

SC Women of the ELCA
Pre-Convention Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 8, 2017 (7:00 PM)
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
119 N Church St., Lexington, SC

Officers Present:

Becky Koch, President
Jennifer Nuovo, Vice President
Elsa Hope, Secretary
Rachel Quesada, Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Shari Donley (Parliamentarian)	Pat George
Gwen Furcron	Amanda Boatwright
Karen Freeman	Mary Soltis
Ruth Morgan	Margaret Shirer

Others Present:

Rev. Angela Jennings, Convention Chaplain	Kay Heins, Photographer
Sandy Grier, CWO Representative	Mona Turner, Convention Asst. Registrar
Sara Coffman, Song Leader	Jacqueline Winters, Musician
Ella Haley-Shumpert, Saxe Gotha Coordinator	Diane Pitts, First Time Guest Coordinator

Call to Order: Becky called meeting to order and introduced Sandy Grier, Churchwide Representative.

Devotions: Sandy Grier, CWO Representative, gave devotions based on Acts 1:1-8, Acts 2:1-4.

Minutes: Minutes from SC WELCA Board Meeting held May 6, 2017 were approved as read. Roster was passed around for any corrections and initialing to indicate present.

Correspondence: None

REPORTS

President's Report: Becky extended appreciation to Jennifer for chairing and Shari for taking minutes at the last Board Meeting. Becky confirmed that the payment to St. Stephen's will be the same as paid in 2015, \$500 for facility use. An additional \$50 was included for coffee for a total of \$550). Five hundred dollars (\$500) will be paid to the Boy Scouts for setting up, taking down tables, and assisting with bringing in convention project collections. Becky extended her appreciation to Karen Freeman for helping to collect information and pictures for the mural display showcasing congregational units' ministries. Application for a grant from the SC Synod's Mission Endowment Fund is due August 1, 2017. Two categories for qualifying grants are mission development and "special expression of God's love around the world". Becky is researching and will provide more follow-up information for a ministry and application under the latter. The Synod has requested SC WELCA to provide the first meal for approximately 40 attendees at this year's Bishop's School, to be held at Camp Kinard, on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 6:00 PM. Becky will send out an email to coordinate for the meal. Becky acknowledged and thanked Ruth Morgan, Karen Freeman, and Pat George for their service on the Board.

Treasurer's Report: As of May 30, 2017: Summary Sheet shows current cash assets are \$39,148 in BB&T with \$26,762 in Income/Receipts and \$11,930 in Expenses/Disbursements to date and a Mission Investment Fund CD of \$5,355 which matures on August 8, 2017. The Edna Corley Estate Mission Investment Fund CD balance is \$35,630 and matures on July 6, 2022. Actual and Budget Receipts and Disbursements show Budgeted Receipts of \$24,118 plus Non-Budgeted receipts of \$2,643, Budgeted Disbursements of \$10,658 plus Non-Budgeted Disbursements of \$1,271 with a Net Income of \$14,832. The Treasurer's Report, submitted by Rachel Quesada, was received as information.

Vice President's Report:

Jennifer Nuovo, VP, provided the convention update: The room for the Samaritan's Well Workshop will be changed; attendees will be notified of the change during announcements. A workshop for young women aged 18-40 years, open to voting members, focuses on promoting attendance and involvement in WELCA. There is only one Young Woman Guest registered. Everything else as listed in the Bulletin of Reports remains the same. Jennifer has talked to the keynote speaker, all the workshop leaders and guest speakers, and banquet entertainment; everyone is on board and ready to go. Jennifer thanked the convention staff for all the work and support with the convention preparation. Jennifer thanked Amanda Boatwright for her help with the Leadership Presentation which is a skit, "Katie's Fund". Assigned parts for the skit scheduled for Saturday, were distributed to the board. There will be a practice after the board meeting.

Registrar's Report: Mona Turner, Assist. Registrar provided the numbers for Registrations – Board (12), Voting Members (121), First Time Guests (3), Young Women Guest (1), Visitors (45), Staff (34) for a total of 222. Friday Banquet (108) (Banquet Only – 6). One hundred sixty-seven of the 200 Bulletin of Reports printed included in registration packets. The number of meals based on registration sheets: Friday lunch (184), Friday banquet (180), Sat. lunch (169).

