

Central States Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA
September 22, 2022 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Vickie opened the meeting with prayer and a discussion with each one of us sharing "what is going on with your life?"

Present: Vickie Donnell, Kathy Steinke, Susie Borgstrom, Janice Gerken, Pat Dunavan, Rev. Dinah Dutta, Pastor Jill Duis, and Gaye Mizell.

Call to Order: Vickie called the meeting to order. Gaye led us as we all joined in the Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement.

Approval of the Agenda: The Agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes for August 11 and September 22 will be brought to the November meeting for approval.

Walking in the Word assignments will be discussed at the next meeting. The deadline for all articles will be November 26.

Treasurer's Report: Janice gave a summary of convention expenses over revenue, a summary of offerings, and an overview of current finances. The balance in the operating account as of September 19 was \$23,987.11. The balance for the Barbara Nelson fund was \$16,520.49. The balance for the CSS Education Scholarship was \$2,281.25. The report was approved by consensus.

Reports:

Jill reported that the Central States Synod newsletter is a good resource for social justice articles and we should all subscribe to it. Vickie agreed and was going to send us all the link to sign up to receive the newsletter.

Rev. Dutta reported that her study on discipleship last year was not as well attended as she had hoped. She was going to work with Linda and see what she could do on facebook to promote discipleship.

Gaye is receiving the mail for the Triennial Scholarship applications this year, and she will be promoting the capitol campaign for Katie's fund as well.

Unfinished Business:

Janice was asked to report on the convention for next year. We are booked for June 23-25 at Stoney Creek Inn, Independence Mo. The rooms are \$135 per room with continental breakfast included.

Theme work will begin at the next meeting. All need to bring suggestions for scripture, theme, and song.

Susie and Vickie will begin the process of getting Google Workspace on line. It will be a place to work on documents. Once in place, one or more of us can easily review, revise or add to it as needed.

New Business:

Annual Review:

Board policies were revised in 2021. They were approved without revisions by consensus.

The constitution is current and sent out for new members to review.

The Cluster Coordinator position description has been reviewed and is done.

The Historian description will be reviewed by Janice.

The Newsletter Coordinator description will be reviewed by Mary Liby. Vickie will contact her.

The Voting Member for Triennial Convention policy will be reviewed by Rev. Dutta

Katie's Fund Grant:

A \$1000 grant is being made to our synodical organization and is available for leadership development, global connection, and living theology. The report for how it is used is due August 1, 2023. Discussion was held. We could use it in conjunction with our convention or organizational meetings as we meet with newly designated cluster coordinators.

Cluster organization work:

October and November will be the start of the conversations via zoom between cluster leaders and board liaisons as we navigate the transition to our newly designated 5 clusters. The goals for our first meetings are:

- Review the convention resolution with supporting documentation.
- Answer questions.
- Review cluster congregations for any further information
- Identify opportunities and challenges going forward
- Plans for the next steps. How do we follow up with those on call?

Discussion arrived at the following preliminary plans; for Pat, Vickie, and designated board member(s) to meet with cluster coordinators:

- Eastern in early 2023
- Osage after Mid October
- Border, no plans as there are no designated coordinators at this time. Vickie will explore potentials for coordinators who attended the recent convention.
- Central Kansas will discuss with Susie and Jill
- Western Kansas, late October

It was decided to have a Zoom meeting November 17 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40. Rev Dutta closed our meeting and sent us out with a prayer of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Borgstrom, Secretary

