

CLW Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2019

The first full meeting of CLW Council for 2019 met on January 26, at Gordon Conwell. Attending were: Lynn Coughenour, Brenda Dunn, Ginger Klock, Kay Weaver, and Janet Rash.

Chair Nelsie Lawing was sick – but available via phone, and Thelma Torres was unable to attend.

Outgoing chair, Lynn Coughenour conducted the meeting in Nelsie's absence.

Brenda Dunn had our devotions on Friendship – based on John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Outgoing Treasurer Jennie Cannon brought the closing treasurer's report and turned the files over to current treasurer Kay Weaver. Contributions from 19 congregations were received last year for a total of \$1425.

Council members' information sheets were reviewed and all were found to be accurate. We were reminded that all yearly contributions are to be sent to Kay Weaver c/o New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 2120 Startown Rd, Hickory, NC 28602.

Comment cards from the 2018 Convocation were read. All comments are appreciated, and suggestions were duly noted and reviewed.

Since we now have a congregation from Virginia affiliated with us – and could conceivably have others from neighboring states – it was suggested that we change our guidelines for "Terms for Affiliation" to include the words "neighboring states." Ginger made the motion and Kay seconded it. It would then read: "Carolinas Lutheran Women is a non-profit organization that partners with North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and shall be open to all Lutheran church congregations in North and South Carolina (and neighboring states). Congregations wishing to affiliate with Carolinas Lutheran Women will notify Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council in writing." This will be brought before the women for a vote at the 2019 Convocation.

Also in the guidelines, the office of "Historian" is not included. The new wording for this would be: "The council shall elect a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian from members within the council." This will be added & voted on at the Convocation.

Discussion regarding annual contributions and possible changes to the guidelines on this was discussed. Further discussion was tabled until our next meeting.

Program/theme ideas for the Convocation were discussed and the theme of "Sisters In Christ – Sweet Spirits" was chosen. There will be only two breakout sessions this year – which will enable everyone to attend both and not have to choose what to attend.

Upcoming dates/events:

2019 Convocation - Concordia, China Grove, NC 9/28/19

2020 Convocation - St. Jacob's, Chapin, SC 9/26/20

2021 Convocation - Faith, Faith, NC 9/25/21

CMD Convocation – Advent Lutheran, N. Charleston, SC May 17-18, 2019

NALC Convocation – Indianapolis, IN August 5-9, 2019

The next council meeting will be held on April 27th.