VSWO

***MINUTES***

***Board of Directors***

**Meeting Date: 01/21/17**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, VSWO, was held at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Charlottesville, VA on January 21, 2017. The meeting convened at 10:23 AM, President Lisa Taglauer presiding, Helen Weaver, Secretary. Members of the Board in attendance were Renée Ballentine, Vice President; Edith Blake, Treasurer; Zelda Whetzel; Michelle Poore; Linda Lowry; and Ellen Greene. Members not in attendance were: Judy Wilfong and Brenda Conway.

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the VSWO Board meeting minutes for September 9 and 10, 2016 were approved as submitted.

**Officers Reports:**

1. **President’s Report**
	1. Lisa has asked Judy Casteele if she would chair the Justice Ministry Team.
	2. Lisa attended Tidewater gathering November 5th.
	3. Will be attending Conference of Presidents February 17-19 in Chicago.
		1. Ellen will send Lisa a supply of Human Trafficking awareness bracelets to give to attendees.
		2. The conference is collecting gift cards for Beacon Interfaith (a human trafficking safehouse in Minnesota).

***Motion***: Moved by Edith Blake and seconded that “the VSWO purchase four $15 gift cards to donate to Beacon Interfaith at the WELCA Conference of Presidents.”

Motion carried.

* + 1. Lisa requested the group send any recommendations that should go before the WELCA Board.
	1. Region 9 Conference Call
		1. Lisa reported that planning for the Triennial was discussed during the call.
		2. Lisa reminded Edith to send year-end financial report to WELCA.
	2. Reviewed President’s task list.
	3. Lisa will wait until after Triennial to review and update Constitution.
	4. Long Range Planning
		1. 2018 Convention – August 3 & 4 (tentative)
		2. Suggested locations – Orkney Springs or Reformation New Market.
		3. Decision to go North in 2018 and East in 2019.
		4. Reviewed Convention site guidelines. Suggestion to add “request list of other groups/meetings that use the church on convention dates.”
1. **Treasurer’s Report** **(Report Attached)**
	1. Operating – $9319.65
	2. Betty Wilson Triennial Scholarship - $1536.00
	3. Young Women Guest Program - $622.36
	4. Came in under budget by $5,373.18 for convention expenses.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Conference Gathering dates**
	1. Central Valley at St Pauls Jerome on April 30, 2017.
	2. Richmond – Spring Gathering date and location TBD.
	3. 2017 Tidewater Conference Gathering November 4, 2017.
	4. Reviewed Conference Liaison assignments.
2. **Mission Spiritual Growth**
	1. Working on bible studies to place at tables during meals.
3. **Mission Justice**
	1. Lisa may move Ellen to Justice if Judy declines.
	2. Grace Inside – greeting cards, white envelopes, decorated paper, stick pens, pencils, forever stamps. May add personal care kits. Ellen to write article for Visions.
4. **Nominating Committee**
	1. Edith and Ellen will run for second term. Linda and Michelle are considering running again. Lisa has someone who is interested in office of President.
	2. Will need to form Nominating Committee.

**New Business:**

1. **Kristin Snelgrove resignation**

***Motion:*** Moved by Linda Lowry and seconded that “The VSWO accepts with regrets the resignation of Board member Kristin Snelgrove.”

Motion carried.

1. **Convention 2017**
	1. Pre-Convention Board meeting August 17. Convention August 18-19.
	2. Location - St. Philip Lutheran Church in Roanoke. Renée to ask Chaplain what projects/organizations the church supports. Half of love offering would be designated to this purpose and half to Katie’s fund.
	3. Renée to ask Pastor Kelly Derrick to be Convention Chaplain.
	4. Discussed hotel options – Hampton Inn, Fairfield Inn, Days Inn.
		1. All have breakfast and free wifi included.
		2. Michelle or Renée to call 3 options and request group rate. Choose two.
	5. Michelle to check maximum capacity of Fellowship Hall.
	6. Michelle to check if social event with beer and wine could be held at the church. Hotel or brewery are other options.
	7. Discussed meal planning.
	8. Theme – group decided on Renewal with Roman 12:1-2 as Convention verse. Renee to send Renewal of Spirit devotional to Chaplain for incorporation into Worship service.
	9. Discussed potential hymns.
		1. Take My Life, That I May Be
		2. Canticle of the Turning
		3. Mighty Fortress
	10. Helen will work with Linda to request representative from Sole Hope come and pick up donations. Linda to write article about service project for Visions.
	11. Ellen to contact Grace Inside to send representative to pick up donations.
	12. Edith shared Thank You notes received from Gray Haven and Safe Harbor (attached with minutes).
	13. Discussed project ideas for 2017/2018. Zelda will investigate needs in the area.
		1. Food Pantry donations.
		2. School supplies for Minnick
		3. Prayer shawls and wheelchair bags.
	14. Discussed possible speakers.
		1. Julie Swanson – Minnick schools.
		2. Lisa to check if Bishop would be keynote speaker about the Reformation.
		3. Mindy Reynolds – Healthy Congregations.
		4. Ellen Hinlicky.
		5. Speaker on Katie Luther.
		6. Group to send ideas for keynote speakers to Renee.
	15. Invites would go to Bishop and staff; Pastor Derrick’s husband who is Pastor of St Philip; and new Communications Chair of the Synod.
	16. Workshop options – send additional ideas to Lisa
		1. Bible Study.
		2. Legacy of Faith (Ellen Hinlicky).
		3. Immigration/Refugee Crisis.
		4. Childhood Hunger Task Force.
		5. Yoga, Meditation, Coloring, etc.
		6. Emerging church.
	17. Michelle and Renée to check with church regarding musicians.
2. **Fund Request**
	1. Lisa would like to make donation to Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). Discussion and decision to be made at April Board meeting.
3. **Open Discussion**
	1. Gift for Bishop Mauney on his retirement
		1. Suggestion of quilt with squares form each conference. 11 conferences and the WELCA logo – 12 total. Willl need someone to assemble.
		2. Present at Synod Assembly.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2017 in Roanoke.