

Episcopal Church Women Diocese of South Dakota
Spring Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Episcopal Church Women Diocese of South Dakota was called to order at 11:10 on May 5, 2018 at Trinity Church in Pierre by President, Diana Regan.

Bishop Tarrant greeted the members and briefly spoke about the process of searching for the next bishop. Things are proceeding as expected, the next committee meeting is the last weekend in May. His retirement date is 6/30/19. His last activity as bishop will be the Niobrara Convocation.

Invocation

The invocation was read by Jennifer Hamilton.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Present

The present members each introduced themselves. Board members present Diana Regan, President, Vicky Sweet, Vice President, Michelle Feiszli (moving out of state- minutes taken by Jennifer Hamilton), Cora Koss Treasurer.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the previous ECW meeting were distributed, read aloud, and corrections made. Motion made by Lisa Kautz to approved minutes with corrections, second by Sandy Magnavito, motion passed. Corrections will be forwarded to Diana.

Treasurer's Report

A summary of the budget was distributed and discussed. Motion made by Jennifer Hamilton to accept the report, second by Lisa Kautz, motion passed.

- St. James dues were turned into Cora.
- Checks for Triennial meeting were given to delegates.
- Sharon asked about an ECW pin and where they can be purchased. They are available at <https://episcopalshoppe.com/episcopal-church-women-pin-ecw-small/>

Scholarship Committee Report- Sandy Magnavito

- Michelle Feiszli, a committee member, will soon be moving. Her position will need to be filled.
- Applications are available on the website. None received to date.
- Deadline is July 31, 2018

United Thank Offering- Lisa Kautz

- A summary of UTO donations was distributed. If a church's donation is not posted, please let Lisa know.

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- \$6,694.40 was donated. 100% of the monies collected goes towards grants.
- Envelopes, boxes, brochures are available today to bring back to churches.
- Lisa notified the board she will no longer be able to continue as the UTO chairperson. A volunteer is needed.

Church Periodical Club- Brenda Uses Arrow

- This club collects money to help with the cost of printed materials.
- In the past, the club had boxes to collect pennies (similar to UTO). Diana will check to see if those are still available.
- Brenda notified the board she will no longer be able to continue as the Periodical Club chairperson. A volunteer is needed.

Alter Guild- Vicky Sweet

- Materials are available and Vicky is available to answer questions as needed.
- It was brought to Vicky's attention the ECW quilt is not at St. James, Enemy Swim. She will look into this and track it down.

Honored Woman- Vicky Sweet

- Four nominations have been received for the Honored Woman position. Jean Lacher-Brookings, Beth Moderger-Kathol- Yankton, Margaret Vranish- St Andrews Rapid City, and Mara Vucurevich- Emmanuel Rapid City.
- Vicky and Sandy read the biographies for each woman
- Voting will take place during new business.

Annual Project- Diana Regan

- Our current project is in The Episcopal (National) and is to collect funds to be sent to Puerto Rico Church. Their church and community were severely damaged by hurricane Maria.
- \$2541.41 has been collected and sent to their local bishop, The Right Reverend Rafael Morales Maldonado.
- Next cycle for our annual project will be a state project; Episcopal Dioceses of South Dakota. Members are asked to bring suggestions to the fall meeting.

Lunch Break 12:45-1:15 PM

Pizza was ordered and donations collected to cover the expense. Excess collected money will be deposited into the ECW funds.

Business Meeting

Guest Speaker- The Reverend Twilia Two Bulls was invited to speak about "Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). She was unable to attend due to family needs.

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Old Business

- Dues Evaluation- ECW member dues were increased to \$4.00.
- Episcopal web page- <https://episcopalchurchsd.org/ECW/>
- Diana mailed an informational letter to 100 women on 2/1/18. If any member, who did not receive a letter, would like to be included- notify Diana.

New Business

Audit

- The audit will be done prior to the fall meeting- Kora will be handling this.

Policy and Procedure update

- Diana recommended updating the policy and procedures for when a board member's term is done. A **Motion** was made by Jennifer Hamilton to allow board members to stay active until the end of the year allowing them to complete reports, hand over information, and train the incoming member who will fill the position responsibilities on January 1st. The motion was seconded by Lisa Kautz. This was discussed at length, vote taken, and motion passed.

Nomination Committee

- Nominations are needed for Secretary and Treasurer, current members terms end this year. Members of the committee include Vickie Sweet, Verbina McMath, and Robin Bowen.
- If you would like to volunteer or have a nomination, please notify one of the committee members.

Honored Women

- Earlier in the meeting the nominees submitted biographies were read. A ballot was distributed, collected, and tallied by Vickie Sweet and Elizabeth Regan. First time ever, there was a tied vote. How to proceed was discussed at length. Diana made the decision to take another vote for the tied nominees. Again ballots were distributed, collected, and tallied by Vickie Sweet and Elizabeth Regan- **Margaret Vranisch** was selected as this year's Honored Woman.

Niobrara Convocation is June 21-24 at Rosebud Mission. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Annual Project

The next annual project will be decided at the fall meeting. This will be in the Anglican Communion (International). Suggestions are needed.

Triennial Meeting

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- July 4-13th in Austin Texas. Delegates are Diana Regan, Sandy Magnavito, Michelle Feiszli, and Jennifer Hamilton. Brenda Uses Arrow had been a delegate but is unable to attend, Elizabeth Regan was the alternate but she is unable to attend. Jennifer Hamilton will fill the alternate spot.
- Each delegate is given \$1,500 financial assistance. This money is to be used for travel expenses, hotel, and ticket to attend the convention.

Additional comments:

- Linda Simmons shared that St. Andrews, in Rapid City, is collecting new and gently used luggage/bags to be donated to children who are entering foster care. Often times these children do not have a bag when they leave their homes.
- Marilyn Jones is at Westhills Village healthcare. Jennifer will send a card on behalf of ECW.

Closing

The Episcopal Church Women's prayer was said in unison.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM by President, Diana Regan. The next general meeting will be 9/28/18 at 11:00 AM, at Trinity Church in Pierre.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Hamilton