

Central States Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA  
June 21, 2022, Board Meeting  
7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom

Present: Vickie Donnell, Pat Dunavan, Rev. Dinah Dutta, Janice Gerken, Loretta Holmes, Kathy Regher, Beth Rockleman, and Kathy Steinke.

Pat opened with a devotion and prayer from author Sarah Young.

President Vickie Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and we read aloud the Mission & Purpose statement in unison. Agenda was approved by consensus.

Board meeting minutes from June 1, 2022, were approved by consensus. Kathy S. will make corrections and send to Tim Anderson to post on our website.

Announcements:

- Vickie, Pat, and Jill hosted a Women of the ELCA table at Synod Assembly. Twenty-three women signed up to receive announcements/updates on behalf of their congregations. Vickie followed up with an email or phone call to each one. There is much opportunity for growth in the CSS synod.
- No *Walking in the Word* issue prior to convention due to time constraints. Next issue is scheduled for September 2022. Board will ask Mary Liby to send an email with convention reminders about in-kind gifts, basket raffles, prayer squares, and next WITW issue date.

Reports:

**Discipleship** - Pastor Dutta has one last session in the virtual bible study series. More women tune in and participate each session. Thank you, Pastor Dutta for your faithfulness and perseverance.

**Unfinished Convention Business:**

- Gloria reported as of June 21, there are 59 registrations, 13 rooms for Friday night and 14 rooms for Saturday. \$4,700. in registrations. Between 40-50 women paid for meals.
- We are still waiting for the name of our churchwide representative.
- Jeanette from Cole Camp is accompanying Friday evening worship on piano. Kathy R. shared the contact information on the harpist. Vickie will contact her and coordinate with the Bishop. Barbara Nelson suggested using the first setting in the ELW. Another option is Holden's Evening Prayer.
- Alice reports that Jill Duis will run for a second term on the Board, Suzie Borgstrom for secretary and Kathy Steinke for VP. There is still another board position open. Kathy S. will ask Gaye Mizell from Trinity-Kirkwood if she will consider running.
- Resolutions Janice, Jill, and Pat will write resolutions to be sent to voting members prior to convention.
- Vickie will invite Educational Scholarship recipients to the Saturday evening banquet as our guests.
- Kathy S. reported that she has collected 10 flags for the Stars for Our Troops optional Friday activity. She will supervise the activity and recommends one hour for the entire activity.
- Pat reported that the most-needed items for the Safehome in-kind project are fleece blankets, small flashlights with batteries, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Pat will supervise the collection and organization of all items on Friday afternoon. Vickie suggested asking a woman from her church to supervise the filling of backpacks event on Saturday morning. Thirty cards will be available to sign and 30 kits to make additional cards to sign and tuck into backpacks.
- Kathy S. will place the order for t-shirts on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Convention chaplain Kim Frederking has requested a prayer room.
- Board will set up and test new speakers purchased by Kara Jecha prior to first opening session.
- Friday Love offering: 50% to churchwide, 25% Strengthening Families, 25% RIP Sunday morning worship offering: 50% Central States Synodical Women of the WELCA and 50% Scholarship Fund.
- Kathy S. will contact Rhonda Templing to ask if she would like to speak three minutes on Saturday evening regarding the Katie \$1 Million Fund Drive.

- Regarding the voting for Triennial voting members, nominations have come in late. The Board believes that those nominations received before the deadline should be given priority at the time of election. The goal is to have 8 nominations so that the 4 alternatives will be available if needed.
- All reports for Convention Information Booklets are due to Gloria by Friday, July 1.

Pre-Convention Board Meeting is Friday, July 22, at 9:00 am. At Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, KS. An additional Zoom called will be scheduled prior to convention for final approval of resolutions and to discuss other convention details.

Rev. Dutta closed with prayer at 8:22 pm.