

**South Carolina Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 4, 2024
St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Summerville, SC**

Present:

Officers:

President: Risse Snelgrove

Vice-President: Christie Gardner

Secretary: Shari Donley

Treasurer: Rachel Quesada

Board:

Sarah Cheesman (On Zoom)

Diane Wicker

LaTynia Taylor (On Zoom)

Sallie Folk (On Zoom)

Cindy McManus

Joy Derrick

Linda Roland

Excused Absent: None

Devotion: by Diane W. on loving your enemy as a faith mandate.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:51am by President Risse Snelgrove.

Report of the Secretary – Shari Donley

2-16-2024 Minutes Approval: Cindy McManus moved and Joy Derrick second to approve the February 16, 2024 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- Correspondence shared was from ELCA Good Gifts in honor of Pegi Roberts, from Dallas Shealy of the SCLRC for the pool fence at Camp Kinard, a Western Conference reminder to the Board, a thank you note from Pegi Roberts, and two thank you notes from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS).

BOR Update – Have information to the Secretary by May 15, 2024.

Mailing of Convention Materials – The plan is to have the materials mailed the first week in June.

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

Risse S. presented her report with the following information.

- I attended the Camp Kinard Retreat on February 16 & 17.
- Completed the online Bible Study for the Board.
- Gave greetings to the SC Lutheran Men in Mission's Convention at St. James Lutheran Church on Sat. February 17th.
- Attended the Western Conference Meeting at Whittenburg Lutheran Church on March 17th.
- Attended the Foothills Conference Meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mauldin on April 13th.
- Attended the Zoom President's Conference given by Churchwide WELCA on April 6th. I will use some of this training for our Board Retreat
- I formed the Nominating Committee for this year's elections
 - Becky Koch (Chair)

- Merri Lewis
- LuAnne Farish
- Prepared a report for the SC Synod Assembly to go into their BOR.
- I did a video greeting for the vital Synod Assembly.
- I did the President's Report for our BOR.
- Prepared the convention schedule for the BOR.
- Updated SC WELCA Goals for 2024 and 2025 for the BOR and Website
- Finished my responsibilities for the BOR.

Risse S. shared that Linda Post-Bushkofsky, the CWO Executive Director, is retiring as of June 30, 2024. She also shared that the newly elected CWO President, Myrna Wells-Ulland, will be our CWO representative for our convention in June.

Risse S. updated the Board on the LTSS scholarship recipients listing. She was able to get a listing however there have been no recipients from 2022-2024 as criteria was not met. The criteria will be reviewed at the Fall Board Retreat.

Risse S. received an update from Emily DuBay from Lutheran Family Services on their Addiction Program. The program will be considered for a 2025 convention project.

Treasurer Report - (Refer to Google Docs)

Rachel Quesada presented the report There is approximately \$3,067 in spendable cash. The documents were reviewed and received as information.

Linda Roland moved and Cindy McManus seconded to approve the Audit Committee of Jane Potter and Diane Richardson. Motion carried. The Audit Report was reviewed.

Vice President Report – Christie Gardner (Refer to Google Docs)

- Convention 2024 Update:
 - Finalizing preparations for the convention.
 - Along with Joy Derrick, met with the convention staff two times.
 - Hotel reservations have been made.
 - Caterer has been confirmed and final menus done.
 - Workshop and vendor personnel have been finalized.
 - There will be a video greeting
 - Leftover T-shirts will be sold at the convention
 - Consignment items from Genesis will be available for sale.
 - The convention will open with a service with communion followed by the banner procession.
- The 2025 convention planning has started. Newberry College will be contacted for availability to hold a conference.

Communication Committee Report – Cindy McManus

- **RIPPLE** – The Spring issue was sent out the end of April.
 - 211 hard copies were mailed. 1,199 emails were sent.
 - Next issue will be sent in September after the annual Board Retreat
- **Website** – Shared usage in the past 90 days.
 - New page has been added dedicated to our mission of focusing on teen suicide.
- **MailChimp** – Statistics were shared.

Mission Growth Report - Cindy McManus

Cindy McManus reported she has completed a guidelines booklet for the Coordinator(s) of the Camp Kinard Retreat. Next she will focus on retreat budgets.

There were 18 attendees for the 2024 Camp Kinard retreat.

The 2025 Camp Kinard retreat will be on February 15th and the 16th.

The 2024 Isle of Palms retreat has 35 attendees registered. The event is in the black after many years of being in the red. Sallie Folk moved and Cindy McManus second to have the SCWELCA Board submit the deposit for the 2025 event. Motion carried.

Meeting broke from 13:02 to 13:38 for lunch served by the ladies at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

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

Linda R. reported the results of the surveys did not show a particular solution that may work in all congregations to increase participation in WELCA. Another survey was created as a tool for each congregation to use to attract women to WELCA at the congregation level.

Mission Action Report – Sarah Cheesman (Refer to Google Docs)

The committee is working to collect monies for the following projects at the convention:

- Local Project – For “The Fifth Gospel Foundation” to provide a scholarship for seminary students and rostered ministers in need and wish to go to the Holy Land.
- Local Project – A second project will be to provide gifts what are needed by the “Neighbors Together” within the Low Country of SC to collect monies or backpacks with soap, wash cloths or wet wipes.
- Global Project – Collect funds for farming equipment in Tanzania and to construct a “She Shed” to house the equipment.

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

Diane W. shared the current list of 2024 and 2025 conference meeting events. Also reported is current list of Conference Officers.

Nominating Committee Report – Linda Roland moved and Christie Gardner seconded to accept the nominees as presented. Motion carried.

Nominees are:

Secretary – Shari Donley

Synodical Board – Sarah Cheesman, Cristina Guillermo, Cindy McManus, Cheryl Peters, Lisa Petty, Dianne Pitts, Trish Scott, and Carolyn Watt.

Old Business:

- Risse S. researched and confirmed that the Joy offering can go to what the Board designates. Risse also clarified that the Joy offering goes for global missions and the Thank offering goes to the CWO for operations. Risse will provide for the convention folder information on the Joy offering.
- The Training Taskforce is tabled for now.
- Convention registrations are expected to increase during the month of May.

New Business:

- Risse S. reported that the convention committee assignments are in progress.
- Sarah Cheesman moved and Merri Lewis seconded to send \$25 for an Honorary Life membership in honor of Rev. Kathy Harris of Faith Lutheran Church in Pickens, SC. Motion carried.

The next RIPPLE article submissions to Cindy M. is September 15, 2024.

The next Board meeting will be on June 20, 2024 at 4:30PM at St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Summerville, SC.

A closing prayer was shared by Joy D.

The business meeting adjourned at approximately 14:34.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Donley,
SCWELCA Secretary

Approved on June 20, 2024.