

Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Dakota

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2014

President Bonnie Walker called the meeting to order at 12:20pm followed by the opening prayer and introductions. The meeting was held at Al's Oasis in Oacoma with 15 members in attendance. A quorum was present.

-Members participated in Remembrance of Sister Saints (St. Andrews: Catherine Corning, Ruth Schutz; Emmanuel: Hazel Kellogg; St. Lukes: Nancy Lovaas). Prayer honoring these ladies was presented by President Walker.

- Minutes of the September 27, 2013, meeting were reviewed and accepted for file.

-Treasurer Cora Koss presented her report which was reviewed and accepted for file with two corrections: on page 1, Christ Church location is Lead, not Spearfish; on page 2, All Saints, Spearfish should be changed to All Angels, Spearfish. The 2015 budget will be prepared for presentation at the 2014 annual meeting, September 26, 2014.

-Payment of bills:

Motion by Vicki Sweet, second by Diana Regan, to pay the Al's Oasis bill for the meeting room and coffee in the amount of \$48.15. Motion passed.

Motion by Diana Regan, second by Sharon VanDoren, to pay for sample UTO materials to be used at the 2014 Diocesan Convention in the amount of \$27.42. Motion passed.

-President Walker announced Elizabeth Campbell has agreed to accept the position as the Diocese ECW Secretary and will complete the current term. In accordance with our bylaws, Elizabeth was appointed by the Executive Board and will be ratified at the next Annual meeting which is scheduled in September 2014. President Walker will take notes for the current meeting.

-Prior to committee reports, President Walker addressed the matter of committee chairmen length of service. Committee chairs are appointed by the President and they, in turn, select their committee members. Since the bylaws do not specify length of service, some members have remained on the job for many years. To avoid "burnout" and a lack of volunteers, the President recommends committee chairs be asked to serve the same amount of time as the elected Board, i.e. two years. Board members may serve two terms and, in the event of that occurring with the position of President, committee chairs should have the option of serving a second term or requesting to be relieved. President Walker will prepare a bylaws amendment relative to this issue for consideration at the Fall 2014 meeting. In the meantime, committee chairs who would like to take a break, are requested to advise President Walker prior to the annual meeting in September to permit time to identify reliefs. Next election is Fall 2015.

Committee Reports (Reports presented will be scanned and forwarded by separate e-mail.)

1. Province VI – Elizabeth Campbell (Province VI Secretary) forwarded an e-mail outlining information regarding National and Province VI future officer position needs and qualifications for the positions. President Walker previously had forwarded this e-mail to the Diocese ECW database of e-mail listings.
2. Annual Project – President Walker noted the 2014 project was chosen by the Bishop of our Companion Diocese, East Tennessee, and fundraisers throughout 2014 will support

Metropolitan Ministries of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Funds should be forwarded to ECW Treasurer Cora Koss, 23044 Palamino Lane, Rapid City, SD 57703. Cora will forward the funds to the SD Diocese who then forwards them to the East Tennessee Diocese.

Detailed information about this worthwhile organization may be found on its website:

www.metropolitanministries.org.

3. Church Periodical Club (CPC) – Judy Graves reported an ending balance of \$1,885.96. Complete report to be forwarded by separate e-mail.
4. United Thank Offering – Diana Regan reported South Dakota Diocese has received UTO grants for the past two years and she is hoping to make it a third year. Her report was very informative and will be forwarded by separate e-mail.
5. Altar Guild – Vicki Sweet reported she continues to be actively involved in transferring vestments and altar linens around the Diocese. When new vestments or altar items are purchased, the items being replaced are then made available to other churches or parishes who may need them. Vicki will bring items to the Fall meeting; her contact information is on page 3 of the minutes.
6. Women's Retreat – At the request of the ladies attending the ECW Fall 2013 meeting, Elizabeth Campbell took the reins to arrange today's retreat featuring the Reverend Portia Corbin as moderator of the program on Mary Magdalene which was divided into three presentation sessions.

-Prior to moving from the area, Holly Mosely donated \$100 to be used to support a speaker for the Women's Retreat. Today's retreat/speaker is the first one arranged since Holly's departure.

-**Motion** made by Sandra Magnavito, second by Diana Regan to present the \$100 honorarium to the Reverend Portia Corbin, funds previously donated for the Women's Retreat Speaker. Motion passed.

-The above action transpired while Reverend Corbin was absent from the room. Upon her return, the honorarium was presented.

7. Honored (Distinguished) Woman Program – Sharon VanDoren reported she is in receipt of three nominees. A committee of three reviewers was formed: Sharon VanDoren, Judy Graves, and Jeri Williams. They will announce the 2014 Honored Woman at the Fall meeting. There will then be three Honored Woman from which to select the one woman to represent the Diocese ECW at the 2015 Triennial in Salt Lake City. (Two women were selected in 2013.)
8. Scholarship Committee – Sandra Magnavito reported there are sufficient funds on hand to support awarding three \$500 scholarships. The deadline for application submissions is July 30, 2014. Her complete report will be forwarded by separate e-mail.

New Business

1. ECW Quilt is presently at Emmanuel Church in Rapid City and will be used for the May 31, 2014, ordination of Sam Adams by Bishop Tarrant. If there is a special function or event during which you would like to display this quilt, please advise Bonnie Walker. There is a quilt stand as well.
2. Diocese ECW 2015 Triennial Delegates

-**Motion** made by Cora Koss, second by Vicki Sweet to elect the following ECW members as delegates to the 2015 Triennial in Salt Lake City, Utah: Bonnie Walker, Sharon VanDoren, Elizabeth Campbell, and Judy Graves with alternates: Sandra Magnavito and Barbara Oates. Motion passed. During discussion, it was noted that Sharon VanDoren will represent UTO.

Announcements

1. Craft items are needed for the 2015 Triennial South Dakota display. Instructions for making the items are also requested. Items may be sold to support our annual fundraising project. Come to the Fall meeting with ideas or items (show & tell).
2. Ministry Weekend, May 17, 9am-3pm (CT), Trinity/Pierre, \$15, RSVP 338-9751.
3. Prayers requested for Fr. Les Campbell, Waubay, who is hospitalized with diabetes complications and is scheduled for surgery next week.

For the closing prayer, members recited the ECW prayer in unison. The meeting adjourned at 1:42pm. The next meeting is scheduled September 26, 2014, at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre. We will meet at 11am for gathering and coffee. The business meeting will start at 11:30am and anticipate lunch to be served at 12:30pm which will consist of a Classic Chef Salad (mixed greens with ham, turkey, cheese, egg, and tomatoes served with French Bread).

Bonnie C. Walker

Acting Secretary

Attendees at ECW Meeting

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