

SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

BOARD MEETING

FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP, CRYSTAL FALLS, MI

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by President Frances Voyce.

Members present were Frances Voyce, Melzee Jacobson, Kris Carlson, Virginia Heczko, Jeannette Kuziej, Mary Lou Stefanski, and Barb Rice. Absent was Melody Kysiak. Guests present were Lois Bylund, Churchwide Representative, and Jeannie Heczko

Fran led us in an opening prayer and in the reciting of the SWO Purpose Statement

President Fran Voyce called for prayer concerns from the board members..

Devotions were led by Virginia Heczko. She shared from "Morning with Jesus 2016". The devotion focused on Job23:11, 13-14.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Virginia Heczko, supported by Melzee Jacobson. The motion carried.

President Frances Voyce introduced Lois Bylund, representative from SWO Churchwide.

The President's Report was presented by President Frances Voyce. Fran expressed thanks to the board for their support during her term as president. She has had a wonderful time during the years she has been a part of the SWO board.

Motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Melzee Jacobson, supported by Mary Lou Stefanski. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by interim treasurer Kris Carlson. *Motion to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit, was made by Virginia Heczko, supported by Mary Lou Stefanski. The motion carried.*

There was no Synod Report as Assistant to the Bishop Katherine Finegan was unable to attend. Materials from the Synod for convention and retreat were dropped off.

Committee Reports:

- Current Cluster Gathering dates and liaisons:#
 1. IGO: November 13, 2016, Zion, Ironwood
 2. Copper Country: Jeannette Kuziej. Sept. 24, 2016 Siloa Lutheran, Ontonagon, MI
 3. Headwaters: Barb Rice. October 22, 2016, Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner, WI
 4. Four Rivers: Melzee Jacobson, Oct. 15, 2016, Grace Pembine
 5. Menominee: Melody Kysiak
 6. Delta: Mary Lou Stefanski
 7. Three Lakes: Kris Carlson
 8. Superior Central: 9/25/16 Faith, Atlantic Mine
- Reports from Cluster meetings – none
- Historian: Small picture albums are still missing.

- Reflections: Due date for article submission is Nov. 15.
- Scholarships
 - We awarded 4 scholarships for retreat. One has rescinded.
 - There was one Women and Kids Scholarship awarded.
 - We awarded 4 scholarships for convention.
 - Recommendation for scholarship committee that one person be the recipient of the scholarship applications.
 - Triennial scholarships, which are due on Jan. 15, do not take advantage of the early-bird registration rate. We will alter the forms to indicate that the due date is changed to accommodate the early-bird registration.
 - *Motion was made that all documents affiliated with the convention and retreat be sent to the registrar and then the registrar will send the documents to the appropriate committee chair. The motion was supported by Mary Lou Stefanski. The motion carried.*

Old Business:

1. Justice workshop: Jeannette Kuziej attended the Justice Workshop and will be sharing her experience with the Copper Country Cluster (2) Gathering this fall.
2. Orders for blue shirts: Melzee Jacobson worked on the board t-shirts. There were complications with the silk screen process and the front of the shirt was not done. The provider gave the shirts to us and he will replace them with the correct design. We will pay a partial amount since we feel that that is the appropriate thing to do.
3. The Synod website has been updated. The Facebook group and page was discussed and will be brought up again at the next meeting
4. Jeannette Kuziej will be doing the SERRV table at convention and retreat. Board members were asked to please help as necessary.
5. Donna Ferson will be doing the Third Word Shop. Please help as necessary.

New Business:

1. Melzee will take care of Sunday's retreat offering since Kris will not be here for Sunday worship. A letter of audit has been added to the convention booklet.
2. Congregational updates: Melzee Jacobson has been in contact with the Congregational Units and has updated the data base.
3. Convention - Thanks were expressed to Melzee Jacobson and Barb Rice for the work they have done to organize convention and retreat. 31 voting members (including the board) are registered and there are 12 guests are registered.
4. Fall Retreat – 52 participants have registered. Pat Losey and Joan Jouppi are helping with registration and will refer problem issues to Melzee.
Entertainment – Lois will start off with a short presentation there will be discussion of her presentation and Melzee's session "I Am".

5. Jeannette plans on bringing a resolution that to go to the Triennial regarding racial justice in the United States.

Gifts were presented to outgoing President Frances Voyce.

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 16, 2016, following convention, Grace Lodge Commons.

Devotions for the post-convention meeting will be led by Virginia Heczko.

Closing prayers were offered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Barb Rice, secretary