

Central States Synodical Women's Organization
November 16, 2023 Board Meeting
7:00 pm via Zoom

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

Opening : For a few moments as we gathered we shared what we had been up to lately. Gloria called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Devotion and Prayer: Gloria led our prayer and devotions. The theme was about " Letting the Leaves Fall" around the scriptures found in Eph. 4:31-32 and Isaiah 43:18-19.

The Purpose Statement :We all joined together for the purpose statement and set our minds and spirits to the business at hand.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes were presented from September 13. There was a correction as Kathy's name was misspelled. Kathy moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Jill seconded the motion. The vote was held and carried.

Treasurer's Report:Janice gave the financial report with \$20,402.45 in the operational account, \$17,892.74 in the Barbara Nelson Memorial Fund, and \$2,007.86 in the Education Scholarship Fund. Susie moved to accept the report, Pat seconded the motion. It was voted on and carried. A discussion was held to answer a simple question of "where do our offerings go?" to inform our units and individuals who wish to know. It was decided to have Janice create a letter to be given to cluster leaders to share with units and clusters.

Triennial Convention Report: A reflection of the time at the Triennial convention was given by Rev. Dinah. She enjoyed meeting new people and reuniting with friends. There was much to do and business was conducted easily. She would like to see more women of color from our synod participate and would like to promote this in some way.

Triennial Gathering Report: Louise gave the report from the eyes of a Barbara Nelson Scholarship winner and a first time attendee of the gathering. She was impressed with inspiring speakers and meeting new friends. The music and songs were great and everything was so uplifting! We had 12 from Central States Synod attend.

Next Triennial: The next Triennial will happen in Des Moines, Iowa, July 16-19 of 2026

Cluster Coordinator Report: Pat reported on the status of the cluster meetings:

Eastern Missouri: meeting April 27, at Good Shepherd of Manchester MO with Rev. Kim Knowle-Zeller

Osage: meeting June 1, at St. Paul's of Cole Camp MO

Central Kansas: meeting in October at Lindsborg KS

Border: meeting April 27 at St. Mark's in Atchison KS

Western Kansas: planning in progress

Convention of 2025: Next meeting we will go over any job description updates needed. Gloria, Kathy, Janice and Louise volunteered to do some hotel hunting for the next convention and check on availability for the 20-22 or 27-29 of June

Education Scholarship Application: One thing we discussed continuing every year with or without a convention was taking in funds and giving out scholarships for education. The deadline for this year was suggested to be March 15. It was approved by consensus.

Newsletter assignments: everyone was asked to get a piece written to Vickie by January 1st .

- Gloria will cover communication with churchwide and how our resolutions did at the Triennial... She did submit 3 of them for us.

- Kathy will give an overall report of the Triennial including theme, speakers and some highlights of sessions and worship highlights.

- Janice will report on the financial status of giving, and have a note about the churchwide leadership promotion available for our cluster meetings.

- Louise will give highlights of her Triennial experience.

- Jill will write on social justice.

- Rev. Dinah will give reflexions of what being a disciple means to her.

- Gaye will report on Missouri Lutheran World Relief intake.

-Susie will report on Kansas Lutheran World Relief intake.

-Pat will update everyone on cluster meeting dates and planning.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is to be an in-person meeting in the K.C. area on Feb.2- 3.

Closing Prayer: We prayed the "Lord's Prayer" together to close the meeting. Meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Borgstrom, Secretary