

Episcopal Church Women Diocese of South Dakota

Fall Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Episcopal Church Women Diocese of South Dakota was called to order at 11:00 CST on September 29, 2017 at Trinity Church in Pierre by President, Diana Regan.

Invocation

The invocation was read in unison, lead by Vicky Sweet, Vice President.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was distributed and reviewed, no additions made.

Present

The board members and guests were introduced.

Diana Regan President, Vicky Sweet Vice President, Michelle Feiszli Secretary (absent, filling in Jennifer Regan Hamilton), Cora Koss Treasurer.

Special Guests: Heather Bauer - President of Provence VI, Beth Agar- Proven VI Representative to National ECW.

Secretary's Report – Jennifer Regan Hamilton

Minutes from previous ECW meeting were distributed, read aloud, and corrections made.

Motion made by Sandy Magnavito to approve previous meeting minutes with corrections, second by Cora Koss, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Proposed budget was distributed and discussed. **Motion** made by Joann Edstrom to adopt budget, second by Lisa Kautz, motion passed.

- \$6,000 will be used for the delegates attending the Triennial meeting in Austin, TX in July, 2018.
- Currently \$3.00 per women per church is donated to the ECW for membership. Further discussion in new business.

Scholarship Committee Report- Sandy Magnavito

The committee summary was distributed and discussed.

- No scholarship applications were received in 2016. The monies allocated for that year remained in the scholarship fund. With better notification of scholarship availability, four applications were received in 2017.
- Sandy summarized who each applicant was. The committee made the decision to award each applicant a scholarship, using funds from 2016 and 2017.

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- Decisions on how to distribute the scholarship funds is up to the committee. The guidelines are available on the ECW web page.
- Additional scholarship opportunities were discussed.

United Thank Offering (UTO)- Lisa Kautz

A summary of all monies donated were summarized. Not all Church's donations are included; some have their In Gatherings in the Fall. Each ECW is encouraged to verify that their funds are correct. Any questions should be directed to Lisa.

- Spring donation amounts were published in the Church News. Diana will verify this was done.
- UTO brochures and boxes are available to bring back to your churches. Persons are encouraged to take them rather than requesting mailing the items. These will also be available at the convention.
- A UTO letter with general information is available. If you are available, please contact Lisa.
- Elizabeth Campbell has just returned from the National UTO meeting in Baltimore where she was an advocate and representative to the Senate to show that the Episcopal Church provides a lot of support to those in need. The UTO would like to double their funds this year. Elizabeth will submit the Chairman UTO summary to Diana.

Church Periodical Club (CPC) Chairperson- Brenda Uses Arrow

Brenda was not present to present summary.

- A \$20.00 annual membership due for the Periodic Club representation is paid by ECW.
- A CPC table is set up at the Ramkota during convention.

Altar Guild- Vicky Sweet

The purpose of the Altar Guild representative is to help bring information to persons/guilds in need. At times new persons will volunteer but materials for training are not available. Vicky is a resource for questions and she can refer to where requested information or items may be found.

- Donated items are available "free for the taking", candle holders, extra linen- need minor repair but usable, etc.
- There are publications also available, Epistle Quarterly for example. If interested, contact Vicky.

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Honored Women- Vicky Sweet

Each year an Episcopal woman is selected to be in the running to be selected as the Honored Woman represented at the Triennial General Convention. We only have 2 women who were nominated, Doris Hicks and Elizabeth Campbell. A summary for each woman was distributed and read aloud.

- Applications for 2017 Honored Women are to be submitted to Vicky Sweet by April 15, 2018. Guidelines for nominating a woman were handed out, this is available on our web page or contact Vicky Sweet.
- Vicky encouraged everyone to make a nomination, a woman needs to be selected in 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- The Honored Women will be selected today during new business.

Annual Project- Diana Regan

The annual project last year was a basketball court for Thunderhead Episcopal Church camp (TEC). We will be discussing and voting for the next year's project during new business.

Lunch Break 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM

ECW will join "It's Great to Be an Episcopalian" lunch held in Trinity Church's parish hall.

Guest Speaker- Beth Agar "Update on Province VI"

Beth is the Representative to the National ECW Board. She spoke about the province structure, purpose and her duties.

- Seven states are in Province VI which include Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming. There are 9 provinces in the US.
- Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming have an ECW representative. ND and MN do not have a current representative but working towards this.
- The province meets 9 times in each triennium.
- The Triennial Convention is July 5 -13, 2018 in Austin, Texas.
 - Province members are elected during this meeting. The members consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Social Justice Chairperson.
 - If you would like to make a nomination, please contact Beth.
- Special Projects were discussed.
 - Trinity Shower Ministry- Austin TX
Provide toiletries for homeless. Survival kits are provided- includes toiletries, flip flops, summer related items, etc. Items are put into quart sized Zip Lock bags and distributed to those in need. Delegates are encouraged to donate to this project. Items can be brought to convention or purchased once arrived in TX.

