

MINUTES OF THE 2020 Midwest Women's Missionary Fellowship Executive Board Meeting

A special Executive board meeting of the Midwest Women's Fellowship was held virtually on Friday, April 3, 2020. This change was made due to the restrictions on physical meetings as a result of COVID-19. Thank you to Joel Wallace for making the technology available for our use. President Laura Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

Each attendee was welcomed and told how the restrictions had impacted them.

Jean Stewart was welcomed as parliamentarian.

Reading of the minutes of the 2019 Executive Meeting and 2019 Business Meeting were waived due to their prior distribution. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from 2019.

A motion to approve the agenda was moved seconded and approved.

There was no Old Business.

New Business

- Retreat 2021 – A discussion was started via email. It was moved, seconded and passed to move the 2020 Retreat to meet in 2021 at Sterling RP Church rather than postpone for later in 2020.

It was noted that Heather Huizing is also willing to come in addition to the speakers already lined up. Laura Battiato may be in Pakistan so she would need to address us remotely if that is her location.

- Guidance for host congregations – It was moved, seconded and passed to locate and update the Host congregation binder.

Especially needed are the ways to assess prices and handle registration. RSVP or a number to call option would be nice for ladies who do not enjoy using technology. Include a number to call. Danette Harper will check in Topeka for the book and Nancy Skubal will check in Washington. Nancy Skubal may have some of the old pages. Laura Wallace will work on updating it as necessary.

Reports from Officers

- It was moved, seconded and approved to waive the reading of the President's Report. It was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the President's Report.
- Bessie Van Kirk presented the Treasurer's report. The January 1, 2019, balance was \$1078.03. Total receipts were \$2,764.26. Total Disbursements were \$2837.38. Balance on December 31, 2019, was \$1,004.91.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

- Bessie Van Kirk shared the Auditor's Report. Jane Schenck checked the books line by line. The books were approved. The Auditor's report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Bessie Van Kirk read the Finance Committee Report.

1. That travel expenses be paid to our Midwest Women's Retreat speakers – Laura Battiato, Maria Rockhill, Nicole Bachman and that expenses of the Retreat be paid for them. It was moved, seconded and approved to strike item 1 due to the 2020 retreat being canceled.
2. It was moved, seconded and approved that an honorarium of \$35 and a note of thanks be sent to the auditor.
3. That the Literature Coordinator be allowed a budget of \$125 for books to be reviewed at the Midwest Women's Retreat. It was moved, seconded and approved to strike item 3 due to the 2020 retreat being canceled.
4. That the love and appreciation gifts which have been designated for our retired missionaries be evenly divided and sent to Ruth Spear and Patricia Boyle. It was moved, seconded and approved that this item be amended to state that these monies be sent to Bessie Van Kirk by June 30th, 2020. Her address is 1038 Huntress St., Clay Center, KS 67432. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept item 4 as amended.
5. It was moved, seconded and approved that all bills be paid.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the finance committee report as amended as a whole.

Mary Lou Patterson, presented the Assistant Technology officer report. It was tabled until later in the meeting.

The committee as a whole was reminded of the Midwest Women's Fellowship Google Group, Midwest Net, and the Presbytery Clerk to get announcements out.

Danette Harper presented the Nominating Committee Report. It was moved, seconded, and approved to adopt the Nominating Committee Report.

The following nominations were submitted.

President: Rachel Borg (rachelborg6@yahoo.com)

Vice President: Nicole Bachman (bachmanbunch@gmail.com)

Recording Secretary: under consideration

Treasurer: Bessie Van Kirk (bvankirk@wardcraft.com)

Assistant Treasurer: Sheryl McMahan (smcmahan@kansas.net)

Technology Officer: Lori Hemphill (lorihemp@gmail.com)

Assistant Technology Officer: Mary Lou Patterson (mary.lou.patterson.76@gmail.com)

Historian: Mitzie VanHorn (mitzie.vanhorn@gmail.com)

Missions Coordinator: open

Literature Coordinator: Ruth Falk (refalk@iowatelecom.net)

Nominating Committee Chair: Laura Wallace (joel.laura.wallace@gmail.com)

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the slate of nominations.

Sue Wilkey & Laura Battiato were recommended for the position of Missions Coordinator.

- Laura Wallace reported for the Time and Place Committee.
 - The Ladies of the Sterling, Kansas, congregation have agreed to host the 2021 retreat in Sterling, Kansas, with a date sometime in April.

It was moved, seconded and approved to un-table the Assistant Technology Report.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the following recommendation be adopted. I recommend that we add to the registration document a question concerning joining the MWF google group and email distribution list. A box could be checked that they would like to be added to the list and give permission for that. Matt Filbert would send all of these requests to Mary Lou Patterson, the Assistant Technology Officer.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that we accept the Assistant Technology Report as amended.

The minutes of the 2020 Midwest Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting were read by Nancy Skubal.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as corrected.

The meeting was adjourned by President Laura Wallace at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Skubal

Recording Secretary