

Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Dakota (*Draft*)

Minutes of the Annual Meeting - September 30, 2016 - Ramkota Inn, Pierre

Call to Order. President Diana Regan called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Invocation and Remembrance of Sister Saints. Chaplain Twilla Two Bulls read the third chapter of Acts and gave an opening reflection of changes a death makes in a family before leading prayers in thanksgiving for the work and ministry of departed sister saints, named and unnamed. Names presented were Lois Hanna, Josephine Booth, and Dorothy McMillan of St. Andrew's, and Lois Hanna, Emmanuel.

Adoption of Agenda. The agenda was adopted as presented with the addition of a report of the Province VI ECW Retreat and Meeting in August 2016. Motion by Sandy Magnavito, seconded by Jennifer Hamilton, and passed. Written minutes and reports were distributed to all present.

Introduction of Board, Members and Guests. Those present were Board President Diana Regan, Vice President and Altar Guild Coordinator Vicki Sweet, Secretary Elizabeth Campbell, Treasurer Cora Koss, Acting United Thank Offering (UTO) Coordinator Jennifer Hamilton, Church Periodical Club (CPC) Coordinator Brenda Uses Arrow, Scholarship Committee Chair Sandy Magnavito; members Lisa Kautz, Bonnie Walker, Mary Olson, Emmanuel-Rapid City; Eva Dudley, St. Andrew's-Rapid City; Carol Cloud Eagle, St. Matthew's-Rapid City; Sharon Cloud, Noreen Iyarpeya, Irene Rondell, Marie Owen, Shirley Seaboy, St. James-Waubay; Julie Gehm, Calvary Cathedral-Sioux Falls; Carol Livermont, Janet Speidel, St. Katherine's-Martin; Margaret Sager, Dode Bader, All Angels-Spearfish; Pat Michaels, Christ-Yankton; Pat Tarrant, Trinity-Pierre; Lois Kampeska, Trinity-Watertown; Marie Subiale, Fay Heise, Belle Fourche; and guests Bishop John Tarrant, Rev. Tom Campbell and Deacon Tom Regan, a total of 30 present.

Minutes. Elizabeth Campbell presented the minutes of the last meeting on April 30, 2016. With no corrections or additions, the minutes stand as written.

Reports: (Copies are attached to the minutes and available by request.)

Treasurer's Report. Cora Koss presented a report of all transactions since the last meeting and a report for the twelve months since the last Annual Meeting. Mary Olson moved the reports be accepted as written, seconded by Dode Bader and passed. The proposed budget for 2017 included a recommendation from the Executive Committee to have a separate savings account for designated funds. Moved by Jennifer Hamilton that

we “Close the checking account to open a new checking account and a savings account.” Seconded by Sandy Magnavito and passed. Bonnie Walker moved we accept the proposed budget for 2017, seconded by Sandy Magnavito, and passed.

Honored Woman of the Year. Vicki Sweet read the nomination for Elizabeth Campbell and presented her with a certificate. Her husband Tom was present, and in her honor pledged a gift to the ECW Special Project.

Guest Speakers. Following lunch, Bishop Tarrant first passed out brochures regarding how to talk to your children about Human Trafficking, part of the thrust of the recent UTO grant given jointly to the Dioceses of South Dakota and North Dakota. He also spoke about ways the church should be more intentional, to be part of the Jesus Movement. Specifically he told of great strides and corresponding needs at Thunderhead Episcopal Camp. This includes buying a tractor (which is already half funded) and completion of the other half of the outdoor basketball court, knowing that the church women would like to commit to collecting the \$3500 needed for the court. The Bishop also told of his visit to the encampment at Cannonball ND with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry the previous weekend, where the Standing Rock community is protesting a pipeline crossing through the reservation and under the Missouri River.

Deacon Tom Regan addressed the group as Coordinator for Disaster Preparedness , Response and Recovery for the diocese, and told of ways to plan in local churches. He may be contacted for consultation and assistance.

Altar Guild. Vicki Sweet stated that the most common question she gets is in regard to gluten-free bread. She also drew attention to the ECW Quilt, which is available for display at any Episcopal function. It is stored in a vault at her husband’s law office in Rapid City when not out for display elsewhere.

Scholarships. Sandy Magnavito reported that this is the first year we have ever not received a single application for scholarship funds, even though it was well advertised in the Church News and on the web-site. It was suggested that it may be helpful to provide the information to all the colleges in South Dakota, and to find new ways to bring it to the attention of priests, youth directors, and Sunday School teachers.

