

Central States Synod Women of the ELCA
May 9, 2024 Board Meeting
Via Zoom at 6:30 PM

Present: Gloria Sharp, Kathy Steinke, Susie Borgstrom, Janice Gerkin, Pat Dunavan, Rev. Dinah Dutta, Gaye Mizell, Jill Duis, and Louise Ahrens.

Greetings: Gloria opened the meeting at 6:36 and welcomed everyone.

Devotions: Pat led devotions. Her scripture was found in Matthew 5 and spoke to our storms in life. What do we do to get ready for the unexpected? We have 'to do' lists and something comes along to change our plans... What can we do?

Purpose Statement: Janice read the purpose statement as we all followed along.

Approval of the Agenda: It was moved to accept the agenda by Gaye and seconded by Louise. The board voted and the motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Susie presented the minutes and there was one correction. The minutes were moved to be approved as corrected by Pat and seconded by Janice. The board voted and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Janice reported \$24,252.68 in the operational fund, \$17,128.29 in the Barbara Nelson Memorial fund, and \$2,681.72 in the Education Scholarship Fund. Susie moved to accept the report, Kathy seconded it. It was voted on and carried.

Announcements: Gloria reported that Zoom was purchased for one year for \$159.90. Renewal date is May 7, 2025.

Linda Post Bushkofsky is retiring as the Churchwide Executive Director of the Women of the ELCA at the end of June.

Walking in the Word: All articles are due on or before June 1.

Kathy- Eastern Missouri Cluster Meeting

Louise- Border Cluster Meeting/ Servant Leadership Event

Pat- Border Cluster Meeting and other cluster updates

Janice- Osage Cluster Meeting/ Financial update

Susie- Kansas LWR Ingathering information from 2023/ dates and locations for 2024

Gaye- Eastern Cluster Meeting/ Education Scholarship application update

Jill- Justice/ or your choice

Rev. Dinah- Border Cluster Meeting

Gloria- President's report/ Missouri LWR Ingathering dates and locations for 2024

New Business:

Selection of Educational Scholarship Recipients: Gaye presented the 7 applications that were received for the consideration of the board. After careful considerations and deliberations a motion was made by Janice as follows: That " \$550 from the Educational Scholarship Fund be awarded to 5 applicants. The applicants chosen are Emma Schmidt, Abigail Gonzalez, Alyssa Fowler, Darby Parks, and Elise Grover." The motion was seconded by Gaye. The board voted with 8 yes and 1 abstaining. The motion passed and they will all be notified by Gloria. Janice will make arrangements for each student to receive their scholarship by sending it directly to the school they are attending. They will be named and congratulated in our newsletter.

Cluster Updates:

Kathy and Gaye reported on the Eastern Cluster Meeting
Pat, Rev. Dinah, and Louise reported on the Border Cluster Meeting
The Osage Cluster Meeting is June 1
The Central Kansas Cluster Meeting is October 18 & 19
The Western Kansas Cluster Meeting is August 24

Leadership:

Gloria and Louise reported on the Leadership Servant event via Zoom.

Lynn Starr Memoriam:

Lynn Star, who was our first Central States Synod Women of the ELCA President, and has been an active leader and mentor ever since, died earlier this year. We will honor Lynn with an article in the newsletter. Vickie has offered to write it. The Board suggests that units and individuals donate to Katie's Fund in Lynn's memory. Janice made a motion to "Donate \$500 to Katie's Fund from our operating account. We will change the name of the Education Scholarship Fund to 'Lynn Starr Educational Scholarship Fund". Pat Seconded the motion. The Board voted and it carried.

Display for Synod Assembly: Synod Assembly is June 6-8. Jill has the Synod Women's trifold we can use. Gloria will assemble the display. Louise and Jill volunteered to help. If you have pamphlets or can think of anything needed, text Gloria.

Facebook: We need to do a little bit of administrative work on the site. Wendy Hoops is still listed on it and Linda Lockhart is our current administrator who does the posting. It was discussed. Some of the board were familiar with how it works and were going to look into it.

Convention 2025: Gloria reminded everyone to keep eyes open for ideas for convention. It will be here sooner than we think. We need speakers, entertainers, workshop leaders, and a registrar, so start the search!

Closing: We adjourned by praying the Lord's Prayer together. We were dismissed at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Borgstrom, Secretary