

Episcopal Church Women

of the Diocese of South Dakota

Minutes of the Annual Meeting - September 26, 2014 - Ramkota Inn, Pierre

Call to Order. President Bonnie Walker called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM with an opening prayer and introductions. Sixteen members were in attendance. Some of the others were in Pierre but attending the dedication of the Vine Deloria Center taking place simultaneously. Two great-granddaughters of Archdeacon Deloria, Marlene RunsAgainst and Maxine Packard, were in attendance at the ECW meeting.

The President stated that at the Spring Board Meeting in Chamberlain, Elizabeth Campbell had been appointed by the Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Char Clark, who resigned, and was now asking for a motion by a member for Elizabeth to serve as Secretary the remaining year.

A motion was made by Sandy Magnavito for Elizabeth Campbell to serve as Secretary until elections in 2015. Seconded and passed.

The Remembrance of Sister Saints. The President read the names of Inez Harris, Christ Church Yankton; Hazel Kellogg, Betty Furois, Joan Hughes, Nancy Oliver, and Ann Latsch, Emmanuel Rapid City; Ruth Schutz, St. Andrew's Rapid City; Edna Mae Ward and Virginia Fuhrman, All Angels Spearfish; Linda Maxwell, Monica Baer, and Janet Stearns, St. John's Deadwood; and Helen Raschke, Christ Church Lead. The moment of silence concluded with a prayer for the departed, named and unnamed. A prayer for healing was offered for Judy Graves, Church Periodical Club (CPC) Coordinator, who was not able to be present.

Minutes. Secretary Elizabeth Campbell presented the Minutes of the last meeting on May 3, 2014, that had been emailed prior to the meeting and printed for distribution for all present, for review.

Barb Oates moved to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded and passed.

Reports.

Treasurer. Cora Koss, Treasurer, could not be present for the meeting due to a family need. She sent a report for May 3 through September 26, 2014, and a proposed budget for the following Budget Year. Including the set-aside money for delegates to attend the 2015 Triennial Meeting in Salt Lake City, the current balance is \$10,251.95. The written

report is attached.

A motion was made by Sharon Van Doren to accept the Treasurer's Report with the correction of spelling of Metropolitan Ministries. Seconded and passed.

At 12:35 PM lunch was served and the meeting resumed at 1:34 PM with each member reading a motivational excerpt from women's writings. Discussion returned to the Proposed Budget for 2014-2015, which in practice extends from one annual meeting until the next. Checks may need to be written before the actual beginning of the new year to be received on a timely basis. This will not change the fact that the Annual Financial Report will follow the fiscal year (the calendar year). Also, any gifts sent in for our 2014 Annual Project - Metropolitan Ministries in Chattanooga in our Companion Diocese and which continues through the end of 2014 - will be sent/forwarded whenever they are received. The \$500 gift for this project from the churchwomen of Emmanuel has already been sent to Tennessee. Facts: 41 % of the children live in poverty, but 60% of the families need help only once during the year. A check of \$100 can often save a family from becoming homeless.

A motion was made by Sandy Magnavito to send the proposed \$100 for the United Gift for the Triennial Meeting as a memorial for Inez Harris, who loved to give to this project of the National ECW. In 2015 it will be given to the Homeless Youth Resource Center of Salt Lake City. Seconded and passed.

It was suggested we use the term "contributions" rather than "dues" in the budget.

Mary Olson moved that the Proposed 2014-2015 Budget be accepted as planned, but with the word "contributions". Seconded and passed.

Province VI. Elizabeth Campbell reported on the Annual Meeting held in Denver on September 13, 2014. The new Province Representative will be Deacon Patricia Sheldon from Nebraska. Elizabeth finished her term as Secretary, and Samar Fay from Colorado will take her place. The meeting took place at a retreat led by The Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman, author of the newly researched and published book entitled Bible Women. Fact: Only 93 women speak a total of 14,056 words, only about 1.5% of words spoken in the Bible. Not a single woman speaks in 37 books of the Bible. But the women who have words recorded were real "stand-up women" who we can look to as role models, and Lindsey focused on several of them for the retreat.

