

Central States Women of the ELCA
June 23, 2023, Pre-convention Board Meeting
Stoney Creek Hotel, Independence, Mo

Present: Vickie Donnell, Kathy Steinke, Susie Borgstrom, Janice Gerken, Pat Dunavan, Gaye Mizell and Jill Duis. (absent: Rev Dinah Dutta and 1 unfilled spot)

Also attending the meeting was Lori Garcia, our Churchwide Representative, and Marilyn Dial, the registrar for the 2023 convention.

Opening Prayers and Devotions: Jill opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Introductions: Vickie introduced our Churchwide Representative, Lorie Garcia to everyone and welcomed her. Vickie introduced Marilyn Dial to everyone.

Reading of the Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement: Everyone joined together in reading the purpose statement.

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

Approval of the Minutes for June 8, 2023, The minutes were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's Report: Janice gave the treasurer's report with \$26,806.27 in the operating account, \$16,612.24 in the Barbara Nelson Memorial Fund, and \$917 left in the Education Scholarship Fund after this year's pay out. The report was approved by consensus. Vickie reminded all officers and board to turn in convention expenses and vouchers to Janice as soon as possible.

Board Member Reports: The board member reports appear in the convention booklet: Justice- Jill; Discipleship- Rev. Dutta; Cluster Liaison- Pat; Stewardship- Janice.

Vickie added that Danni Kerns, one of our Education Scholarship recipient would be attending the Saturday evening meal with us. We were also reminded that the Barbara Nelson Fund applications would be available at the registrar's table.

NEW BUSINESS

Convention Committee Liaisons: Vickie called our attention to the Board Liaisons serving on each of the convention committees: Offerings- Janice; Elections- Jill; and Reference and Council- Gaye.

Resolutions by the Board: There were 6 resolutions created by the board that were ready for signatures, so the board passed the papers around to finish and turn in to the resolution and council committee. They included topics specific to our convention as: Inclusion & Equity, read by Gaye; Peace & Unity, read by Janice; Child safety, read by Janice; Refugees, read by Pat; Recognition & Appreciation, read by Jill; and Convention Appreciation.

Approach to meal serving: Vickie informed everyone what she knew about the meals. They would be buffet style and we would need to help to keep the line going and take meal tickets each meal.

Review of Agenda/ Assignments for Convention:

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- At or near registration table-Convention Booklets, Scavenger Hunt, Picture backdrop
- Distribution of t-shirts- St. Marks and Trinity, SL
- Oversight of collection of in-kind contributions- Pat
- Oversight of "mini" raffle items- Mid-Missouri congregations
- Oversight of silent auction items- Messiah, Springfield

- Vendor greeting and set up- Gaye
- Hospitality room- popcorn and prayer square instructions
- Voting member orientation at 4 pm- Vickie & Lorie
- Friday evening table grace- Hope, Rush Center
- Friday evening meal tickets- Susie and Janice, Vickie will dismiss tables
- Meet, Greet, and introduce the Independence Mo executive - Janice
- Introduce the keynote speaker- Jill
- Prayer approach communication - Chaplin Rev. Linda Daniels-Block
- Centerpieces, bookmarks, lights, and prayer cards- Pat & Kathy

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- Make and Take Craft- Gaye and Kay
- Business session- All Board Members
- 10:15 Rev. Linda Daniels-Block session for participants
- Saturday lunch table grace- Hosanna
- Saturday lunch meal tickets- Jill & Gaye
- 12:30 Meet and introduce Heather Lynn and Christal Tycksen- Kathy
- 2:00 Lorie Garcia
- 3:00 - 4:30, Bingo- Rev Dutta and other board members
- 4:30 Cluster Coordinators meeting- Pat & Vickie
- Saturday evening table grace- Cross of Glory
- Saturday evening meal tickets- Gaye & Jill
- 5pm to 6pm- collect Scavenger hunt papers- Kathy

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- Jill and Rev. Dutta officiate and give communion
- Kathy & Janice hand out bulletins
- Vickie- Confession ; Susie- Apostles Creed ;Gaye- Prayers of the People; Lori- usher; Susie & Gaye collect offering;
- Close worship with convention song
- Lorie will install officers

Corrections to the Convention Booklet: Page 5, July 23 should be June 23; Page 6, July 24 should be June 24; Page 26, career support group should be cancer support group; Page 28, Marybest Durfrey- Pogue should be Marybeth Durfrey- Pogue; Page 33, Gaye Mizell's address of 11870 NW 210 Road should be 11870 Spruce Haven Dr.

Reminders for after the convention:

2024 Cluster Events- laying the groundwork

Articles for Walking in the Word- articles due by August 1st

Overall Convention, including worship- Kathy

Business Session, Scholarship winners, and news from Churchwide- Vickie

Vendors- Gaye

Keynote speaker- Jill

Offerings, and Child Safe- Janice

Cluster plans and in-kind donations to Once We Were Refugees- Pat

New Board - Bio& pic

Vickie closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was recessed at 1138 am.

