

**Episcopal Church Women of the
Diocese of South Dakota**

ECW Meeting – May 6, 2017

1. Invocation – read by Jennifer Hamilton
2. Adoption of Agenda – Jennifer Regan moved /Joanne Edstrom second; Passed.
3. Introduction of Board, Members and Guests.

Diana Regan –All Angels, ECW President
Jennifer Hamilton – All Angels
Vicki Sweet – Emmanuel, ECW Vice President and Altar Guild Coordinator
Michelle Feiszli – Emmanuel, ECW Acting Secretary
Cora Koss, Emmanuel , ECW Treasurer
Lisa Kautz – Emmanuel, UTO Coordinator
Pat Tarrant – Diocese of SD, Guest speaker
Rev. Mercy Hobbs –Pierre, Priest, Trinity Church
Joanne Edstrom –Emmanuel, ECW
Margaret Vranish – St Andrews
Sandy Magnavito – St. Andrews, Scholarship chair
Robin Bowen
Sonia Rouillard-St. James Enemy Swim Church
Valerie Augustson
Noreen Iyarpeya – St James Church, Jr. Warden
Shirley Seaboy- St. James-Waubay Church
Irene Rondell – St. James-Waubay Church, Secretary/Treasurer ECW,
church secretary & Senior Warden

4. Minutes read by Michelle Feiszli, acting secretary. Sandy Magnavito moved /Vicki Sweet 2nd; Passed.
5. Treasurer's Report – Pat Tarrant moved/Margaret Vranish 2nd; Passed.
 - Transfer \$1500 from checking to savings account – Cora Koss moved/Jen Regan 2nd; Passed.

6. Scholarship – Sandy Magnavito – Explained the application process, guidelines, & FIRM deadline of July 1st. Application is available online. Carol Cloud Eagle was added to scholarship committee, Michelle Feiszli also agreed to serve. Only one application has been received for scholarship this year. An announcement for church bulletins will be written with web address, details, & deadline to increase applicant numbers.

- If there's only one applicant? That applicant gets all the money? Joanne Edstrom moved/Vicki Sweet 2nd. DISCUSSION – Sandy explained she raised money at convention one year when there were more applicants than money. Questions were raised if the money could be used for out-of-state schools. The student is encouraged to apply under “special circumstances” and the committee can discuss at the Fall meeting. Motion was withdrawn. Decision how to distribute scholarship money was deferred to the Fall meeting.

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7. UTO Report – given by Lisa Kautz. Retro boxes were handed out.
8. CPC – New chairman Brenda Uses Arrow sent a letter. Diana Regan read the letter regarding an order for materials to be passed out at Diocesan Convention & Niobrara Convocation. Shipping for the two combined orders is \$30.00 (\$15.00 each order) and dues are \$20. Information was given to Cora Koss to send the check for supplies and dues to national CPC organization. Brenda was questioning how to contact Mission churches. Group Email is being generated. Robin does newsletter for mission churches. Brenda's report will be sent to Marlys for the diocesan newsletter.

- Miles for Pennies. Children's materials – Sunday school supplies. Different funding monies from the CPC.
 - CPC – on the website. Seminary students, prayer books, grants from CPC for adult education,
9. Altar Guild – given by Vicki. Altar guild questions and information about altar supplies are communicated to/from churches by Vicki. Vestments, candles, etc. not being used by a church can be brought to convention for other churches to use as they need. Gluten Free wafers are available to churches who desire that.
10. Honored Woman – April 15th due date. No names were submitted this year. The previous two years honored women are Doris Hicks and Elizabeth Campbell. Our chosen women for the Triennial Conference will be chosen at the Fall meeting. We need to present their letters of recommendation to attending members so that they can vote at the Fall annual meeting.
11. Annual Mission Project – Becca Stevens from **Thistle Farms** spoke in Casper, WY. Diana was not able to attend because of weather. Thistle Farms is a Sanctuary for victims of abuse, addiction, trafficking, etc. Women and men can live there for up to 2 years to recover. It was considered as our project for the coming year.
- Choosing a national project within the borders of the US. We would like to see a change of “Companion Diocese” (Tennessee) to “National” in the Policies & Procedures. Motion made by Michelle, 2nd Sandy M. DISCUSSION – Clarification of whether or not it must be an Episcopal organization. Motion

passed. Final approval of this change will be voted on in the Fall/Annual meeting.