CPC. Judy Graves submitted a written Church Periodical Club Report. The balance of the CPC Fund was \$846.96 as of August 31, 2014. Expenses total \$1,084.00, including a gift of \$1000 that was given the CPC National Book Fund.

UTO. Diana Regan stated she has resigned so that someone else may have the opportunity to work with the United Thank Offering. She prepared packets for UTO Coordinators in parishes/missions and will have them available at her convention table. A total of approximately \$1.5M in was distributed last year for mission and ministry.

Altar Guild. Vicki Sweet stated she has not received many altar materials.

Spring Retreat. Sharon Van Doren reported that the Spring Retreat on Mary Magdalene presented by The Rev. Portia Corbin was very well received. Consensus seemed to be to do something similar next spring, with the first Saturday in May first choice, followed by the last weekend in April. It may be extended to begin Friday evening.

Distinguished Women. Sharon Van Doren announced that Beverly Trull of Emmanuel Rapid City was selected as the SD ECW Distinguished Woman for 2014. The women honored in the past two years were Marge Gross and June Comstock.

Scholarship. To fulfill the goal of giving out all designated gifts within the year,

Sandy Magnavito made a motion to divide the remaining \$500 in the Scholarship Fund between the two 2014 recipients, Mollie Hublou and Jani Lerback, as only two of the eight who inquired completed the required paperwork seconded and passed.

Old Business.

Annual Misson Project. A number of suggestions were made by the group for our 2015 Annual Project, which will be international ministry. Suggestions of goats/heifer programs and Ebola projects were well received, as was Episcopal Relief and Development. Because the matter of getting the money into the right hands is an issue, Bonnie will confer with Bishop Tarrant before a decision is made. *It should be noted that all Annual offerings for either the Diocesan or International Projects must be given through the Office of the Diocese of South Dakota. Annual offerings for years in which the gift is given to a ministry within the USA, the ECW Treasurer sends the check directly.* SD ECW groups are encouraged to send in their gifts for the 2014 Metropolitan Ministries Project as soon as possible.

Triennial Meeting. Bonnie Walker polled the Executive Board members to determine who would be able to attend the next Triennial. Kora Koss will not be able to attend. This leaves one of our four authorized delegate positions open for the CPC Coordinator. Sandy Magnavito and Barb Oates have volunteered to be alternates.

Bonnie requested a **motion** to approve the following delegates for the 2015 Triennial Meeting: President Bonnie Walker, Vice President Sharon Van Doren, Secretary Elizabeth Campbell, and CPC Coordinator Judy Graves; Alternates Sandy Magnavito and Barbara Oates. Motion by Vicki Sweet seconded and passed.

Each delegate will receive \$1500.00, the amount approved in the budget, and be responsible for anything spent in excess. Delegates will present a completed standard diocesan expense form with original receipts attached to the SD ECW Treasurer, Cora Koss, immediately following the Triennial. Delegates must reimburse the SD ECW for any unreceipted amount less than the \$1500 check they received. Elizabeth is also serving as Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee for the National Board for the next triennium. Bonnie showed the women a number of sample items made available by Cora Koss for the Triennial Crafts Projects tables for fundraising ideas.

New Business.

UTO Coordinator. Bonnie requested volunteers for UTO Coordinator. Barbara Oates volunteered.

Pat Michels made a motion that Barbara Oates to be named UTO Coordinator. Seconded and passed.

The Dakota Experience. An announcement was distributed and all present were invited to attend. A show of hands indicated about half of the women present have participated.

Closing. The meeting closed at 3 PM with the ECW Prayer in unison.

Bonnie had a number of gifts to distribute to attendees, including ECW pens to use for taking notes and voting.

Elizabeth Campbell, Secretary

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