

Election Meeting held on Saturday, May 18, 2019

Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota

Shelli Struzyk called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

We are honored to have the following past state presidents present. Nancy Dvoracek, Bonnie Olmanson, Jen Kinzer, Cindy Sanders, Nicky Anderson, Jane Hansen.

Joining them is our current State President Brenda Sather.

The Elections Committee has worked hard the past several months keeping the candidate informed and making sure that all is in order for this day. Elections representatives include:

Area 1 – Becky Hale

Area 2 – Wendy Homyak

Area 3 – Cathy Snyder and Carrie Atkinson

Area 4 – Sue Bay

A special thanks to Leslie Goble for filling in at the Area 1 meeting caucus.

During today's meeting, committee member Sue Bay will serve as secretary, Becky Hale will serve as parliamentarian, Cathy Snyder will be the keeper of the doors, and Wendy Homyak will serve as time keeper.

Becky Hale came forward and announced that 31 of 53 chapters are present. A quorum has been established.

Shelli announced that we will now conduct the elections for Minnesota Women of Today State President. The presidential candidate is allowed 15 minutes, which includes no more than 5 minutes for an audio/visual presentation. The candidate will have an additional five minutes for purposed of an acceptance.

The Elections Committee met with the announced candidate to approve campaign materials, actions and budgets. The committee has found all necessary information to be in order and approves Cathy Shuman from Monticello as the 2019-2020 state presidential candidate.

To begin the nomination process, one chapter will be drawn. If that chapter does not have a nomination from their chapter, you can pass to chapter that you does have a candidate.

NEW HOPE – do you have a nomination for president? They replied no and called upon Monticello.

MONTICELLO – do you have a nomination for state president? Michelle Kocak-Jones replied yes and announced **Cathy Shuman**.

For purposes of a second, Heidi Westerlund from the Aitkin chapter.

Wendy noted the time of 10:44 am to begin the 15 minutes.

Shelli called Cathy forward for the purpose of accepting the nomination. Cathy moved to the podium to speak and to start a slide show.

Wendy noted the time of 10:56 am.

Shelli asked if there are any other nominations for the 2019-2020 state president. After hearing no further nominations, the nominations for the office of state president was closed.

According to Policy L, 19, if the election for state president is not contested, the five minute caucus shall be waived and a voice vote taken.

Shelli reminded that only registered voting delegates may vote. All those in favor of approving Cathy Shuman for president say yes; opposed say no. Motion is passed.

Cathy Shuman from Monticello was announced the 2019-2020 70th state president of the Minnesota Women of Today.

Shelli began the process of nominations of the state staff positions who have made a commitment to assist the state president.

Becky came forward and made motions for the following positions:

Ileana Miller of Monticello as Administrative Vice President. The motion was seconded by St Cloud. Motion approved.

Barb Zeroth of Rice as Chapter Management Vice President. The motion was seconded by Rice. Motion approved.

Melissa Redzuan of Eden Prairie as Programming Vice President. The motion was seconded by Eden Prairie. Motion approved.

Amy Pumper of Byron as Financial Vice President. The motion was seconded by Byron. Motion approved.

Jenise Teske of Fridley as Extensions Director. The motion was seconded by Fridley. Motion approved.

Christine Sibilleau of Roseau as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Roseau. Motion approved.

Wendy Lindberg of Coon Rapids as Parliamentarian. The motion was seconded by Coon Rapids. Motion approved.

Barb Berndtson of Monticello as Presidential Assistant. The motion was seconded by Monticello. Motion approved.

After no further announcements or business, the Election Meeting was adjourned by Shelli at 11:09 am.

Sue Bay, Secretary

Fairmont Chapter