



**Lower Susquehanna
Synodical Women's Organization
32nd Convention Minutes
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
200 W. Orange Street
Lititz, PA**

Friday, August 16, 2019

The formal opening of the Convention began at 1:00 p.m.

Opening Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" (ELW 650) (vs 1 & 2).

President, Lois Ann Griffiths introduced the following guests:

Angela Bell – Churchwide Representative
Deacon Emily Myallis – Chaplain
Rev. Robert Myallis – Pastor, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Robert Myallis welcomed attendees to the Convention.

Introduction of the Convention Committee from St. Paul Evangelical and Brickerville United:

Sandy Bingaman
Phyllis Frankhouser
Joyce Roth
Sandy Runkle
Marsha Campbell
Pamela Drenner
Gloria Hostetter

A large Thank You to everyone!

Devotions by Chaplain, Deacon Emily Myallis, Children's Minister. Emily read a story about Women and had the attendees draw different hats on the picture of their individual woman to relate to the many hats that we wear as women. Examples: mother, employee, cook, chauffer, shopper, etc. The women were then asked to use the initials of their name and to write a word for each letter as it relates to their Christian life.

Corrections to the Bulletin of Reports (BOR):

Page 9 – correct Joyce Ray's term as President **2014-2018**
Page 12 – Change Act of Recycling to **Art of Recycling**
Page 15 and Page 17 – Chris Todd – **2014 Gathering and 2017 Triennial Voting Member**

Ingathering Offering was collected.

Sally Hagy reported from the Committee on Credentials;

**Voting Members 14 Officers/Board Members 8 = 22 Voting Members
Clergy 3 Participants 16 Guests 5 Total 46**

The quorum has been met.

Peggi Norman was appointed Parliamentarian.

Committees of the Convention were Appointed:

Committee on Credentials

Board Liaison: Sue Lyons
Chair: Sally Hagy
Voting Member: Sr. Janice Ruch

Committee on Minutes

Board Liaison: Chris Todd
Chair: Joyce Ray
Voting Member: Linda Eves

Committee on Claims (Offerings)

Board Liaison: Kathy Kauffman
Chair: Deborah Johnson
Voting Member: Dorothy Wissler

Committee on Elections

Board Liaison: Barbara Bullock
Chair: Bettina Zellers
Voting Member: Shirley Keister

Committee on Reference and Council (Resolutions)

Board Liaison: Lois Rode
Chair: Edna Sterner
Voting Member: Karen Borzok

There were seven (7) first time attendees at Convention this year.

Executive Board Recommendation #1 - Adoption of the Rules of Procedure was moved by the Synodical Board and approved.

Executive Board Recommendation #2 - Adoption of the Agenda was moved by the Synodical Board and approved.

The report of the Nominating Committee as reported by Chairperson Donna Greifzu:

- Vice President for 2 Year term**
- Secretary for 2 Year term**
- Board Member - Three (3) for 2 Year term**
- Board Member - Two (2) for 1 Year term**

Chaplain, Deacon Emily Myallis prayed for Election Guidance.

Ballot #1 – Vice President (2 Year Term)

Nomination received: Susan Lyons

Votes cast = 22

Invalid votes = 0

Votes needed to elect = 12

Total votes cast = 22

Susan Lyons is declared Vice President.

Lois Ann Griffiths introduced current Board Members:

Vice President – Susan Lyons

Secretary – Christine Todd

Treasurer – Kathy Kauffman

Board Members: Ellie Bauerle, Sandra Bingaman, Barbara Bullock, Donna Greifzu, Lois Rode.

Absent: Linda Lubold

Ballot #2 – Secretary (2 Year Term)

Nomination received: Christine Todd

Votes cast = 22

Invalid votes = 1

Votes needed to elect = 12

Total votes cast = 21

Christine Todd is declared Secretary.

Lois Ann Griffiths told attendees about her first year as President of the LS SWO Board.