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- Community First Village- Austin TX
 - This community provides housing, mental and physical health providers, a safe place and community for the homeless. Helping them get back on their feet. Applicants must apply, be drug and alcohol free, make a commitment, pay rent, and participate in the community.
 - More information about Community First is available on their website.
<https://mlf.org/community-first/>
- The Communiqué is a quarterly publication for the Episcopal Church Women. If you would like to receive this, sign up on their website
<https://www.ecwnational.org/twentytwelve/communique/>. If you do not have internet access, Diana will sign you up.
- Beth reports the Episcopal Church Women are alive and well!

Old Business

- The ECW special project last year was the TEC basketball court. The project was completed with a court, hoops and 13 benches donated by Gus Kruscamp. Diana will publish a thank you letter to the donors and contributors in the SD Church News.
- The 145th Niobrara Convocation was held June 22-27, 2017 at Red Shirt Table.
 - The National Bishop, Michael Curry was there.
 - Twila Two Bulls was ordained, Deacon.
- Province VI retreat was held August 18-20, 2017 in Chadron, Nebraska.
- ECW Annual dues
 - Since 1928 the annual ECW fee has been \$3.00 for each woman. This is a voluntary donation.
 - Discussion about increasing the fee to \$4.00 is discussed. A **Motion** was made by Sandy Magnavito to increase dues to \$4.00 for each episcopal woman, second by Mistie Caldwell, motion passed.
 - An article will be written by Fay Hersey to be published in ECW about the increase in fees, the mission of ECW, and what the monies are used for.
 - Fees are to be sent to Treasurer, Cora Koss.

New Business

- Honored Woman
 - Nominations Doris Hicks and Elizabeth Campbell were thanked for their contributions.
 - Each person present was asked to write the woman's name that they would like selected, these were collected and tallied by Vicky Sweet.

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- Elizabeth Campbell was selected as the Honored Woman to be represented at the Triennial Convention.
- ECW Quilt
 - Quilt squares were made in 1987 by each parish.
 - This travels around the state to parish's wishing to display it. It has been at the Cathedral and will be going to St James, Enemy Swim.
 - If you would like to display the quilt, contact Vicky Sweet.
- Triennial Delegates
 - ECW provides \$1,500 for 4 women delegates to attend the Triennial Convention. The registration fee is also paid by ECW.
 - Two rooms have been reserved for the 4 attending women.
 - The tentative convention schedule is available on the National ECW Site.
 - Selected delegates can work together to decide the dates they are able to attend and the portions they wish to attend. They are encouraged to attend at least the woman's portions.
 - There is a "Share Fare" where groups are able to display their church/state items. If decided to do a display, Mistie Caldwell volunteered to work on this and discuss with Diana.
 - A ***motion*** was made by Sharon L Cloud to nominate Diana Regan, Sandy Magnavito, Brenda Uses Arrow, Michelle Feiszli, and Elizabeth Regan (as an alternate) to attend Triennial and receive funding, second by Virginia Traversie, motion passed. Elizabeth Campbell will be attending as a UTO Board Member and Honored Woman.
- Annual Project
 - The current ECW cycle names need to change; currently listed as State (SD), Companion Church (Tennessee), and National.
 - The executive committee met and made the following recommendation for cycle order and name, using technical names and those on the national website:
 - Episcopal Dioceses of South Dakota (State)
 - The Episcopal Church (National)
 - The Anglican Communion (International)
 - We will need to select a special project for the Anglican Communion (International).
 - Previously suggested Thistle Farms by Diana. A suggestion was made by Elizabeth to select Puerto Rico Church. Their church and community were severely damaged by hurricane Maria.
 - A ***motion*** was made by _____ to select the Puerto Rico Church as the next ECW special project, second by Vicky Sweet, motion passed.

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- The local bishop The Right Reverend Rafael Morales Maldonado will be the contact for the project.
- Money collected should be sent to Cora Koss quarterly indicating special project.
- Election of Officers
 - Current positions open for nominations and elections are President and Vice President.
 - The by laws were reviewed, the positions are held for two years and may be re-elected for another two years.
 - A ***motion*** was made by Robin Bowen to re-elect Diana Regan as President and Vicky Sweet and Vice President, second by Barbara Ditmanson, motion passed. Diana and Vicky both accepted.
 - Next year the treasurer and secretary will position will be elected.
- Spring ECW Meeting
 - The spring ECW meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM (CST) at Trinity Church, Pierre.
- Additional Items
 - A Nomination Committee of 3 members is needed. Vicky Sweet, Verbina McMath, and Robin Bowen volunteered to serve on this committee.
 - Father Charlie Chang from Sisseton is selling honey for \$6.00 per 6 oz. bottle.
 - ECW card with the Church Woman's prayer was requested by Joann Edstrom.
 - SD Church News is published 4 times each year.
 - 32 women were present at this meeting.
- ECW Webpage
 - <https://episcopalchurchsd.org/ecw/>

Closing Prayer

The Episcopal Church Women's prayer read in unison.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM by President, Diana Regan. The next general meeting will be at 11:00 AM (CST) on May 5, 2018, at Trinity Church, Pierre.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Regan Hamilton

Approved by: Diamond Regan, President