

**Central States Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA**

**August 11, 2022, Board Meeting  
7:00 - 9:00 pm via Zoom**

**Opening Prayer and Devotion: Jill opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. We began by introducing ourselves and telling a little about ourselves. Kathy Regehr was not able to join us as she was not well. We were encouraged to send her cards to let her know that we were thinking of her.**

**Present: Vickie Donnell, Kathy Steinke, Susie Borgstrom, Janice Gerken, Pat Dunavan, Rev. Dinah Dutta, Pastor Jill Duis, and Gaye Mizell. Vickie thought it would be a good idea if we shared our birthdays for future reference:**

**Susie- September 14  
Vickie- July 20  
Pat- March 18  
Gaye- May 6  
Janice- February 2  
Jill- August 24  
Dinah- July 15  
Kathy S.- March 20  
Kathy R.- September 17**

**Call to Order: President Vickie Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. We read our purpose statement as Women of the ELCA in unison.**

**Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**The pre-convention minutes were discussed. Rev. Dutta corrected that she was not in attendance as recorded. The minutes were corrected and approved by consensus.**

**The convention minutes were discussed. The name Susie Borgstrom was misspelled and corrected. The name Gaye Mizell was misspelled and corrected. The name Rhonda Templing was misspelled and corrected. The Chaplin Rev. Kim Frederking was misspelled and corrected. As there were no more corrections, the minutes were approved by consensus.**

**The post convention minutes were discussed. The name Susie Borgstrom was misspelled and corrected. The minutes were approved by consensus.**

Kathy Steinke was given a thank you and job well done by President Vickie Donnell. Kathy was then instructed to post the current minutes on the web site. It was discussed to clean up the web page and have only a year or two of minutes and Walking in the Word. We may want to save older minutes and newsletters to google docs. Vickie was going to talk to Tim Anderson about it. Susie was going to talk to her daughter about setting up Google Docs for our group.

Assignments for Walking in the Word were discussed. September 1st is the deadline for all articles. Susie and Gaye are to send Bios and headshots to Mary Liby. Vickie was sending a piece about the resolutions that passed and plans for next year. Pat was writing about the reorganization of our clusters. Kathy S. was sending an overall summary of the convention. Janice was in charge of updated numbers from offerings, gifts, raffle, and silent auction. Pastor Kimberly is sending a follow up piece to her convention presentation. Kathy had asked Rhonda Templing to write a piece about the Capitol Campaign for Katie's fund.

#### **Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

Janice gave a summary of convention transactions. The report was approved by consensus.

Vickie asked Gaye to be the new Stewardship Committee chair and she agreed.

Other board member responsibilities are:

Jill: Justice

Pat: Cluster Coordinator

Kathy R.: Communication

Rev. Dutta: Discipleship

Board Member Liaisons for the new cluster assignments were discussed. The plan right now is to contact leaders in each group and lift up some goals and discuss tentative dates. The board appointments are:

Eastern Cluster- Kathy S. and Gaye

Osage Cluster- Janice and Vickie

Border Cluster- Pat and Rev. Dutta

Central Kansas- Susie, Jill, and Kathy R.

Western Kansas- Pat and Vickie

Some helpful thoughts and ideas for next year after reading convention evaluation papers:

- the theme is important and should be incorporated in all that is possible.
- Having the keynote speaker on Friday night helps set the tone for the rest of the convention

- Hospitality room at the convention would give some a place to visit who do not have rooms.
- Try to announce activities in the newsletter ahead of time so they might be better attended.
- Try a different hotel in the metro area to better suit our needs.
- Strive to keep our worship outstanding, energized, and upbeat.
- Additional activities available throughout the convention might be considered.
- Continue to look for more meaningful prayer partner activity.
- Voting procedures might be improved with different colored ballots when doing rank-order voting.
- Be more attentive to ability of participants to hear well; board members may want to disperse throughout the meeting room.
- Having a process in place where potential attendees could share if they are in need of a roommate.
- Go ahead and do a recap of our business meeting before Sunday worship so those who didn't go to the business meeting know what took place.

The discussion was held to suggest places to hold the next convention. The Embassy Suites and Stony Creek were suggested. Vickie, Kathy, and Jill volunteered to do some investigating.

A retreat was suggested for a spring Board meeting.

It was decided to have a Zoom meeting on September 22 at 7:00pm for our next meeting. At that meeting we will go over job descriptions.

Rev. Dutta lifted us up in prayer as we closed our meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Susie Borgstrom, Secretary