

**SC Women of the ELCA
Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 25, 2019 3:00 PM
St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Newberry, SC**

Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

Amanda Sease-Baker	Sarah Cheesman
Rae Davis	Kristin Snelgrove
Amanda Cruse	Merri Lewis
Risse Snelgrove	Denise Warren

Others Present: Virginia Herlong, honorary life coordinator and acting Parliamentarian; Linda Boatwright, convention committee; Pastor Kathy Harris, Chaplain from Faith Lutheran Chapel in Pickens

Call to Order: Becky called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Pastor Harris used Philippians 1, 2 and 4 and asked what it means to be of the same mind as Christ. 4:2 talks about 2 women, Euodia and Syntyche becoming "of the same mind". She handed out a prayer from St. Francis of Assisi.

Getting Acquainted: Using the Prayer Partner forms we each introduced ourselves. Sarah Cheesman made a **Motion** (Second – Linda Roland) that we only send cards and not give gifts. Vote - 2 to stop giving gifts, 9 to continue as it has been. Motion failed.

Becky stated to write on your form if you do not want a gift. Names were drawn and form stubs given to Virginia.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 4, 2019 meeting were read and approved. This included the email vote to renew our CD. Pre and Post convention minutes will be sent out later for approval via email.

Correspondence: Six thank you notes from Lighthouse for Life and a thank you from Lutheran Services Carolinas were read.

REPORTS

President's Report:

The Executive Board met in July to begin planning for the coming year. Our theme is based on the Triennial theme of "Just Love". We have contacted Pastor Christi Pursey to lead the Camp Kinard retreat in February. Two conferences have not yet set fall meeting dates. Becky went to Bogota; Colombia for the 17th National Lutheran Women's meeting. She is in discussion with the Colombian Women's President about a possible service project.

Becky passed out a list of which board member will go to which conference this fall. We are still waiting for dates and places for the Upstate and Midlands conferences. Board members signed up to have at least 3 board members at each conference.

She is looking for women to serve on the nominating Committee.

Motion: Denise made a motion that the convention opening be at 11:00 AM on Friday. (Second – Amanda Cruse) Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance \$32,224.73; Ending Balance \$31,345.73

Total income and expense for the convention - Total income of \$24,605.30; Total expenses of \$24,711.55, including donation of \$9,801.09 to Lighthouse for Life. Money left for committees: Action - \$175.51, Community - \$32.17, Growth - \$400
Report will be filed for audit.

Motion to correct Feb 8, 2019 minutes because a material omission in the motion to use \$1300 from the 2019 budget to help defray the cost of attending the 2020 Triennial Convention was not included as follows: Correction to be "There was a discussion about a request from Churchwide for a contribution to help defray the cost of attending the 2020 Triennial Convention since Churchwide pays the travel costs for voting members. Rachel Quesada made above motion; second by Denise Warren. Motion passed.

Motion: Sarah Cheesman made a motion to send the \$1300 budgeted for Triennial in our 2019 budget to Churchwide to help defray costs for the 2020 Triennial Convention. Kristin Snelgrove seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Break and refreshments.

Vice President's Report: Amanda Boatwright passed out several forms:

- Evaluations from the 2019 convention - all categories were rated at 4 or above.
- Comments from attendees with a form of positive and negative comments.
- Suggestions from attendees, workshop comments, volunteer forms for 2020

2020 convention: Amanda Boatwright passed out information about current status of plans for the next convention. She also had handouts about Convention staff and her Vice President's Report.

Motion: Denise moved we charge \$10/\$10 for both lunches from Bill and Fran's and \$18 for the Friday banquet from Shealy's BBQ (Second - Amanda Cruse) Motion passed.

Motion For Thursday night we will go to Luigi's near St. Philips which is willing to give us a 20% discount plus free drinks and appetizers of onion rings and cheese bread. Denise moved to use Luigi's pending prices on a menu chosen by Amanda and Sarah. (Second – Amanda Cruse) Motion passed.

We will table discussion of vendors until we know what our projects will be.

We discussed possible workshop ideas.

Motion: Rae moved that the convention Bible verse be I Corinthians 16:14 "Let all that you do be done in love". (Second – Merri Lewis) Motion passed.

Motion: Sarah moved that the convention Hymn be "Love Divine All Loves Excelling". (Second – Kristin Snelgrove) Vote yes – 11, no – 1. Motion passed.

The Ripple: Report from Sherry Fowler passed out. Kristin's committee will work with Sherry to cut out names of those who have not been opening their *Ripple* after it is sent. Virginia said we can cut out pastors, duplicates, and anyone who has not signed up for it as well as those who have not opened it for 2 years.

Triennial promoter: Risse stated there is no new information about the Triennial Gathering on WELCA website. The website has a flyer you can print and hang up in your church. There is a \$200 stipend offered by the Board for those are registered for the Triennial Gathering. The first 10 people that call Risse on Oct. 7th can get \$200 to defray the cost of the trip.

Stewardship and audit committees need to be set.

Stewardship committee proposed by Becky is Virginia Herlong, Carolyn Torrence and Karen Lucas.

Motion: by Denise Warren to accept the Stewardship Committee as proposed by Becky. Second by Amanda Cruse. Motion approved.

Becky stated each committee has \$200 to work with, but the money can be moved from one to another if need be as long as you have prior approval to spend it. In order to be reimbursed you need prior approval.

Committee Reports: Groups will develop goals with anticipated expenses on their own and email them to Becky.

Mission Action: Rae passed around a handout and copy of a cookbook titled "Share" by Women for Women International with the idea that we get books to hand out at the convention or have each order. For a local project they are thinking about the South Carolina Network for Children's Advocacy Centers. (They have 17 agencies around the state.) **Motion:** Rae motioned to accept these ideas for projects with logistics to be decided later. Global project the cookbook and/or a Bogota, Colombia project and local project for the South Carolina Network for Children's Advocacy Centers. Second by Kristin Snelgrove. Motion passed.

Mission Community: This committee will try to tie into what the other committees are doing.

Mission Growth: Merri Lewis said Pastor Christi Pursey will lead the Camp Kinard retreat in February and she sent her topic suggestions of Spiritual Formation or Soul Collage. We will decide on the topic in November. The committee will offer suggestions at the November meeting so information can get into The Ripple.

New Business:

Becky passed out notebooks to all Board members which include the Constitution, Synodical Leader Guide, and Standing Rules. There are sections to keep Board Minutes, calendars, and *The Ripple*. Please return these notebooks when your term on the Board is completed.

2020 is the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women.

Becky will be sending out Liaison greetings to be used at the fall conference meetings.

She will email liaisons a copy of the Conference Meeting/Event Report for conference secretaries to fill out. The liaison will send the report to Kristin Snelgrove, Community Committee chair, who will write the articles for *The Ripple*. The number of attendees is needed for insurance purposes. Take pictures and get conference report before you leave the meeting if possible. If you are scheduled to attend and find you cannot, please let the liaison know.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM with the Missionary Benediction.

Upcoming Dates: Next meeting Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM at St. Philip's in Newberry.