**DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

**FALL MEETING**

**THESE ARE UNAPPROVED MINUTES** FOR APPROVAL/CORRECTION AT THE SPRING MEETING, 10:00 A.M., SAT., APRIL 24TH, AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL, PIERRE.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020**

**VIA ZOOM AND TELEPHONE**

SCHEDULED TIME: 9:00 A.M., MOUNTAIN;

10:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME

1. CALL TO ORDER—President Eileen Grinnell, 9:01 a.m., Mountain Time.

2. INVOCATION—Holly Mosely said the official ECW prayer:

*Almighty God,*

*We pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry to the world.*

*We give thanks for the gifts of joy and wonder to be found in your works.*

*Make us thankful for the power of your love, given through your Son, Jesus,*

*That we may pray, labor, and give liberally to make known this love throughout the world.*

*Bless us that our lives may shine forth the joy and wonder we share in your name.  Amen.*

3. ROLL CALL, OFFICERS PRESENT: President Eileen Grinnell (St. Matthews, Rapid City), Vice-President Holly Moseley (All Saints, Spearfish), and Treasurer Lisa Kautz Fischer (Emmanuel, Rapid City). Secretary Irene Rondell (St. James, Enemy Swim/Waubay) is not present; Deanna Stands (Woniya Wakan Holy Spirit, Wagner) is recording minutes this meeting.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT FROM:

Emmanuel, Rapid City: Jackie Newel, Vicki Sweet, Mary Olson, Bonnie Walker

St. Andrew, Rapid City: Sandy Magnavito

All Angels, Spearfish: Diana Regan

Lead-Deadwood: Diana Mathisrud

St. Luke, Hot Springs: Rebekah Gable, Barb Ditmanson

Church of Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls: Deacon Judy Graves

14 total ECW present via Zoom or telephone.

4. SECRETARY’S REPORT—Correction to Scholarship Report. Sandy said that *she had invited last year’s extra applicant, Madiera Lister, Church of All Angels, Spearfish, to reapply. Rhonda Morse, who works with the Sudanese congregation was sent application forms.* MOTION by Vicki Sweet, seconded by Sandy Magnavito, to accept minutes with correction as noted, majority accepted.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT—Lisa Kautz, now Lisa Fischer, said the ECW checking account was at $4,138.57. The check to Al-Ahli Hospital, Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, serving the Gaza Strip, has cleared and that amount was $1,075.55. In answer to questions about dues ($4, not $5 per member), it is called “contribution” or “donation” and that individuals or churches can send that in to the ECW Treasurer for ECW projects. The Diocese gives $2000 towards ECW scholarships and help with Triennial. Churches are always welcome to send donations to the Diocese to help with Triennial costs. MOTION to accept this report by Vicki Sweet, seconded by Sandy Magnavito, majority accepted.

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE—Lisa Kautz Fischer, Diana Regan, and Sandy Magnavito will work on a proposed budget for 2021 and email it within three weeks to the officers. President Eileen tabled the report of the Finance Committee until the Spring meeting.

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7. ELECTIONS—MOTION by Mary Olson, seconded by Lisa Kautz Fischer, to keep Holly Moseley as ECW Vice-President, majority accepted.

MOTION by Bonnie Walker, seconded by Barb Ditmanson, to accept Eva Gilbert as ECW Treasurer on condition if Eva wants to be, majority accepted.

MOTION by Rebekah Gable, seconded by Bonnie Walker, for Deanna Stands to fill in as ECW Secretary for one year in keeping with election schedule, majority accepted. ELECTIONS CONCLUDED.

8. HONORED WOMAN: The person honored will be attending Triennial. Jean Lacher and Marilyn Jones were latest Honored Women. It is the responsibility of the ECW Vice-President, Holly Moseley, to find candidates. Holly, Vicki Sweet, and Jackie Newel will work on finding candidates and ask them to submit a 100-word limit biography. There are no criteria for this honor, but it’s about their character in the local church and broader areas. President Eileen asked that a report be ready by the Spring meeting.

9. ANNUAL PROJECT—The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Camp, Enemy Swim, Sisseton Mission, is the ECW project this year. Funds can be sent to the ECW Treasurer from now until the Spring meeting to support this project. The funds will be dispersed then to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Camp.

