

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

July 12, 2022, Board Meeting

7:00 – 9:15 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Vickie Donnell, Pat Dunavan, Rev. Jill Duis, Rev. Dinah Dutta, Janice Gerken, Beth Rockleman

**Opening Prayer and Devotion:** Vickie opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

**Call to Order:** President Vickie Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. We read the Women of the ELCA in unison.

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

**Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2022:** The minutes of June 21, 2022 were approved by consensus.

### Business Items:

- **Financial Review** - Janice presented the names and experience of the three individuals she has selected to serve on a Financial Review Committee. In contacting three independent outside accountants and/or firms, it was learned that they no longer do such a review. Through an email from Linda Post Bushkofsky, she confirmed that the use of a committee was appropriate to review our financial records. Beth made a motion that Glenalee Dillon, Norma Schlesselman, and Jeanette Palmer serve on the review committee. Motion was seconded by Jill Duis. Motion carried.
- **Scholarship Recipient Dinners** – Vickie reported that Emma Atcheson will not be attending but will send a letter or video. Kelly Parr will attend. Sapphire Davis will be attending but has indicated that several of her family members would be attending with her. Vickie informed her that the additional family members would need to pay for their own dinner.
- **Resolutions** – The three resolutions were discussed with editing of terms, additions, or deletions.
  - Jill Duis – Social Justice
  - Pat Dunavan – Creation  
and Structural Changes of the Central States Synodical  
Organization of the Women of the ELCA

These three resolutions were approved.

Vickie will prepare a convention resolution. Jill will prepare a resolution memorializing our deceased ladies of the Central States Women of the ELCA. Janice and a member of her unit are finalizing a resolution for peace and unity.

- **“White Paper” Report** – The report was reviewed and with discussion the document was edited with changes in terms, additions, and/or deletions. Discussions surrounded the terms of “clusters” and “conferences”. Also discussed was the coordination and organizing of conferences, clusters, mini-clusters, and inter-congregational units. Rev. Dinah will research and provide information regarding how elections would be handled with the proposed bi-annual conventions.

This document will be mailed to our voting members for their review, together with the nominations report and the structural organization resolution. An email will also be sent out with an invitation to attend a zoom meeting to discuss the resolution regarding cluster/conferences structural changes. A zoom meeting for the voting members will be held on Monday, June 18; followed by a zoom meeting with our cluster coordinators on Tuesday, June 19.

- **Convention “Loose Ends”:**
  - Preparation for Sunday’s worship service
  - Applications for the Barbara Nelson Scholarship for the Triennial Convention (September 2023) will be available
  - Lorie Garcia, CWO, will give greetings and report on Friday evening and lead a Bible study on Saturday morning.
  - Vickie will send out the final agenda for the convention
  - Audio visual set-up for main meeting room and the break-out rooms

**Next Meeting: Friday, July 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Convention Board Room (Phoenix Room)**

**Closing Prayer – Rev. Dinah praying for calmness of spirit!**