

**South Carolina Women of the ELCA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 25, 2022, 12:30 PM  
Camp Kinard**

**Present:**

**Officers:**

**President:** Risse Snelgrove

**Vice President:** Amanda Boatwright

**Secretary:** Linda Roland

**Treasurer:** Virginia Herlong

**Board:**

Denise Warren

Amanda Baker

Karen Freeman

Christie Gardner

Merri Lewis

Joy Derrick

**Excused:** Sarah Cheesman, LaTynia Taylor

**Also Present:** Denise Caulder, Parliamentarian; Rachel Quesada; Cindy McManus *The Ripple* editor

Risse opened the meeting with everyone introducing themselves again.

**Devotions:** Virginia opened us with prayer and a short story about what God wants from us. Just US.

**Motion:** Karen moved to adopt the agenda as presented by Risse. Second by Christie. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report**

Linda read Thank you notes from Lutheran Disaster Response for the \$2,745.85 we donated from the last convention; also, from Carolyn Torrence for the shawl we gave her; from St. Martin's Lutheran Church for the memorial we sent for Sarah's sister; and from Becky Koch for the silver cross and chain she received from us in appreciations for her time on the Board and as President. She also reported on attending the Men in Mission convention last weekend in Beaufort to update them about SC WELCA.

**Motion:** Christie moved that we accept the Minutes from 10/23/21 including affirming the online vote initiated 12/2/2021 regarding money initially allocated to University Lutheran Church. Second by Amanda Boatwright. Motion Carried.

**President Report:**

Risse highlighted some of the items in her report:

She was very pleased with our Board Retreat earlier this month at the Isle of Palms Retreat Center. We discussed the book Canoeing the Mountains by Tod Bolsinger. Each lady who attended took a minute to say what she liked best about it. She is hoping that we can do this annually with each new Board.

She would like to do it in August of 2022. After some discussion, she will be looking into places that may have availability for us then. Isle of Palms has no weekend openings in August.

She attended the Zoom President's Conference last weekend as did Joy Derrick. They used the Book of Esther to talk about acting Boldly and being innovative.

Churchwide will be providing a training session for each Board position and for Conference Leaders on ZOOM as follows: (This will mean 2:00 PM our time)

April 23 - 1:00 PM CDT for SWO President and VP

April 30 - 1:00 PM CDT for Secretaries

May 7 - 1:00 PM CDT for Treasurers

May 14 - 1:00 PM CDT for Board members

May 21 - 1:00 PM CDT for Conference leaders

Risse explained that she and Linda got a communication from a member, Janine Wagner, who informed us that the name changes we talked about in the newsletter for our synodical committees do not comply with the names our constitution uses. Risse sent her a letter to explain the hows and whys of the changes. Virginia did some research, and the definitions don't jive. Risse wants to form a committee to investigate what churchwide wants and if we should make any changes or not. Virginia volunteered to serve as Chair of that committee along with Amanda Baker, and Karen. Risse will act as a liaison, and they plan to ask Janine Wagner to serve as a non-board member as well. They will report back about this at our next meeting.

Risse asked for approval of the proposed Nominating Committee.

**Motion** by Denise to approve the Nominating Committee of Kristin (Snelgrove) Infantino as Chair, Donna Fulmer, ad Merri Lewis. Second – Karen. Motion Carried.

#### **Treasurer's Reports:**

Rachel reviewed the documents she provided that take us to 1/31/2022 when her term as Treasurer ended. We have \$14,210.84 as of that date in Truist Bank and \$15,000 with the MIF CD.

Risse suggested we transfer money from the "Fund Raisers" account to the "Nursing Endowment" account. That money has been sitting there unused for several years.

**Motion** by Denise to transfer the \$704.00 from the Fund Raiser account to the Nursing Endowment account. Second by Merri. Motion Carried.

Virginia provided updates from February 1, 2022 (See Attached) including our costs for the Retreat on Isle of Palms. She passed out update Expense Vouchers, the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023, the retreat expenses, disbursement s for this month so far, and a trend report.

