

Central States Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA  
November 17, 2022 Board Meeting, 7pm via zoom

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

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Kathy S. gave devotions and Gaye led us all in the mission statement.

Approval of Agenda: the tutorial on the google workspace was postponed until later. All other points of the agenda were approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes: Vickie reminded Susie to check on the correctness of Reverend Dutta and Pastor Jill's names in both August and September minutes. August minutes were corrected and approved by consensus. September minutes were also corrected and approved by consensus. They will be emailed to Tim Anderson and posted on our website.

Announcements: Deadline for the WITW newsletter article submissions is 11-26-2022

Treasurer's Report: As of November 17, There was \$21,926.62 in the account, with \$16,534.19 in the Barbara Nelson Fund and \$3,674.99 in the CSS Education Scholarship Fund. The report was approved by consensus.

Round Table Thoughts: Vickie asked everyone what was going on with their lives. We all shared and enjoyed each other's comments.

Unfinished Business:

-Vickie let everyone know that our Google work space was something we are still going to do, but we are not set up yet.

-There was a discussion about what to name the smaller groups (i.e., prior clusters) as the clusters are now reformed. It was approved by consensus that gatherings would be the term used to describe these group meetings.

-Cluster Work Updates: Pat talked about the Western Cluster, where designated cluster coordinators had gathered on a Zoom call. The leaders all stayed on and agreed by consensus that Hays worked best for their first meeting in 2024. They were positive and looking forward to planning their first event. Jill has been working on Central Cluster and they are ready to pull together for a Zoom call soon. Vickie reported on Border Cluster. She has had a conversation with St. James in Kansas City. Plans are to pull together an in-person meeting with potential coordinators in January. Janice will work to pull together a Zoom call for Osage Cluster. Prince of Peace in Springfield is expressing interest in coordination. Kathy S. reported that the unit meeting they attended in the area of the Eastern Cluster went well. Plans are to pull together an in-person meeting with potential coordinators early in 2023.

-Next Steps for Cluster Project

-Continue with Zoom calls for Central Kansas Cluster and Osage Cluster

-:February, reach out and contact churches for in-person meetings for Border Cluster and Eastern Cluster.

-Firm up dates

-Invitation list

-Plan location

-Place summary of progress in WITW newsletter

-Katie's Fund: \$1000 was supposed to be here in July, but the checks are not out yet. We have asked about the campaign and information to help us get started with it .

New Business:

-2023 Convention.: So far, the convention will be held at Stoney Creek in Independence, Mo. on June 23-25. The theme : "The Lord is my Light" , Hymn: "Shine Jesus Shine", Scripture: Psalms 27:1.

-Articles for the WITW newsletter:

-Kathy S and Pat: Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits report

-Rev. Dutta: Discipleship

-Vickie: Triennial information update, Churchwide updates, 2023 Convention cluster work updates

- Janice: Thank offerings

-Jill: Christmas gifts that will not break.

- Gaye: make sure the form for the Education Scholarship Application gets in the newsletter and when a form comes in ask for pictures. Also encourage the applicant to attend the convention.

- In-Person Board Meeting at Stoney Creek: It was decided to meet January 20-21. It will start at 5pm for Friday Dinner and end after lunch on Saturday.

Upcoming items:

-Review/Revise Prior Position Descriptions in January meeting

-Kathy S.: Board officers and Members

-Vickie: Convention roles Descriptions (Convention Chair, Local Arrangements Chair, Program Chair, Worship and Music, Registrar, Chaplin, Reference and Council Committee, Election Committee, Nomination Committee, Offerings Committee, Parliamentarian, Timekeeper, Voting Member, Grant Recipients) and Convention Assignments.

-Cluster Coordinator Description, ready for review.

-Janice: Historian Description

-Vickie: Newsletter Coordinator

-Rev. Dutta: Triennial Voting Member Description

Rev Dutta closed the meeting with a prayer of thanks and gratitude for the " Light" that we have that " Shines" in the darkness.

It was approved by consensus to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Borgstrom, Secretary