TEC = SD Diocese project 2016 \$7,969.00 raised by ECW. Challenge was \$3,500.00

- “National” = Thistle Farms has been suggested as a national project. More info can be found at: <https://thistlefarms.org>. Please submit other national project suggestions to Diana at tregan@rushmore.com.

12. Pat Tarrant – “Faith Journey... So far...”

This story begins at the intersection of her journey with SD ECW – the election of Bishop Tarrant. They established themselves in the community, and began volunteering instead of working in order to be able to travel together. Demands of a BUSY bishop are many: of the 79 congregations, 54 are native, 1 is Sudanese, 2 are in NE & 1 is in MN just over the state line. 20 churches do not have indoor plumbing! (Thankfully, she spared us the outhouse stories 😊). She stressed the importance of time spent together travelling – 35,000 miles a year! While the liturgy is the same, the churches, people, ministries, music, food, & bulletin boards are diverse. Described herself as an EFM addict, on her second round of training; digging deeper into our faith. Believes in care for “mother earth” and Franciscan spirituality – God in everything! All things have a purpose on our planet... except the tic?! (laughs.)

Pat states, “We are hard-working Episcopal women... getting many jobs done... together.” On of the lessons learned in ECW, *hands* are a powerful symbol of love and service of our Creation. Shared a meditation: Joanna Macey (Buddhist) “Hands of Service.” Within a cloud of witnesses we are building a culture of sanity, decency, and beauty. We are together in service to our world. Hands connected together to include our brothers and sisters and all things in this world. Conscious intentional choices of the mind, and work of human hands in love and compassion, ensure a world for our grandchildren’s children. It is a co-creation of a world of beauty, justice, & love.

Business Meeting

Old Business

1. TEC Basketball Court report – \$7969 was raised, exceeding the \$3500 challenge.

Allowed the court and seating to be finished. The adjusted total cost of the project was \$7765.

2. Yearly letter sent to all church women – will also be posted on the website.

<http://episcopalchurchsd.org/>

New Business

3. Audit completed by Sandy and Margaret. They report “all is well.”
4. Secretary resignation – Elizabeth Campbell on national UTO board means she’ll be gone for the next three SD-ECW meetings. President R. read Elizabeth’s letter of resignation. Michelle Feiszli nominated to fulfill EC duties as secretary. Valerie Augustson moved/Sonia Rouillard 2nd; Passed.
5. Delegates for Triennial Meeting July 5-13th. – Will vote for these people in September at the fall meeting. There is a \$1500 expense stipend available to each delegate; we are allowed 4 delegates. Diana Regan, Sandy Magnavito, Brenda Uses Arrow, Note: ANYONE can go to the Triennial; you don’t have to be a delegate. You can pay the daily pass each day.
6. Choose Honored Woman
 - To be honored at the Triennial Meeting July 5-13, 2018

- Biographies of Doris Hicks (2015) & Elizabeth Campbell (2016) will be posted on the website and listed in the SD Church News. Information is due August 10th to be printed in the September edition of the SD Church News.
7. Niobrara Convocation – Twila Two Bulls will be ordained Saturday, June 24th. See the information sheet supplied by Marty Garwood.
 8. Annual Project: to be decided at Fall annual meeting.
 9. Dues Evaluation – Contribution by each church in SD is currently \$3 for each woman in the church. There has not been a raise since 1938. A proposal to increase the contribution to \$5 will be voted on at the Fall meeting.
 10. Province VI Retreat – Aug 18-20th 2017 – location TBA in Nebraska. “Holy Ground; Encountering Jesus in Sacred Geography” with Reverend Canon Liz Easton.
 11. Fall ECW meeting – Friday, Sept 29th 11:00am at Trinity Church, Pierre – ECW will be eating at the picnic lunch with all other Episcopal ministries in attendance at Noon.
“Thank Goodness I’m an Episcopalian!”

Closing prayer read in unison. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

November

Fall UTO In-gatherings should be completed and CPC March of Pennies offerings also collected to send to the Diocesan Financial Office by November 15. This allows funds to be forwarded to the national offices of the Episcopal Church early in December to assure each mission or parish will be given credit for the current year.

Donations for the current ECW Special Project, Scholarships, 2017 dues donations and other gifts should be sent to ~~Cora Koss~~, diocesan ECW Treasurer, to assure that funds are deposited to include in the ECW annual report. *our new treasurer name and address*

December

Episcopal Church Women's groups should complete an annual report of elections, ministries, other activities and finances to present to their congregation at the next Annual Mission/Parish Meeting.

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