Church Periodical Club. Brenda Uses Arrow is the new coordinator and at the meeting received two large cartons of materials. She stated she will go through it and find items to pass out at the ECW table during convention. Donations may be given, as well. This year \$856.34 was sent to the national CPC office, and \$350 was given to reservation Sunday Schools, leaving a current balance of \$339.12. Calvary Cathedral, Christ Yankton, Emmanuel Rapid City, and St. Luke’s Hot Springs have contributed \$304.33 so far this

year from their Miles of Pennies collections.

United Thank Offering. Jennifer Hamilton passed out a fact sheet showing that South Dakota contributed \$7156.15 to the total national 2015 UTO collection \$1.2M. Everyone was reminded that the Fall UTO Ingathering needs to be sent to the Diocesan Financial Office by November 15 to allow it to be recorded and forwarded to the national UTO office for 2016.

Province VI Report. Dode Bader told of the August 19-20 Provincial Retreat and Meeting at St. Matthew's Andrew's in Rapid City. Dode recounted that it was a rich time of spiritual growth and fellowship for those in attendance. Break-out meetings for ECW ministries were held for Presidents, UTO Coordinators and members. Appreciation was extended to both parishes for their wonderful hospitality, and to everyone who helped make the weekend a success. Next year's meeting is scheduled for August 18-20, 2017, in Chadron NE with the Rev. Canon Liz Easton, and all are invited. Prior to that, Wyoming ECW extends an invitation to all for a retreat in Casper Apr28-30, 2017.

Old Business:

2015 Annual Special International Mission Project. A total of \$1745 was mailed to the Al Ahli Episcopal Hospital in Gaza, in the Diocese of Jerusalem.

2016 Annual ECW Special Project. Tec was chosen as this year's project at the ECW Spring Meeting. Just recently at a TEC Board Meeting it was suggested that perhaps ECW would take on the task of raising money to complete the basketball court. After discussion it was the consensus that we can collect the \$3500 needed. The President suggested that everyone hold a TEC Sunday in their individual parishes to raise funds. Bonnie Walker moved that "Policies & Procedures be changed to list the rotation of special projects as international/South Dakota/companion diocese." Seconded by Robin Bowen, and passed.

New Business:

Website. Two errors still exist in the ECW link of the Diocese of South Dakota website. The new 2015 Bylaws have not replaced the old ones, and it is incorrect to send Special Project and Scholarship money to the Diocesan Financial Office – it should always be sent to our ECW Treasurer, Cora Koss, along with donation dues, memorials and other gifts to ECW. The correct information will be submitted again. (Only UTO and CPC donations are sent to Randy Barnhardt so that he acknowledge them in the Church News and send them on to the The Church Center in New York City – he forwards all other funds to Cora Koss.)

Niobrara Convocation. Twilla Two Bulls invited all to attend Convocation at Red Shirt

Table, Pine Ridge, June 22-25, 2017. Presiding Bishop Curry is scheduled to be there, and Twilla hopes to complete her studies at Vancouver Seminary and made Deacon.

Triennial Meeting Delegates. The President announced that we will elect our delegates to the TM to be held in Austin TX July 5-13, 2018, at our 2017 Spring Meeting. Vicki mentioned that it is traditional for the President to lead the delegation and for the UTO Coordinator to attend to present the South Dakota offering at the Sunday UTO Ingathering at the General Convention. The other two positions are usually filled by board and/or other members. Anyone interested should talk to Diana or Vicki.

Nominating Committee. Vicki Sweet presented the slate of Elizabeth Campbell for Secretary and Cora Koss for Treasurer, as they are both eligible to serve one more term and have consented to do so. There were no nominations from the floor. As a Committee recommendation, no motion was required and the slate was approved unanimously. (Both the President and Vice President have served only one year of their first two year terms.)

Audit Committee. The President appointed Sandy Magnavito and Mary Olson to serve on the Audit Committee. With our new Bylaws and P&P the Treasurer will prepare an annual financial report at the end of the calendar year to submit to the Audit Committee for review before reporting to the Spring Meeting.

Next Spring Meeting. The President suggested that we move our Spring Meeting to Trinity Church, Pierre, on May 6, 2017. We have been invited by the Rector, the Rev. Mercy Hobbs, and it will not only make our meeting site more central but we can supply our own food, such as pizza, for lunch to cut costs. This was enthusiastically welcomed by the group.

Closing. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM and the Chaplain led the ECW Prayer in unison for closing.

Elizabeth Campbell, Secretary

Note: Following the 2016 Diocesan Convention the Website is being totally updated and the new address will be [www:episcopalchurchsd.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsd.org). If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Diana Regan.