VSWO

***MINUTES***

***Board of Directors***

**Meeting Date: 09/21/19**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, VSWO, was held at Grace and Glory Lutheran Church in Palmyra, VA on September 21, 2019. The meeting convened at 10 AM, President Jody Smiley presiding. Members of the Board in attendance were Sylvia Eley, Edith Blake, Theresa Thomas, Lavelva Stevens, Judy Wilfong, JoAnn Fawley, Shelia Sanchez and Deniese Powell.

**Devotions:**  Jody opened the meeting with devotions.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Convention minutes (August 2, 2019) for sessions I and II were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

**Committee Reports/Assignments**

* Reports
* Mission Justice – Sylvia gave an oral report.
* Committee Assignments
* Conference Coordinator – Lavelva Stevens
* Mission Justice – Sylvia Eley and Shelia Sanchez
* Mission Discipleship - Jody Smiley
* Mission Stewardship – Edith Blake and Deniese Powell
* Convention Planning – Judy Wilfong, Theresa Thomas and JoAnn Fawley

**Convention Planning:** There was open discussion of the 2019 convention, what worked and what did not. The consensus was that it went well and was well received by those that attended. Jody reviewed the results of the evaluations forms (report is attached). The majority of the responses for all areas of the convention and gathering were very good. There were some areas attendees felt could be improved and these will be considered in the planning for the 2020 convention. We began the initial planning for the 2020 convention/gathering. See below:

**Theme:** Justice, Love and Service

**Scripture:** Micah 6:8

**Hymn:** “We Are Called”

**Lodging:** Much discussion about the fact that all the hotels will be about 20 minutes from Salem, Mt. Sidney Lutheran Church. Convention schedule maybe adjusted so that attendees will not have to leave and return for dinner.

**Workshops:** Ideas for the three Awareness Sessions to be held on Saturday would be in line with our theme: Justice (Sylvia a possible presenter), Love, and Service. Possibly we may have a bible study on Friday afternoon for full group.

**Chaplain:** Judy Wilfong will reach out to Pastor Lauren Eanes at Muhlenberg as a possible chaplain.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Edith reviewed her written reports covering financials to date.

**President’s Report**

* Jody shared notes and information from the WELCA Region 9 conference call.
* Jody gave an update on the work of the Exploratory Committee for Women of the ELCA

**Old Business**

**New Business**

* **Next meeting time and place –** Time and date to be determined but maybe done by using zoom.
* **Visions articles due** – October 12, 2019
* **Southern Valley Conference Gathering** – Judy Wilfong will attend
* A motion was made to donate $100 to Project Horizon to be designated for Fio’s work. Her workshop touched everyone at convention so it was felt that this would be a way to express our appreciation. The motion was carried. Edith will send a check to Project Horizon.
* **Communication-**Jody will take care of updating the VSWO website and JoAnn agreed to be the administrator for the VSWO Facebook page. Jody will contact Helen Weaver and have JoAnn added as an administrator.
* **Betty Wilson Triennial Scholarships-**Motion was made that the funds will be divided equally between all women from the VSWO that present proof of their registration for the 2020 Triennial gathering. Motion was carried.

Lavelva provided a closing prayer. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held in Feb./March 2020 date to be determined.

Jody Smiley, President