Churchwide Representative Angela Bell told attendees of her involvement with Women of the ELCA. All women can be involved with Women of the ELCA regardless of age. She explained the challenges facing the Women of the ELCA and the Exploratory Committee that has been created to work on these issues. Angela expressed “kudos” to our News & Views Newsletter. She enjoys reading about what is happening in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Angela explained how monies from Katie’s Fund are used, and she told attendees how they can now donate money each month to the Faithful Friends account.

One item that the Exploratory Committee is working on: Asking each Synodical Women’s Organization to help defray the costs for one (1) Voting Member to attend the Triennial Convention in 2020.

Angela told attendees that they and others can register for the 2020 Triennial Gathering with a discount code before August 31, 2019. The Registration cost is \$245.00, and the code is: **ELCACWA2019**

Executive Board Recommendation #3 - The Report of the Treasurer & the Audit Report was moved by the Synodical Board and approved.

Kathy Kauffman, Treasurer reviewed the Budget information with attendees and answered questions.

Executive Board Recommendation #4 - The Adoption of the Ministry Budget for 2020-2021 was moved by the Synodical Board and approved.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Presentation was given by Pastor Martha Boyd and Sue Gordon. They thanked attendees and others for the following items they received from the Lower Susquehanna Synod:

Quilts: 3,981
School Kits: 4,787
Personal Care Kits: 4,308
Bars of Soap: 3,971
Baby Care Kits: 114
Quilts & Blankets for Local Needs: 807
Fabric Kits: 142
Fleece Blankets: 132
Blankets: 125
Children's Quilts for Local Needs: 9

Totals may be more due to units not reporting some numbers to LWR.

Ingathering for 2019 is October 5 and 6th.

If you are interested in seeing more information: lwr.org/ingathering

The Harbor House Presentation was given by Emily Cruz and Janelle Esbenshade. Their presentation was about how The Harbor House helps human trafficking victims.

Triennial Offering was collected.

Chris Todd updated everyone on the Camp Hebron Fall Retreat to be held November 1-3, 2019. Due date for Registrations is post mark date of Monday, September 9, 2019.

Donna Greifzu reminded everyone to submit articles and pictures of what women are doing within their units. Ways to challenge other women to participate in Women of the ELCA:

- Share ideas and stories
- Join with other Lutheran churches to host events such as Day of Renewal and Convention.

Meeting was adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Saturday, August 17, 2019

The opening of Convention began at 10:30 a.m.

Sandy Bingaman welcomed everyone to the Convention.

Sally Hagy reported from the Committee on Credentials;

Voting Members 14 Officers/Board Members 8 = 22 Voting Members

Clergy 3 Participants 23 Guests 7 Total 55

The quorum has been met.

Barbara Bullock gave the report on Tangible In-Gathering (United Lutheran Seminary) and the Quilt Project:

United Lutheran Seminary:

Gift Cards - **\$1,285.00 (Additional \$100.00 received)**

Food, toiletry, and cleaning products were also donated to United Lutheran Seminary

Quilts: 954

Health Kits: 1,032

School Kits: 930

Layettes: 91

Soap: 383

Clothing: 130

Prayer Shawls: 80

Total Items: 3,625

Baby Quilts: 25 – The quilts will be donated to the Life Line Pregnancy Center in Millersburg, PA.

Taylor Dieringer from United Lutheran Seminary gave attendees an update of how our Ingathering donations are used for students and families. She thanked everyone for their continued support to the United Lutheran Seminary food pantry.

Chaplain, Deacon Emily Myallis gave the prayer for Election Guidance.