Committee Reports

- **Mission Community:** Ruth Morgan stated the committee report is in the Bulletin of Reports and there are no changes since the last Board Meeting; Fall and Spring Conference meeting schedule will be posted at the Mission Community convention display.
- **Mission Growth:** Shari Donley reported that the report as listed in the BOR is her report. The Isle of Palms and Camp Kinard retreats for 2018 are being organized with the goal to publicize at the Fall conference meetings. There will be a display promoting the Triennial.
- **Mission Action:** Margaret thanked board members for prayers, help and support for the Convention and Global Projects from committee members and churches. She asked the board to remind all they have the opportunity to honor or memorialize members within their congregations who have made a positive impact on their church. Donations go to the SC WELCA Scholarship Fund at the LTSS.

Convention Staff – All reported everything is in place and on schedule for their respective areas:

- **Host Conference Coordinator:** Ella Haley-Shumpert
- **Musicians** – Sara Coffman and Jacqueline Winters
- **Convention Chaplain:** Pastor Angela Jennings
- **First Timer Guest Coordinator:** Diane Pitts
- **Churchwide Representative** – Sandra Grier – happy to be here, looking forward to the convention.
- **Photographer** - Kay Heins
- **Technology Coordinator** – Pat George

Old Business:

If there are any errors or changes to the Bulletin of Reports which need to be brought before the convention, please provide to Elsa. Article assignments for the *Ripple* are listed on the second page of Agenda.

New Business:

The meeting adjourned with the Missionary Benediction at 8:25PM. Post meeting activity was to continue setting up convention floor and displays. Board members can pick up their convention packets during registration.

Respectfully submitted, Elsa Hope, Secretary

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Post-Convention Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 10, 2017 (4:00 PM)
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
119 N Church St., Lexington, SC

Officers Present:

Becky Koch, President
Jennifer Nuovo, Vice President
Elsa Hope, Secretary
Rachel Quesada, Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Shari Donley
Gwen Furcron
Diane Lominick
Sarah Cheesman

Merri Lewis
Amanda Boatwright
Mary Soltis
Margaret Shirer

Others Present:

Sandy Grier, Churchwide Representative; Former Board Members: Karen Freeman, Ruth Morgan, Pat George; Ella Haley-Shumpert – Host Conference Coordinator

President Becky Koch called the meeting to order and expressed her appreciation for a successful convention, thanks to all for their hard work. She welcomed new board members -Merri, Sarah, and Dianne and welcomed back Jennifer and Gwen who were reelected.

Becky reminded that *Ripple* articles are due June 30. She will check with Redeemer, Columbia for space availability for the next meeting: Saturday, August 12, 2017, 10:00 AM. Thank you to Pat, Karen, and Ruth for their support and all the work they did. Karen and Ruth completed their terms, Pat served from February through the convention.

Sandy Grier, CWO Representative, was impressed with the convention, and expressed conventions held for more than one day allows time for fellowship and getting to know each other better, promoting camaraderie. She enjoyed the workshops and received positive feedback for those attending her workshop as well. Sandy will provide a written report via the Churchwide office.

Becky will send out an email regarding volunteers for helping with the meal for the Bishop's School which will be held July 25, 2017 at Camp Kinard.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Elsa Hope

Post Meeting Notes:

Consent item: Vote to move \$10,000 from the SC WELCA savings account at BB&T to the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) and renew this CD for another 2 years. (Rachel Quesada, email dtd 3 Jul 17, 5:02 pm, subj: Investment in MIF). Approved by email voting with unanimous YES vote by the board, 11Aug 17.

Tasking for meal in support of the Bishop's School 2017 – email from Becky Koch to Board Members dtd 7 Jul 17, 12:04 am, subj: Bishop's School 2017; dinner menu – baked spaghetti, salad, French bread, cakes, banana pudding, tea and lemonade for Tuesday, July 25, 2017, Camp Kinard, serving time – 6:00 pm

Location for Board Meeting is changed to Emmanuel, 2491 Emmanuel Church Rd, W. Cola. Redeemer is not available. Time & date remains the same: Sat., Aug. 12, 2017, 10:00 AM. (email dtd 27 Jul 17, subj: Board Meeting Aug 12, Emmanuel, W Cola)

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