

Central States Synod Women of the ELCA  
February 29, 2024 Board Meeting  
via Zoom at 7:30 PM

**Present:** Gloria Sharp, Kathy Steinke, Susie Borgstrom, Janice Gerkin, Pat Dunavan, Rev. Dinah Dutta, Gaye Mizell, Jill Duis, and Louise Ahrens.

**Greetings:** Gloria opened the meeting at 7:30 and welcomed everyone.

**Devotions:** Rev. Dinah led us with a discussion of Jesus and His question: "Who do people say that I am?" She shared a story and a devotional prayer.

**Purpose Statement:** Gloria led us all in the Purpose Statement.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Pat moved to approve the agenda, Louise seconded, the motion was voted on and carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from February 2-3, 2024 were presented. Corrections and revisions were made to the minutes as directed by the board. As the information was correct and wording and grammatical changes were made to flow for the reader, the Secretary changed the February 2-3, 2024 minutes to reflect the changes and did not list in this set of minutes. The Minutes were moved to be accepted as corrected by Jill. Janice seconded the motion. The vote was held and carried. The minutes will be sent to the synod office to post on our webpage.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janice gave the financial report with \$23,313.22 in the operational account, \$17,114.24 in the Barbara Nelson Memorial Fund, and \$2,202.72 in the Education Scholarship Fund. Susie moved to accept the report, Gaye seconded, it was voted on and motion carried.

**Announcements:** Walking in the Word articles are to be sent to Vickie by June 1. Each board member will be responsible for the following:

- Kathy- Eastern Cluster Meeting
- Louise- Border Cluster Meeting
- Pat- Cluster update for other clusters
- Janice- - Financial Update/ Stewardship
- Susie- 2023 LWR Ingathering in Kansas
- Gaye- Education Scholarship Fund Update
- Jill- Justice
- Rev. Dinah- Reflections on the Border Cluster Meeting
- Gloria- Presidents Report

### **Old Business**

#### **Cluster Updates:**

Eastern Missouri Coordinators- Wilma Prifti and Bonnie Rieffer.

Cluster meeting date April 27 at Manchester MO

Osage Coordinators- Becky Verslues, Mick Friberg, and Diane Washburn

Cluster meeting date June 1 at Cole Camp MO

Border Coordinators- Louise Ahrens, Carol Bunge, and Ruth Hanshaw

Cluster meeting date April 27 at Atchison KS

Central Kansas Coordinators- Anna Prockish and Ruth Ann Zenger

Cluster meeting date October 18-19 at Lindsborg KS

Western Kansas Coordinators- Rhonda Templing, Sue Shonthaler, and Carolyn Mott  
Cluster meeting in August at Hays KS

It was announced by Kathy that a new unit is currently being formed in St. Louis MO. They have been invited to the Eastern Cluster meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Recommendations for Convention 2025:**

The committee researching the venue for the 2025 convention consists of Gloria, Kathy, Janice, and Louise. They had meetings, made calls, and asked questions of the hotels that were possibilities. Their decision for the recommended venue and date for the convention is as follows:

Hilton Garden Inn, Independence MO for June 20-22, 2025. The rooms would be priced out at \$129 per night with 2 vouchers for each room for the breakfast included each day. More vouchers are available for \$10 each. 4 people can be in each room. Our Hospitality room can be next to the Board room and we are allowed to bring in our own food.

Janice moved to accept the recommendation of the committee. Pat seconded the motion. We voted and the motion carried.

Information decided previously is:

Theme- Vessels of God's Grace

Scripture- Ephesians 2:8

Hymn- Amazing Grace

**Convention Document Revision:**

The documents titled "Convention Planning and Execution" and "Board Policies" were presented. As these are documents to be used internally, the board decided by consensus to postpone the revisions.

**Zoom Purchase:**

Gloria reported to the board that she called about a Zoom subscription for us. It was to be \$159.99 per year. We use Zoom for a lot of our meetings and we have deemed it necessary to carry out our business. Kathy moved that we pay for the 1 year subscription. Jill seconded the motion, we voted and it carried.

**Education Scholarship Fund Application:**

Kathy talked to Tim Anderson at our synod office and was able to get our education fund application featured on our site. It will be easily found and downloaded for applicants. The applicants have until April 15 to send in all required information.

**Closing:**

Gloria led us all in the "Lord's Prayer" to dismiss us. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Borgstrom, Secretary