VSWO

***MINUTES***

***Board of Directors***

**Meeting Date: 2/9/19**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, VSWO, was held on February 9, 2019 with board members connecting via Zoom. The meeting convened at 10 AM, President Jody Smiley presiding. Members of the Board in attendance were Michelle Poore, Linda Lowry, Sylvia Eley, Edith Blake, Bonnie Mantta and Theresa Thomas and Judy Casteele.

**Devotions:**  Sylvia opened the meeting with devotions.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 20, 2018 board meeting were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

**Convention Planning**

**Theme:** All are Welcome at the Table

**Scripture:** Galatians 3:28

**Hymn:** All are Welcome

**Love offering**: Split between a group suggested by First Norfolk and an Alzheimer’s group

**Conference roles:** Bonnie will assign responsibilities

**Lodging:** Jody will research additional hotel options.

**Workshops:** 3 workshops will be offered on Friday for participants to attend during business sessions. This includes a “deskercise” workshop by Martha last name? (Theresa/contact); Congregational Unit Ideas by Trinity, Pulaski (Erin Hagar and Linda Hawks confirmed); and Emily Pilat from the Communications Director from the Synod on improving the use of social media and communications.

Three Awareness Sessions will be held on Saturday for delegates and participants, including: Music Therapy by Becky last name? (Bonnie); Bible Study by Pastor John Wertz (Jody) and Refugees and Immigration with Fio Lewis (Judy.)

**Scheduling:** We will start at 11 a.m. on Friday with scheduled to include: presentation by churchwide rep, devotions, president’s talk, lunch for everyone with Sylvia’s presentation on racism and discrimination. The business session will be held in the afternoon while participants attend workshops

**Elections:** ThreeTriennial delegates, president, treasurer, 4 board members (3 for 2 year terms and 1 for one year term) are to be elected (Ellen Greene, Linda Lowry, Betty Deihl & Sue Skinner were suggested as Nominating Committee members)

**Love Offering:** Stewardship Committee will identify Love Offering recipient

**Special collection:** School supplies for local agencies (bring to convention)

**Chaplain:** Cathy Mims on Friday Another chaplain for Saturday? Jean Bozeman- sermon? ? (Edith will follow up)

**Entertainment:** Theresa will explore for Friday during banquet

**Caterers:** Edith, Bonnie and Sylvia will follow up

**Registration:** Jody will explore on-line registration through the synod office

**Costs covered:** Edith will work on list for CTC

**Grants:** Judy moved the money set aside for younger women participants be distributed through the Sophie Wilson Grant process. Motion seconded and carried.

 **Opening and Closing of Convention:** Ellen and Edith

 **Musicians:** Morgan Thomas will help with leading music for Holden Evening Prayer and other ways as needed. Sylvia will explore other musicians to assist.

 **Registrar:** Genie Brown

 **Parliamentarian:** Helen Weaver

 **Photographer:** Tamy Mann

 **Hotels:** Jody will follow-up

**Treasurer’s Report**

Edith Blake reviewed her written reports which included the preliminary year-end figures. Edith moved that we increase the Fair Share Travel Fund from $25 to $35. Motion seconded and carried.

**Secretary’s Report**

Call to Convention items are due by April 1 to Judy. Bulletin of Reports items are due by June 1.

**President’s Report**

* Jody shared information from the recent Synod Council meeting, including changes conference alignment and plans to reenergize the hunger and justice teams.
* Jody is chairing an Exploratory Committee for Women of the ELCA on reorganizing their business model. We were asked to consider what our lives would look like without Women of the ELCA.

**Committee Reports**

* Long Range Planning Committee – Salem Lutheran Church, Mt. Sidney, July 31 – August 1, 2020

**Old Business**

* Active Unit Assessment - We discussed the best ways to get accurate information on active units.
* Thrivent Fund – The trustee list is complete now and we are able to access our Thrivent Fund as needed.

**New Business**

* **Next meeting time and place –** Theresa will do polls for dates and places
* **Visions articles due 2 weeks following board meeting** – February 23, 2019
* **Germanna Conference Gathering on March 16** – representative needed

Jody provided a closing prayer. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held in June 2019 date to be determined.

Judy Casteele, Secretary