

Central States Synodical Women's Organization  
September 13, 2023 Board Meeting  
7:30 pm via Zoom

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

**Opening:** Meeting opened at 7: 35 pm with Pastor Dutta giving devotions and prayer. She read Psalms 23: 5. " My cup runs over" is the topic we were asked to really think about. We each shared how we felt our personal "cup" was full and running over. Blessings were shared and we all thanked God for them!

**Reading of the Purpose Statement:** Gloria led us all in reading the purpose statement.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The Preconvention Minutes, the Convention Minutes, and the Post Convention Minutes were read. Pat's last name was misspelled on one of the resolutions and needed to be corrected. The Minutes were approved as corrected by consensus. They will be emailed to the synod office to be posted to the web site. We keep our web page updated. It holds the Minutes and Newsletter "Walking in the Word". It was discussed and decided to keep the current year and past year for the minutes and 3 years of newsletter information.

**Treasurer's Report :** Janice gave her financial report. Louise was the recipient of the Barbara Nelson Scholarship for Triennial for \$600 and we sent \$300 to Triennial as requested by Churchwide. The ending balance for the operating account as of September 13 was \$20,086.04. The Barbara Nelson fund was \$17,078.49 and the CSS Education Fund was \$2,007.86. Kathy moved to accept the report, Louise seconded. The vote was held and motion carried.

**The Convention Wrap-up** The Board had been sent the evaluation report and after reading all the comments the board agreed that the convention went very well. The food that was catered was not as good as we have had in past conventions, so we would be sure to change it up at the next convention. We will revisit comments when time to plan the next convention.

**The Cluster Meetings:** We began planning for Cluster Meetings. During the convention in June, a meeting was held for the coordinators of the 5 current cluster areas. One of the requests was a theme to be chosen by the board to get everyone a place to start building from and unify us as a group even though we have no convention in 2024. The Board chose the theme from the Triennial. Hopefully materials and information can be used without special permission and we can find speakers. "Just Love " sounds like a theme that would be easy to work with . After the Triennial, we will know more and can share our information. Each board member was appointed to a Cluster and will be a liaison and mentor when needed:

Eastern Cluster: Kathy and Gaye

Osage Cluster: Janice and Gloria

Border Cluster: Rev. Dutta and Louise

Central Cluster: Jill and Susie

Western Cluster: Pat and Susie

Gloria will ask Pat to notify cluster leaders of the decision for the theme and send the names of the appointed liaisons for each cluster to work with. We will encourage each cluster to firm up a meeting date to be announced and promoted through our newsletter in January.

**Committees** : The board has 4 positions to reappoint each time after convention. They are as follows: Cluster Coordination- Pat; Justice Committee- Jill; Discipleship Committee- Rev. Dutta; Stewardship Committee- Janice.

**Triennial** : Gloria was notified to send resolutions and memorials if we have any and she sent 3 of the ones we accepted at convention to the triennial. Jill has had to decline going to triennial. We will be represented with Gloria ,Rev.Dutta, Louise, and Rhonda Schlesselman as voting members at Triennial

**Walking in the Word**: Vickie did a great job of telling the convention story with the newsletter. Please let Gloria know if you know someone who could be the editor of the WITW . Vickie would like to send out the newsletter in January instead of December. The board approved this by consensus. The newsletter will be sent out as needed to promote our organization and inform the units as to what is going on with the cluster and the Women's Synodical Organization.

**Next Meeting**: It was decided to meet via Zoom November 16 at 7:00 pm.

**Closing Prayer**: We prayed the "Lord's Prayer" together to dismiss and close the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Borgstrom, Secretary