

Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Post-Convention Board Meeting, July 24, 2022

Present: Susie Borgstrom, Vickie Donnell, Jill Duis, Pat Dunavan, Rev. Dinah Dutta, Janice Gerken, Gaye Mizell, Beth Rockelman, Kathy Steinke, and church-wide representative, Lorie Garcia.

Thank you to Beth Rockelman for faithfully serving on the Board the last four years.

Welcome to newly elected board members Susie Borgstrom and Gaye Mizell.

Thank you to Gloria Sharp for a wonderful job as registrar and to Carolyn Bauer and Alice Burnett for working on an excellent slate of board members and Triennial nominees. Vickie mailed the thank you notes we signed to many women who contributed to the success of this convention.

Janice will report the totals for the Sunday worship offering and raffle basket and little raffle totals in her Treasurer's Report at the next board meeting. Lorie asked for totals to be sent to her as soon as possible for her report to churchwide.

Walking in the Word- firm deadline is Sept. 1, 2022. Assignments for September issue:

- All board members- send a brief bio and photo to Mary Liby. (Vickie will send her email to Gaye.)
- Vickie- article on resolutions
- Kathy S- overall summary of convention
- Janice- totals for offerings, in-kind value, and raffle and silent auction totals

Church-wide Representative Report/Evaluation- Loria Garcia congratulated the Central States for a wonderful theme and convention. She very much enjoyed the hospitality and attention to detail. Her highlights were:

- #1 Schedule and flow of the convention.
- #2 Keynote speaker on Friday evening- "Rejoice in Hope" message before the "business"
- #3 Sense of purpose- programming, schedule, and presenters and workshops all worked together
- #4 Engaging and inclusive- noted that she felt like she's known us for years instead of days.

Suggestions for consideration are to have all ballots on the tables by color to move meeting along and to provide copies of the convention script to each board member to follow along so they could anticipate the need to walk to the podium to speak. Lorie will send a formal evaluation in the next few weeks.

Triennial 2023- Lorie announced that the theme for Triennial is "Just Love" carried over from the cancelled one. The meeting will be Sept. 19-21st and the Gathering will be Sept. 21-24th in Phoenix, AR.

Board Member Assignments- Vickie asked if we could wait to discuss board member assignments until the first meeting. Vickie will contact everyone within the next few weeks to set a date for the first Board meeting via Zoom to look at evaluations and plan a course of action for the coming year.

Vickie ended the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Steinke