Conversation with CWO Rep – Myrna Wells-Ulland lead a discussion with the Board on their observations from the 2023 Triennial convention. Myrna advised to sign-up for the Bold Connections website for CWO news.

Wrap-Up:

The next Board meeting will be a post-convention meeting to be held on June 22, 2024 at 16:30 in the Family Life Center at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Summerville following the worship service.

A closing prayer was provided by Risse Snelgrove.

The business meeting adjourned at approximately 20:11..

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Donley,
SCWELCA Secretary