10. SCHOLARSHIP—Sandy Magnavito had said what the correction was to the Spring Meeting minutes, namely that: “Sandy Magnavito has invited last year’s extra applicant, *MADIERA LISTER, CHURCH OF ALL ANGELS, SPEARFISH, TO REAPPLY.* Rhonda Morse, who works with the Sudanese congregation at the Church of the Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls, *WAS SENT APPLICATION FORMS.*” There was no other Scholarship business to report. MOTION to accept this report by Deacon Judy Graves, seconded by Lisa Kautz Fischer, majority accepted.

11. CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB (CPC)—Deacon Judy Graves, State CPC Director and National CPC Board member representing Province VI, said that South Dakota sent $584.88 to CPC. On the national level, each seminarian received $800.00 from CPC funding. The National CPC will be having a raffle. End of report, no motion needed.

12. ALTAR GUILD—(copied from Holly’s meeting agenda email of Nov. 20, 2020) Here is the Altar Guild report:

Many of the churches in the Diocese have not been gathering for “in church” services the past eight months. The ministry of the Altar Guild has continued by the preparation for services may have changed for some churches. The most notable change has been the absence of wine with only wafers being given for the Eucharist. “Spiritual Communion” has been offered as a way of offering the wine. You would observe in some of the “in church” services, the cruet of wine is seen on the altar as a symbol and only the presiding priest is consuming the wine.

 There has not been any communication requesting any Altar Guild needs by any parish since our last meeting in June. There are still bestments, altar supplies (candles etc.) and altar linens available by request.

 The ECW Quilt remains on display in Pierre at Trinity Church. If any parish is interested in displaying the quilt in your church, please contact Mercy Hobbs, Trinity Pierre, or me, Vicki Sweet, Emmanuel Rapid City.

Vicki Sweet

Altar Guild Representative (No motion needed)

13. UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)--Linda Simmons, chairperson, wants to be relieved of her duties. Diana Mathisrud volunteered to be the ECW UTO chairperson and has been appointed by ECW President Eileen to do so. The UTO materials are currently at St. Andrew’s, Rapid City.

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14. RECOGNIZING OUR DECEASED SISTERS: Let us bow our heads and remember our friends.

From All Angels, Spearfish: Annette Jenkins (103 years old), Phyllis Wipf, Beulah McKay.

From St. John’s, Deadwood: Nora Hussey (105 years old).

From Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls: Alice Just, Ferne Korkow.

From Emmanuel, Rapid City: Sandy Claussen, Judy Gallswyk, Babs Maldeis, Marilyn Jones,

 Bernie Breitkopf.

From Standing Rock Mission: Patty Dedman.

From St. Paul’s, Brookings: Jean Lacher.

15. RECOGNIZING OUR ACTIVE AND RETIRED MILITARY WOMEN: Let us give thanks to those who serve and have served.

From Emmanuel, Rapid City: Bonnie Walker, Retired, Navy.

16. PARISH ACTIVITIES:

--Diana Mathisrud said that (Lutheran?) Grace Church has a blessing box filled with either food/supplies. People take or leave what they want.

--Deanna Stands said Woniya Wakan (Holy Spirit), Wagner, had a free rummage in June. It was held in the parking lot with tables far apart.

--Vicki Sweet reported that Emmanuel, Rapid City, has held an ECW meeting in person using social distancing, wearing a mask, and no eating. Bonnie Walker also said there’s a virtual coffee hour from

9:15-9:45 on Sundays.

--Sandy Magnavito reported that ECW St. Andrew’s partnered with a small home-school co-op to provide after school help for 8-10 children who work on school subjects with a family member and their teacher online. Safety measures are also used.

--Diana Regan said that 18 Episcopalians at West Hills Village, Spearfish, partake in a Holy Eucharist service provided by her husband, Deacon Tom Regan on Sunday at 9:00 and 10:00. He is authorized to do so under “Communion under special circumstances.”

--Holly knows of someone who writes 100 letters a month!

17. NEXT MEETING DATE: SPRING MEETING, Saturday, April 24th, 10:00, to be held at Trinity Church, Pierre. Eileen or Holly will contact Rev. Mercy Hobbs to ask if Trinity is available then.

18. CLOSING PRAYER offered by Vicki Sweet.

19. ADJOURNMENT at 10:37 Mountain Time.

Submitted by Deanna Stands (emailed to Eileen and Holly 11/24/2020)