**Motion** by The Stewardship Committee to approve the Proposed Budget for 2023- 2024. Motion Carried.

**Motion** by Virginia to appoint 3 ladies for Accounting Review Committee: Caroline Torrence – chair, Karen Scott, Shirley Counts. Second by Amanda Boatwright. Motion Carried.

#### **Vice President's Report:** Amanda Boatwright

Jan Piersol has the Boy Scouts set to help. We are still looking for a musician. Entertainment will be Reggie and Ladye Love Smithe.

The Keynote speaker has changed to Jerry Alewine.

**Motion** by the Committee to have a Fair-Trade booth at the convention. Motion Carried.

There will be eight workshops.

Risse suggested that the entertainment be opened to community. Amanda will check on any COVID concerns to be sure we can do that.

#### **Communications Committee**

Virginia and Linda are working on updating the Congregational Leaders by Unit data base. Linda will put it on Google Drive with only Linda, Risse, and Cindy able to make changes.

Cindy is adding tags for conference officers and asking them to forward things since she cannot tell where people are located.

Facebook Page – Karen and Risse ‘tag team’ the Facebook page and have started a FB group.

#### **Growth Committee** – Denise Warren

**Motion** that the money raised during the retreat for ELCA Good Gifts go toward a Good Gift for Pastor Linda Anderson. Motion Carried.

The Committee is working with Cindy McManus to make our website more interesting and interactive. Cindy is planning to send a letter to female pastors to make 15 – 20 minute videos about their churches along with biographical information.

#### **Community Committee** – Karen Freeman

She is asking for pictures of nurses who are part of our membership to make a mural for the convention. So far she has had a good response.

There will be two Spring Conferences: one for the Foothills on March 5<sup>th</sup> and a second for Saxe Gotha on the March 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Action Committee** – Merri Lewis

Merri reported that our convention projects will both be financial. One will be to set up a Scholarship along with Newberry College for the Nursing Program. The other will be to donate to Katie’s Fund which has two options within it.

**Motion:** from the committee that money collected for Katie’s Fund go to the segment that uses the money within six months rather than to the scholarship associated with Katie’s Fund. Motion Carried.

#### **Constitution and By Laws**

Risse tabled the discussion due to time constraints. She will plan a Zoom meeting to discuss any changes to these soon.

#### **Old Business**

Covered above under President’s Report and Treasurer’s Report

#### **New Business**

- Risse wants to form a Long-Range Planning Committee and asked that we consider be a part of it.
- The following Board terms end this year – VP, Secretary, and 4 Board position: Denise Warren, Amanda Baker, Merri Lewis and Sarah Cheesman. Those able to run again are Linda Roland, Amanda Boatwright, Denise Warren, and Amanda Baker.
- We will need to elect voting members for the Triennial at this convention. We need 4 plus the President. One needs to be a first timer, one a person of color, and one under 45.
- Risse asked everyone to brainstorm for ideas for *The Ripple* articles.
- Articles for *The Ripple* need to be sent to Cindy by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The next Board meeting will be on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry at 10:00.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

The following vote was taken via email on February 18, 2022

*We will be voting on the following 2 motions made by Virginia by email vote. Once you have read the two motions please vote yes or no on both motions.*

***Motion 1:*** *I move that the motion to send our remaining convention balance of \$753.15 to University Lutheran Church in honor of Rachel Quesada for the printing of our 2021 Convention Bulletin of Reports be rescinded since Rachel Quesada has indicated that she feels uncomfortable with the past motion that was voted on. Virginia Herlong*

***Motion 2:*** *I move that the convention account balance of \$753.15 be used towards our Board Retreat at Isle of Palms Lutheran Center February 4-6, 2022. Virginia Herlong*

Second by Karen Freeman for both motions.

Motion passed unanimously 10 votes yes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Roland  
Secretary