

**South Carolina Women of the ELCA  
Pre-Convention Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday June 22, 2023  
Zion Lutheran Church - Lexington**

**Present:**

**Officers:**

**President:** Risse Snelgrove

**Treasurer:** Virginia Herlong

**Secretary:** Shari Donley

**Board:**

Christie Gardner

Diane Wicker

Karen Freeman

Linda Griffith

Cindy McManus

Joy Derrick

LaTynia Taylor

**Guests:** Denise Caulder, Pat George, Ella Shumpert, Jennifer Nuovo, Sarah Cheesman, Olivia Fulmer, Raeann Purcell (CWO rep)

**Excused Absent:** Linda Roland, Vice President Amanda Boatwright

The business meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm by President Risse Snelgrove.

**Opening Devotion:** by Christie Gardner on planting seeds at the convention.

**Report of the Secretary – Shari Donley**

**Minutes Approval:** Karen F. moved and Cindy McManus second to approve the May 13, 2023 minutes with one correction. Motion carried with one abstention.

**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 no corrections.

The 2024 BOR is to include the five-year budget comparison document.

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

Risse S. presented her report with the following information.

- Assigned Convention Committees
- Finished up Script, Agenda and Minute by Minute schedules for convention
- Attended SC Synod Assembly
  - Display
  - How We See Jesus in our Organization by Joy Derrick
  - Joy and I told our story together at Assembly
- Worked on Handbook with Cindy McManus and Virginia Herlong long weekend at my home.
- Spoke at St. John's Lutheran Church WELCA Meeting
- Emailed Committee Documents for Convention Committees
- Printed all documents, scripts for each committee and those who are speaking at the convention.

**Treasurer Report** - (Refer to Google Docs)

The documents were reviewed and received as information.

Virginia Herlong announced to turn in any convention expense forms with Risse's signature and a reimbursement check will be generated.

Virginia H. moved and Linda Griffith second to move from the current \$15,000 Certificate of Deposit \$5,000 to the General Fund for normal expenses and to reinvest the remaining \$10,000 for the renewal of the CD in August 2023. Motion carried.

Linda G. moved and Karen Freeman second to remit \$500 to Zion Lutheran Church as a thank you for using their facilities for the convention. Motion carried.

Karen F. moved and Diane Wicker second to give a \$300 + mileage honorarium to Vicar Emily Whitlow. Motion carried.

Diane W. moved and Cindy M. second to split the Saturday worship offering between Camp Kinard and convention expenses. Motion carried.

**VP Report** – On behalf of Amanda Boatwright LaTynia Taylor reported that “all is fine”. Denise Caulder announced that the air conditioning in the sanctuary is broken and will not be fixed until Saturday. Consensus was to move the worship service to the Family Life Center. Christie G. reported there will be a Genesis coffee cart. The coffee will be provided by Thrivent. Genesis will also bring Fair Trade items for sale.

**Registrar Report:** Jennifer Nuovo reported that registration includes seven first-timers, four officers, seven board members, 82 voting members, 17 visitors, 45 others, and four first-time guests. The workshops have between 10 – 16 attendees per session if the attendees follow the assigned times found in their convention folder.

Meal tickets will be a blue raffle ticket for Friday lunch, a red raffle ticket for the banquet and a green raffle ticket for Saturday lunch. There are 140 signed up for Friday lunch, 115 for the banquet and 120 for Saturday lunch.

An observation was brought up that some attendees were voting members and also convention staff and were expected to pay for attending. Risse S. approved for Ella Shumpert to not have to pay for registration since she was both a voting member and convention staff.

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

- **RIPPLE** – a special Convention issue was sent out at the end of May.
  - Reported that 211 paper copies were mailed out reduced from 245 by eliminating the Pastor copy and the Board member copy.
  - Have only \$750 remaining in the budget for this budget year. Only one more RIPPLE will be sent out in the first week of September instead of two issues that were scheduled to be done.
  - Each board member is to attend a convention workshop and provide a short synopsis for the next RIPPLE.
  - Next deadline for RIPPLE articles is July 30, 2023.
- **Website** – Website storage has been expanded to 5gb. A Projects Page has been added.
- **MailChimp** – Convention reminders were sent out on 6-15-2023.
  - The total on the distribution list is 1188.
- **Facebook** – Karen F. reported on usage. Risse S. gave an update on an Instagram page for SCWELCA and a Twitter account.
- **Web Master Contact Person:** Lisa Petty at Living Springs church is the person to contact to add webpage additions.

### **Mission Growth Report:**

Joy Derrick reported there has been no change since the last report.

### **Mission Community Report** – Diane Wicker for Linda Roland.

Diane W. reported that an update of the Revitalization of WELCA survey was sent out at the end of May and shared the results.

### **Mission Action Report** – Karen Freeman

Karen Freeman reported there will be nothing to report until after the convention Global project of hygiene kits for Tanzania and Camp Kinard donations are collected at the convention.

### **Triennial Gathering Update** – Linda Griffith

Linda G. reported there are seven to attend the Gathering and there are five convention delegates.

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

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

### **Old Business:**

- Virginia H. moved and Cindy M. second to take \$1,000 from the Benevolence budget line item and remit it to the Woman in Mission Grant request. Motion carried.
- Resolution on Teen Suicide Resolution will be presented and voted on by the convention voting members.
- Virginia H. moved and Cindy M. second to ratify the email vote to approve the Handbook for CWO, SWO, conferences. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

- Cindy M. moved and Virginia H. second to approve all Convention Committees. Motion carried.
- Sarah Cheesman on behalf of the Nominating Committee asked to have the board nominees approved for this convention. Request approved.

**Conversation with CWO Rep** – Raeann Purcell spoke of her role at the convention and stressed that she is her to help us have a successful convention.

**RIPPLE deadline** – The next content deadline is July 30, 2023.

### **Wrap-Up:**

The next Board meeting will be a post-convention meeting to be held on June 24, 2023 at the Family Life Center at Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington following the worship service.

The Board Retreat for the 2023-2024 will be held at Lutheridge on September 1 – 3, 2023.

A closing prayer was provided by Risse Snelgrove.

The business meeting adjourned at approximately 9:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Donley,

SCWELCA Secretary