VSWO

***MINUTES***

***Board of Directors***

**Meeting Date:8/17/17**

**Call to Order:** A pre-convention meeting of the Board of Directors, VSWO, was held at St. Philip Lutheran Church, Roanoke, VA on August 17, 2017. The meeting convened at 4:00pm, President Lisa Taglauer presiding, Helen Weaver, Secretary. Members of the Board in attendance were Renée Ballentine, Vice President; Edith Blake, Treasurer; Zelda Whetzel; Judy Wilfong; Ellen Greene; Michelle Poore; and Linda Lowry. Guests in attendance were Gwen Edwards; Judy Casteele; and Bonnie Mantta.

**Officers Reports:**

1. **President’s Report**
   1. Participated in June conference call of Region 9.
   2. Working on updating materials for conference coordinators.
2. **Treasurer’s Report** – Balance sheet, Profit & Loss Reports (Feb. 1st-Aug 2nd 2016)
   1. Young Women Guest Program balance $315.00.
   2. Betty Wilson Triennial Scholarship balance $850.00.
      1. Jaci St. Pierre did not attend Triennial. Sylvia Ely received funds.
      2. Betty Wilson's widow continues to donate to this scholarship so it will remain active.
   3. Operating Fund balance $14088.96.
   4. Thrivent fund - Gwen asked Board to consider the amount in the fund and if some of the money should be withdrawn and allocated for specific initiatives.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Mission Discipleship –** Display is up. Also have candy and bookmarks to hand out.
2. **Mission Stewardship –** Ellen spoke with Lynn from Grace Inside. A group needs to take donations to Charlottesville to give to her. Workshop is ready. Display table with blank hands to be completed by attendees with how their units are active. Hope some will also bring pictures to post.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. **Convention Planning**
   1. Michelle and Renee reviewed responsibilities and assignments. Will make announcements during convention.
   2. Awareness session presenters should be on-site at 9:45am Saturday to be introduced.
2. **Board member resignation** **-** Lisa Taglauer read a letter from Brenda Conway resigning her seat on the Board due to health issues.

**MOTION:** Moved by Edith Blake and duly seconded by Ellen Greene to regretfully accept Brenda Conway's resignation. Motion carried.

1. **Board Nominations**
   1. President - Jody Smiley
   2. Treasurer – Edith Blake
   3. Discussion of process for Board member nominations. No formal nominating committee had been established. Lisa will appoint a committee this evening to review the forms and report at Convention. They will determine which nominee of the two from the same unit will be presented and which will need to be nominated from the floor. Current candidates for 2-year term: Michelle Poore, Linda Lowry, Ellen Greene, Sheila Sanchez. Candidate for 1-year term: Bonnie Mantta.

**New Business:**

1. **Young Adults in Global Mission**
   1. Lisa learned of a young man from Martin Luther, Bergton who will be serving in Argentina and Uruguay. Zelda to find out if he has met his fundraising goal or still needs donations.
   2. Consider YAGM as possible love offering for next year.
2. **2018 Convention**
   1. August 3 & 4, 2018.
   2. Bethel Lutheran Church in Winchester.
   3. Convention project - suggestion of walker caddys and non-slip socks. Ellen will contact Lutheran Homes.

**MOTION:** Moved by Edith Blake and duly seconded by Linda Lowry to make walker caddys and non-slip socks the 2018 service project. Motion carried.

1. **Resolution on Board composition**
   1. Lisa received email that WELCA constitution committee had rejected VSWO Board resolution on size as vague due to included range. Helen to report result to Convention voting members.
   2. Board will make recommendation that the resolution be amended to read "6 Board member" and this will be given to Reference and Counsel.

**MOTION:** Moved by Edith Blake and duly seconded by Michelle Poore to resubmit the constitutional amendment with fixed number of 6. Motion carried.

* 1. If resolution is approved, submit to WELCA by September 15th.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Secretary Date of Approval