

**SC Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:30 PM
Zoom Meeting**

Officers Present:

Becky Koch, President
Amanda Boatwright, VP
Linda Roland, Secretary
Rachel Quesada, Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Rae Davis
Amanda Cruse
Merri Lewis
Risse Snelgrove

Sarah Cheesman
Amanda Sease-Baker
Kristin Snelgrove
Denise Warren

Call to Order: Becky called the meeting to order

Devotions: Becky opened the session with a reading from John 20:21 which tells us to follow Jesus' example for living; love, serve, bless, and share peace with all.

Becky informed the Board that the Executive Committee had voted to change our convention plans for this year due to the pandemic and follow the Synod Guidelines. We will now have a one-day convention at St. Philips Lutheran Church in Newberry on August 8, 2020.

Amanda Boatwright explained that this date works best for both the church calendar and Board members.

Motion from the Executive Committee to change convention date to Saturday, August 8, 2020. **Motion carried.**

President's Report:

- Becky is working on streamlining the agenda for the convention. She still needs to include elections, adopting of rules and audit, orientation, report approval, and installation of officers, the 50th recognition and reception. So, the agenda will be very tight.
- We should not need to have the May 9th scheduled Board meeting. We chose June 27th as our next Board meeting. Amanda Boatwright will check to see if we can meet that day at St. Philips. If we need to do it by Zoom we will. If we need to meet again prior to June, we will set up another Zoom meeting.
- We will still have our First Timer and Young Women guests, as well as visitors.
- There will not be a Churchwide Representative present this year as Churchwide WELCA has suggested canceling all conventions.
- She will be checking to see if we can vote to adopt the budget, etc. while the tellers are out counting ballots.
- We do not know at this time if the Triennial Convention and Gathering will be held this year.

Convention Report: (Amanda Boatwright) {Items not requiring a second were voted approval}

- The Host Conference is still able to assist on August 8th. She will not know for a couple weeks if the Boy Scouts will be available to help then.

- The Keynote Speaker will speak during lunch. We will cancel ‘Minnie Pearl’ entertainment.
- She is talking to the hotels and changing the contracts to accommodate the new schedule. She will need for Becky to sign.
- Shealy’s will still provide lunch. Amanda will check about the price as we will not have the banquet meal.
- The Registration form will be revised to reflect the one-day convention. Registration costs will be \$20 for voting members and \$10 for visitors and the meal cost. New registration deadline is July 7th.
- Organization representatives still want tables and to speak. We will give them 2 minutes to introduce their agencies. Amanda will tell them they need to be flexible.
- Revised registration forms will be sent out with the financial statements that Rachel will be sending out next month.
- Amanda Boatwright **motioned** that there not be a Banner Procession in order to cut down of the possibility of virus spread. Second – Amanda Cruse. **Motion carried.**
- **Motion** by Amanda Boatwright to delete singing during breaks and down time as we spread more droplets while singing. Second – Sarah Cheesman. **Motion Carried.**
- Pastor Kathy Harris will still be Chaplain.
- Kristin will be working with Pat George to gather pictures for a mural and/or video to show examples of “Where is God?” at work around our synod during this pandemic.
- We will not hold the Silent Auction.
- The new registration deadline for Frist Timer and Young Women Guests is June 26th to the conference coordinators and July 7th to the registrar. Becky will revise this form. Amanda Boatwright will revise the regular registration form.

Action Report: (Rae Davis)

- The Action Team recommends continuing with both our projects.
- She provided an update about Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts around the globe during the pandemic. They have used more the \$500,000 in resources since April 17, 2020.
- In part due to the shorter time of the convention, not knowing if the Boy Scouts will be available, and the transfer of virus; Sarah suggested we only collect gift cards (which can be easily cleaned) and checks. **Rae Motioned** that we only collect gift cards and checks for the Action Team projects this year. Second – Sarah. **Motion carried.**
- Rae suggested that if we need time fillers during vote counting, we have SCNCAC provide 5-minute presentations on the topic of “Resiliency”. She will talk to them about this possibility.

50th Anniversary of Ordination of Women

- We already have 32 of 89 pastors who have responded that they will be there with their husbands and one without a husband. We will send out a postcard to all the pastors to inform them of the changes to see who will now be able to attend. If they cannot, Amanda Boatwright will bring their gifts to the Synod Assembly to give them at that time.
- Thrivent will still be helping with the reception.
- Heartland will now help with decorating since they do not need to decorate for a banquet.

Communicating Changes

- Rachel will draft a one-page letter with the following bullet points: Rae's input about projects, no banner procession, no silent auction, one day convention and date, hotels, pictures needed for mural.
- Rachel needs all input and new forms by May 3rd.
- Rachel will include with her financial statement the above letter, the new registration and updated Frist Timer/ Young Women Guest forms.
- The Board Liaisons will contact the Conference Coordinators about these updates and will have the Coordinators call each congregation with this information.
- Becky will be sending out an Email Blast with a "heads up" about the letters going out.
- Updated information will be posted on our website and on Facebook.
- Synod E-news will also post the information.

Next Meeting Saturday, June 27th tentatively at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Newberry.

Addendum:

March 3, 2020

Via e-mail voting it was decided that the Board cover expenses for her mother, Linda, as co-chair of the Convention Committee. Her other co-chair, Sarah Cheesman, already has expenses covered by being on the board. Also, on that date we decided to pay the piano player, Gina, a \$100 stipend as we will not need to pay an organist.

March 4, 2020

The Executive Board approved Risse's request for \$75 to buy buttons to give out at the Gathering in July.