Triennial Ballot #1 – Voting Member – First Time Attendee

Nomination: Miriam Burke

Votes cast = 22

Invalid votes = 0

Votes needed to elect = 12

Total votes cast = 22

Miriam Burke is declared First Time Voting Member to attend the 2020 Triennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

Workshops: Art of Recycle – Kayden Natha

Bible Study – Angela Bell, Churchwide Representative

Triennial Ballot #2 – Voting Member

Nominations: Peggi Norman
Bettina Zellers
Christine Todd

Votes cast = 22
Invalid votes = 0
Votes needed to elect = 12
Total votes cast = 22

Results: Peggi Norman = 13
Bettina Zellers = 7
Christine Todd = 2

Peggi Norman is declared Voting Member to attend the 2020 Triennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

Bettina Zellers is declared the 1st Alternate Voting Member to attend the 2020 Triennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

Christine Todd is declared the 2nd Alternate Voting Member to attend the 2020 Triennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

Chaplain Deacon Emily Myallis gave the Luncheon prayer and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran and Brickerville United served a delicious lunch to attendees.

Workshops: Bible Study – Angela Bell, Churchwide Representative
Journey to Justice – Tracy DePasquale

Report on Committee on Claims (Offerings) – Kathy Kauffman gave the following report:

Ingathering Offering	\$ 305.00 previously collected <u>1,276.00</u> collected at Convention \$1,581.00 Total
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Convention Offering	\$ 175.00 previously collected <u>2,044.00</u> collected at Convention \$2,219.00 Total
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Correction:	
Convention Offering	\$ 175.00 previously collected <u>2,019.00</u> collected at Convention \$2,194.00 Total

Triennial Offering	\$ 220.00 previously collected <u>1,017.00</u> collected at Convention \$1,237.00 Total
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Ballot #3 – Board Members (three (3) for two-year terms)

Nominations: Peggi Norman
Eleanor Bauerle
Barbara Dudek

Votes cast = 22
Invalid votes = 1
Votes needed to elect = 12
Total votes cast = 21

Results: Peggi Norman: 21
Eleanor Bauerle: 21
Barbara Dudek: 21

Peggi Norman, Eleanor Bauerle and Barbara Dudek declared Board Members for 2 year term.

After the President’s Report, Sue Lyons turned the program back to Lois Ann Griffiths. Lois Ann talked about her trip to Washington, DC to be a part of the Ecumenical Advocacy Days. She reminded attendees about Bishop Dunlop’s sermon last year about Esther and that we need more Esthers! The President’s report was approved.

Ballot #3 – Board Members (two (2) for one-year term)

Nominations: Miriam Burke
Susan Long

Votes cast = 22
Invalid votes = 1
Votes needed to elect = 12
Total votes cast = 21

Results: Miriam Burke: 21
Susan Long: 21

Miriam Burke and Susan Long declared Board Members for 1 year term.

Report on Committee on Minutes – The adoption of the Minutes was moved by the Synodical Board and approved.

Report of Committee on Reference & Counsel - Chairperson Dottie Wissler announced that the committee had received a Resolution, but due to the Resolution not meeting deadline requirements, the Resolution will be submitted at a future date.

Barbara Bullock invited everyone to next year’s one (1) day Convention to be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, PA on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Angela Bell recognized the following out-going Board Members and thanked them for their service: Sandra Bingaman, Barbara Bullock, and Lois Rode. Absent: Linda Lubold.

Angela Bell installed New and Current Board Members: Lois Ann Griffiths, Susan Lyons, Christine Todd, Kathy Kauffman, Donna Greifzu, Eleanor Bauerle, Peggi Norman, Miriam Burke, and Susan Long. Absent: Barbara Dudek.

Angela Bell installed the 2020 Triennial Convention Voting Members and Alternates:

Lois Ann Griffiths - LS SWO President
Miriam Burke – Voting Member
Peggi Norman – Voting Member
Bettina Zellers – 1st Alternate Voting Member
Christine Todd – 2nd Alternate Voting Member

Closing Hymn: “In Christ There Is No East or West” (ELW 650) (vs 3 & 4).

The 32nd Convention of the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization closed at 3:20 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Todd, Board Secretary, LS SWO