

Central States Synodical Women's Organization

June 8, 2023 Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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

**Opening:** Meeting opened at 7:06 pm with Vickie giving devotions from *Seventeen Syllables of Grace* and a prayer. Kathy read our Purpose Statement.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from May 18, 2023 meeting were approved by consensus. They will be sent to the synod office for posting to our webpage.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janice went over the budget to be proposed at the convention. It was approved by consensus and will be presented as such.

**Convention Announcements/Decisions:**

-Vickie reported that the convention information booklet is coming together. The registrar has reported that registrations are still coming in, but slowly.

- The convention agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus. Suggested edits will be made.

-Vickie confirmed Bishop Candea will be presiding over opening worship and Rev Dutta will preside over the closing worship. Jill will give the message at Sunday morning worship and has the worship materials ready to print. Vickie will prepare Friday evening worship bulletin in conversation with the Bishop.

-Gaye confirmed that the supplies for the blessing jar 'make-n-take' craft are prepared.

-Pat confirmed the BINGO game was ready and some surprises have been collected.

-Jill volunteered to get the recognition gifts using funds from an Action Team grant. Suggestions for those to be recognized were discussed.

-Janice confirmed that someone from the city of Independence would be there to give greetings on Friday evening.

-Janice will be making signs for posting during the convention. Locations where signs would be helpful were discussed.

-Resolutions should be submitted to Vickie for preparation: Inclusion and Equity—Jill; Peace and Unity—Janice; Child Safety—Janice; Refugees—Pat; Recognition and Appreciation—Jill; Convention Appreciation—Vickie will mention to chair of the Reference & Counsel Committee.

-It was decided that a backdrop for photos would be provided. Vickie and Janice will discuss best location with Stoney Creek during upcoming call. Several have props/supplies and will bring them.

-Script of the business meeting will be provided for all board members

-Vendors will have an opportunity for brief presentation on Saturday morning.

-All were reminded to send all congregational unit updates to her and Pat so the master list can be updated prior to convention.

-Vickie reminded that the pre-convention board meeting on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> will begin at 10 am to accommodate those driving there that morning.

**Closing Prayer:** Rev Dutta closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susie Borgstrom, Secretary