

**Minutes of Meeting
Hutchison District Leadership Team
August 20, 2020
Zoom Meeting**

President Jost called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by taking roll call of all members present on the call.

Present: Anita Jost, President
Lola Wall, Vice President
Carol Ek, Secretary
Karen VanBrimmer, Treasurer
Phyllis Stoppel, Education/Interpretation
LaVonne Gerritzen, Communications
Lindsey Johnson, Youth Activities
Marvis Doering, Chair Nominations Committee
Lydia Gates, Nominations
Rose Roberts, Natl Program Advisory

Not Present: Pat Oswald, Membership/Nurture
Sharon Anglemyer, Nominations
Evy Hoyt, Spiritual Growth
Julita Biles, Nominations
Karen Dunlap, Conference President

The meeting began with prayer by President Jost.

Minutes of the Meeting of May 2, 2020: Minutes were e-mailed to every member of the Leadership Committee for review. No additions or corrections have been received. Minutes were approved with a thumb up unanimous “aye” vote.

Karen Van Brimmer, Treasurer

The 2020-2021 Budget was sent by e-mail to all members of the leadership committee on August 19th for review by the board.

- 1) Discussion was held relating to Units and their intended pledge to mission. Many have not reported their goal. Karen ask each of the Shepherdess to please discuss this with the Units and report so she could get a better read on

what might be expected to meet the District goal. The 2020 pledge is \$58,000 of which \$16,087 has been received.

- 2) The 2021 District Pledge has been reduced to \$40,000; however, concern was raised over whether this was realistic under the present circumstances. Karen acknowledged that this could be high; however, this has been sent to Conference and cannot be changed for the 2021 projected year.
- 3) The 2020 Mission Giving usually collected at the annual meeting was designated to the Big Garden (Omaha, NE). \$400 was pre-approved for distribution at the May 2, 2020, meeting. No plans have been approved for an additional contribution at this time due to cancellation of the in-person meeting.
- 4) A lump sum amount will be given to the 2020 Legacy Fund in memory of members deceased in 2019. The lump sum amount will include a donation to honor our District Superintendent, Rev Dee Williamston, and Elsie Crickard. This lump sum amount will be determined nearer the close of the year when available funds can be evaluated. This request was approved with a thumb up unanimous "aye" approval.
- 5) Lydia Gates moved to allow \$100 for honorariums to be paid to speakers at the Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by LaVonne Gerritzen. A unanimous thumb up "aye" was taken.

Marvis Doering, Chair Nominations Committee

- 1) A letter was mailed to every Unit President, Secretary, and the Leadership Committee asking for Nominations to offices for the District to serve for the 2021-2022 year.
- 2) Noreen Weems of Peabody has accepted nomination for a position on the Nominations Committee. No other nominations have been received which leaves filling these positions difficult.
- 3) The Slate of Nominees must be sent to all Units by September 24th which will be completed by LaVonne Gerritzen.

LaVonne Gerritzen, Communications Coordinator

- 1) Ask discontinuation of publication of the scheduled August, 2020, newsletter due to lack of newsworthy articles during the COVID shutdown. It was the general consensus of the members that this edition be discontinued for 2020.

Lola Wall, Vice President

- 1) President Jost reported that she has been in contact with Pastor Nichole Conard, who is located in the Hutchinson District Office, regarding holding of the Annual District Meeting by Zoom. Pastor Conard has set up these meetings and will be assisting. The projected tentative date and time for our District Meeting is: October 24, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. This must be confirmed with Pastor Conard.
- 2) Lola Wall was tasked to contact Pastor Elsie Crickard to begin the Annual Meeting with a ten (10) minute devotional.
- 3) President Jost was task with contacting Rev. Dee Williamston asking whether she would be available to install elected officers during the Annual Meeting.
- 4) Discussion was held on other program items and plans for each to be a part of the Annual Meeting. These included: Memorial Service; Awards; Officer Training; Advertising; and, Attendance. Members were asked to come up with their ideas to be relayed to President Jost for discussion at future meetings prior to the scheduled Annual Meeting.

Reports

- 1) Members reported that several Units are down to three (3) members or less and it is feared that these may be closing soon. Others are struggling with membership and members to fill office.

Next Meeting

September 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

8:15 p.m.

Carol R. Ek
District Secretary