

United Methodist Women Blue River District Board Meeting
November 19, 2019 Beatrice Centenary United Methodist Church

Present: Ann Cerveny, Sue Orwen, Lisa Maupin, Mary Starr, Stacey Brandenburgh, Jan Hauser, Lynette Broderick, Susan Hanneman, Ellie Wrigley, Shirley Bornemeier, Marletta Stark, Holly Matzke, Vera Mazour, Rogene Silletto. **Absent:** Sandy Blankenship, Kay Clark, Kathryn Griffith, Pat McGill, Sandy Scheef, Esther Hay, Ruby Thelander.

New Officers starting 2020 attending: Jane Nider, Sondra Buell, Kerry Florell

Dinner and fellowship time began at 6:15. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Cerveny at 7:10. Members shared information about themselves to help us get to know each other. Lisa led devotions.

Minutes of the July 30 board meeting were presented. Marletta moved and Vera seconded approval. Motion passed. Minutes from the Annual BRD meeting on October 12 were reviewed. Sue moved and Jan seconded approval. Motion passed. Mary listed the BRD units added and removed during the last 4 years. Added: Denton. Removed: Plymouth Peace, Wilber, Eagle, Lincoln New Visions, and Douglas. Our smallest unit is three members and largest is Lincoln Christ who listed 108 in the 2019 BRD Directory.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Stacey. Balance of the AMD checking account as of November 5, 2019 was \$2,789.80. Total giving by the BRD to the conference through October 2019 was \$54,939.28. 76.11% of the BRD unit pledges for 2019 have been paid. Lynette moved and Lisa seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed. Stacey passed out vouchers with instructions on how to use them. Stacey showed ideas for new BRD officer name tags to be made by Epworth Village. Members selected one that featured the Great Plains logo with members names, elected positions and membership in the Blue River District displayed.

Sue led discussion on the BRD Annual Meeting in October. The responses were very positive on the evaluation sheets. Sue has many suggestions for future meetings she will pass on to Rogene.

The calendar for 2020 was discussed.

BRD Spring Event April 25 in Elmwood. Sondra, Journey in Faith leader, will lead. Billy Blair was suggested as a speaker. Volunteers to assist are – Stacey, Rogene, Sue, Kerry, Lynette.

BRD Fall Annual Meeting October 17 in Crete with Rogene leading.

Unit Officer Networking was tabled for discussion at the February 15 BRD Board Meeting at 10:00 am at Saint Paul in Lincoln. Officers are to come with suggestions for conducting the training.

Sue led discussion on the four BRD Board Meetings in 2020. There will be a change from Tuesday evening meetings to Saturday mornings from 10:00 – noon. They will all be held at the same place, Saint Paul Lincoln at 11th and M Streets. There is parking available below the church and the meeting will be held in the dining room on the same level with no stairs to climb. After the meeting officers who wish can have lunch at a Lincoln restaurant they choose. This will eliminate late night driving for the officers with some currently arriving home as late as 11:00 pm.

February 15 Crete volunteered to bring coffee cake for morning coffee.
May 16
July 18
November 21

Lisa told us that there is grant money available for any UMW members who would like to have a Charter for Racial Justice project.

Members signed up for 2020 Adoptive Officer positions.

Ann gave a report from Pat that the Big Garden is doing very well with continued expansion of programs and employees for 2020.

Jan and Stacey reported that the Epworth Village Heart of the Matter benefit dinner raised \$27,000. They also reported working on establishing a UMW unit at the York Correctional Center for Women. Much more ground work needs to be laid before this is accomplished.

Ann thanked the retiring officers. She then passed on several items including the gavel to Sue who assumes the position of President of the United Methodist Women Blue River District in 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00. Ann Cerveney, President. Mary Starr, Secretary



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