

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BLUE RIVER DISTRICT LEADERSHIP MINUTES

MAY 15, 2021 – ST PAUL CHURCH, LINCOLN

PRESENT: Sue Orwen, Rogene Silletto, Jane Nider, Stacey Brandenburgh, Susan Hanneman, Sandy Blankenship, Cheri Kaiser, Cheryl Patterson, Dottie Halverson, Kerry Florell, Ann Cerveny **ABSENT:** Sondra Buell, Jan Hauser, Lynette Broderick, Marletta Stark, Carole Lashley, Kerry Florell, Janet Varejcka, Pat McGill, Vicki Leech

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Orwen .

Due to the absence of Sondra Buell , Sue Orwen read a devotion on what gifts we have from God and how we use those gifts.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Secretary Jane Nider read a thank you letter from Esther Hay for recognizing her at the Spring event.

Treasurer Stacey Brandenburgh presented the treasurer's attached report, a chart showing past budgets and actual expenses and a proposed budget for 2022. She said pledges are down 22.12 % . The proposed budget reflects a decrease of 10% from the 2021 budget.

Ann Cerveny made a motion to approve the 2022 budget as printed. Seconded by Sandy Blankenship. Motion carried.

An audit of the treasurer's records has been completed and approved.

Name tags for new officers were made by Epworth at a cost of \$5 each. Stacey Brandenburgh made a motion that we pay Epworth \$50 for the tags. Seconded by Ann Cerveny . Carried.

President Orwen thanked Susan Hannemann for producing an excellent and easy to use 2021 Directory.

The spring event was discussed. It was a successful event with around 30 in attendance and many more participating on Zoom. It was noted some units gathered to watch via zoom. It was agreed that a zoom option should be continued, and the shortened schedule be used in planning the fall meeting.

The fall meeting will be at Syracuse UMC October 16th. The following are on the planning committee: Chair Rogene Silletto, Sue Orwen, Cheryl Patterson, Ann Cerveny, Dottie Halvorsen and Stacey Brandenburgh.

The Blue River Ripple needs to be in the hands of members 30 days prior to the annual meeting , so a due date of August 21st was set for articles.

MissionU 2021 will be held on zoom. It was suggested groups may want to watch together. Registration is on the Great Plains site.

A two-hour zoom Spiritual Retreat will be on June 5th, with registration due by May 22nd. Harrietta Reynolds is the presenter.

National Assembly was discussed, and Stacey Brandenburgh will check in to expenses and options.

Sandy Blankenship , chair of nominations, gave a report on term and tenure for the Leadership team. Current members were asked to notify Sandy if they are willing to continue to serve and she also asked for recommendations for any openings.

The next meeting will be 10:00 Saturday August 21st at St Paul, Lincoln.

Stacey Brandenburgh made a motion to adjourn. Ann Cerveny seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Jane Nider

Approved by President Sue Orwen