

The executive committee of Midwest Women's Fellowship met Monday, December 4, 2023 via Zoom. Those attending were Rita Lyon, Jean Stewart, Karen Copeland, Julia Mann, Sarah Parnell, Mary Lou Patterson, Elizabeth Reed and Ruth Falk. Lori Hemphill joined later.

President Rita Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of the survey concerning the organizational structure of the retreats, and determine what steps to take going forward. Elizabeth noted that, as we are still under the 2016 bylaws, we should proceed as such, bringing proposed changes to congregations at least sixty days prior to a retreat, and requiring a two-thirds majority vote of those attending the retreat.

There were 90 responses to the survey coming from 23 congregations. 87 were positive (96.6%). Comments had been shared prior to the meeting. There were ten individuals who expressed a willingness to serve on a standing executive committee. This committee would serve long-term, taking the place of officers and having the authority and freedom to make decisions concerning the retreat (much like the present camp committees do). Those present agreed that (following the current by-laws) individuals serving on the standing committee should be members in good standing of the RPCNA.

After discussion, it was agreed that Elizabeth and Rita would work on revised by-laws that would incorporate said standing committee. Jean will contact those who expressed a willingness to serve on a long-term committee, feeling that the number would pare down to a manageable size committee.

Sarah Parnell closed the meeting with prayer.

Ruth Falk, acting secretary