Virginia Synodical Women’s Organization

***CONVENTION MINUTES***

***Session II***

**Meeting Date: 8/2/19**

**Call to Order:** Session II of the Annual Convention of the Virginia Synodical Women’s Organization (VSWO) held at First Lutheran Church, Norfolk, VA on August 3, 2019 convened at 3 pm, President Jody Smiley presiding with Judy Casteele, secretary. The chair called the meeting to order and asked Lisa Somerville to report on any changes in credentials.

**Nominations and Voting:**  The Nominating Committee presented the following nominees: President – Jody Smiley; Treasurer – Deniese Powell; Board members for 2-year terms – Sylvia Eley, Shelia Sanchez, JoAnn Fawley; Board members for 1-year terms – Edith Blake and Lavelva Stevens. The chair opened the floor for additional nominations. Judy Ann Fray nominated Patricia Seelenbinder for a 1-year board term.

**Adoption of the Budget:** The chair called on the Treasurer for a motion to approve the proposed VSWO budget.

*MOTION*: Ms. Blake moved that the proposed budget for February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Elections:** The chair called on the Elections Committee to distribute ballots and voting instructions were given. Upon completion of voting, the chair declared balloting closed and ordered ballots to be collected.

**Committee on Minutes:** The chair called on Carol Johnson, chair of the Committee on Minutes, to present their report. Ms. Johnson stated that she had received the minutes for August 2, 2019, Session I and found it to be complete.

*MOTION:* Moved by Ms. Johnson that the minutes for Session I be approved with final editing to be done by the Board. Motion carried.

*MOTION:* Moved by Ms. Johnson that approval of minutes for August 2, 2019, Session II be referred to the Board with the understanding that the Board would approve the minutes for Session II. Motion carried.

**Committee on Claims:** The chair called on Dianne Chafin, chair of the Committee on Claims, to present their report. Ms. Chafin stated there were a total of 12 claims, all valid, for a total of $560.76.

**Committee on Reference & Counsel:** The chair called on JoAnn Fawley, chair of Reference and Counsel for any resolutions before the Committee. The committee shared a Courtesy Resolution.

*Whereas, the Thirty-Second Annual Convention of the Virginia Synodical Women’s Organization of the Women of the ELCA meeting at First Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Virginia successfully carried out its mission and purpose,*

*Be it resolved that this body rise with applause and commend the President, officers and board members on a job well done.*

**Elections Committee:** The chair called onSally Trone chair of the Elections committee, to report on the balloting for President and Treasurer. Ms. Trone submitted the following report:

**President**

Number of votes cast: 23

Number of votes needed for election: 12

Jody Smiley received: 23

**Treasurer**

Number of votes cast: 23

Number of votes needed for election: 12

Deniese Powell received: 23

The chair

The chair called onthe report on the balloting for board members for a 2-year term. Ms. Trone submitted the following report:

**Board Members for two-year terms:**

Number of votes cast: 23

Number of votes needed for election: 12

Sylvia Eley received: 19 votes

JoAnn Fawley received: 23 votes

Shelia Sanchez received: 19 votes

Edith Blake received: 13 votes

Lavelva Stevens received: 19 votes

Patricia Seelenbinder received: 11 votes

The chair declared that Jody Smiley was elected as president and Deneise Powell was elected as treasurer.

The chair declared the following elected to serve as members of the board for two-year terms: Sylvia Eley, JoAnn Fawley and Shelia Sanchez.

The chair declared the following elected to serve as members of the board for a one-year term: Edith Blake and Lavelva Stevens.

**Report of the Long Range Planning Committee:** The chair called on Theresa Thomas to present the report of the Long Range Planning. Ms. Thomas announced that the 2020 Convention will be held at Salem Lutheran Church in Mt. Salem, VA July 31- August 1, 2020.

**Ritual of Transition and Installation of Officers and Board Members:** The chair informed the voting members and guests that the Ritual of Transition and Installation would be held prior to Closing Worship on Saturday, August 3rd.

**Closing of Convention:** The chair called on attendees to join her in the Closing of Convention found in the BoR. Following the recitation, the chair declared the 32nd Annual VSWO Convention closed. Pastor Weber closed the meeting with prayer.

Secretary Date of Approval