

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of the November 1, 2014 Annual Meeting

The meeting opened with prayer by Jane Miron. We were then led in a Bible study by Deacon Jane titled "Our Three Travelling Companions: the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer and the 1982 Hymnal". The Bible is our teacher and the Book of Common Prayer is our guide – all we need on our journey and our hymnal is our cheerleader.

Shirley Wagner called the 110th business meeting of the ECW of Central Pennsylvania to order. A booklet with all the meeting information was distributed.

Shirley asked all those present to review the minutes from the previous annual meeting. She mentioned that one of those important things that we decided last year was that the ECW would donate \$1,000 a year for five years to the Episcopal Home in Shippensburg. Shirley also spoke to the fact that we have completed our third project for the Heart of the Home relief effort. As there were no corrections or additions to the minutes, Cindy Mohr made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Jeanne Cooper. Motion was accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Jeanne commented that there was no item of note for the 2015 budget that the UTO monies have been removed from the budgetary information since the ECW just collects the funds and then forwards them onto the National UTO. The only item not paid for this year has been the audit. We did not receive a bill for the audit in 2013 until June of 2014. It is expected that we will have enough money to cover this expense. It was mentioned that we should explore the requirement of having an audit every year due to the fact that our organization only moves about \$5,000 a year. It was decided that we would follow up with the Diocese on the necessity of an audit every year. After review of the budget it was decided that we should reduce the amounts in Retreat Expenses and Retreat Income. After some discussion, it was decided that Retreat Expenses would be reduced to \$1,000 and that Retreat Income would be reduced to \$1,000. Amy Swiernik made the motion and it was seconded by Cindy Mohr. Motion passed unanimously. Shirley mentioned that that all funds collected for UTO go to UTO but that the ECW pays for all the UTO Coordinator's expenses. After some discussion, a motion was made to increase the UTO Coordinator Expenses to \$550. Cindy Mohr made the motion and it was seconded by Teresa Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

As there were no additional edits or corrections made to the 2015 budget, a motion was made to accept the 2015 budget as amended. Cindy Mohr made the motion and it was seconded by Kim Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

UTO – Alyce Peiffer reported that last year the National UTO awarded over \$1 million in grants. They are very precise in what they require of grant submissions – you need to be very clear in your application. If any parish would like to submit an application to the Diocese, the deadline is January 15, 2015. Each diocese can only submit one application to the National UTO for their consideration.

Church Periodical Club (CPC) – Cindy Mohr reported on a discussion with Bishop Geper about the CPC and it was decided that next year we will have a CPC Sunday. One of the

fundraisers for the CPC is the “mile of pennies”. The Diocese of CPA has never given one “mile of pennies” to the CPC. Veronica Chappell mentioned that it would be nice if we could pledge a penny for each mile that Bishop Gepert travels next year. The parishes could take turns to see about doing some project. Also, when the Bishop visits a parish they could donate the miles that he travels to get to their parish. Reverend Veronica said she will work on the logistics of this idea.

Retreat – This year we had a Renewal of Baptism Vows at the beach service which was very well received. The number of participants was a little lower this year but that was due to some last minute cancellations due to illness.

Book of Remembrance – The Book is currently up-to-date. Some parish’s pages have been filled up and we are looking at purchasing a new book. There is a paper located in the meeting booklet for submission of names. We currently have approximately \$30,000 from donations of parishes when they send in names. It was mentioned that it is not necessary to send money in with the submission of names. Interest from these monies goes to UTO.

Mission Project – Shirley mentioned that the Heart of the Home project has been very successful and well received. She said that Cynthia Sosnowski, the Heart of the Home mission project coordinator of St. Peter’s in Medford, NJ, suggested that our ECW begin a project within our diocese and they would be willing to donate some items to help us get started.

Election of Officers – The following were submitted for officers of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania:

- Shirley Wagner – President
- Any Swiernik – Vice President of Programs
- Jeanne Cooper – Treasurer
- Eileen Sullivan – Secretary

The motion was made to accept the officers as presented. Teresa Allen made the motion and it was seconded by Veronica Chappell. Motion passed unanimously.

Shirley appointed the following positions:

- Alyce Pieffer – UTO Chairperson
- Jane Miron – Chaplain
- Cindy Mohr – CPC Chairperson

Convocation chair – Lancaster, Judy Funk.

Closing – Deacon Jane closed the meeting with all participating in the recital of the ECW prayer.

Next Annual Meeting Date – November 7, 2015