

SWU UW Conference 2022

Annual Business Meeting Minutes of 3/5/2022

The Business Meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm by President Chloé LaPorte.

Thanks were given to the current SWU UW Board as well as to Convenor Mary Kirwin and her planning team for the SWU UW Conference of 2022.

1. The Slate of Candidates for 2022-2023 year was presented.

- President – Becky Warren
- President-Elect – Kathy Johnson-Throop
- Past-President – Chloé LaPorte
- Treasurer – Katie Womack
- Secretary – Vicki Verinder
- At-Large position – Karen McGinnis
- At-Large position – Nancy Foreman
- At-Large position – Celeste Kennedy
- At-Large position – Open

2. A motion for approval of the slate was made by Terry Jo Mosley and seconded by Diane Kerrigan. The motion passed unanimously, and the new slate was approved.

3. The Business Meeting minutes from 2-27-2021 were presented. A motion was made by Karen McGinnis for their approval as presented and the motion was seconded by Becky Warren. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. The Budget for 2023 was presented and explained by Katie Womack. There was a discussion of why SWU UW needs a reserve and how it protects the organization when extreme weather (acts of nature) occur or, in this case, COVID issues, that impact attendance at a conference, and thus, SWU UW's source of income. Katie pointed out that hotel contracts, when signed, request penalty-fees for cancellations. The penalty fee may be as much as the cost of putting on the conference - because promised room reservation guarantees and food/beverage guarantees - still have to be met. Hotels have also changed their charging to expect larger sums up front and event insurance. Rising AV costs and banquet -workshop room charges also have occurred in recent years. After the discussion, Katie opened the floor for questions. There being none, Katie made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Roxy La Porte. The 2022-2023

SWU UW Budget was approved by vote of the membership in attendance.

5. The 2023 SWU UW Conference does not yet have a host congregation nor a location, but that is being worked on.

6. The Annual Business Meeting of the 2022 SWU UW Conference was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectively submitted,
Vicki Verinder, Secretary
Modifications by Celeste Kennedy