

## United Methodist Women Blue River District Board Meeting

May 21, 2019

Seward United Methodist Church

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

Dinner and fellowship time began at 6:30. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Cerveny at 7:28. Minutes of the February 21 Board Meeting were presented. Jan moved and Pat seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed. Minutes of the Board Meeting on March 23 were presented. Corrections were made to add members present and absent. Marletta moved and Pat seconded a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Motion passed.

Stacey presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance of the A&MD checking account as of May 21 was \$1,454.90. Total giving for the BRD as of April 2019 was \$20,066.96. Lynette moved and Sandy seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

### OLD and NEW Business

1. Evaluations of the Spring Event were reviewed and were very positive. 38 out of 90 in attendance turned in evaluations. Break-out sessions were well liked. Some were a little rushed for time. Officers who led groups discussed highlights from their sessions. Hostesses to help find rooms would get members to sessions quicker.
2. Sue said the Annual BRD Fall Meeting will be at Saint Marks in Lincoln on October 12. The theme will be The Living Wage. Judy Akers from Della Lamb Community Services in Kansas City will speak. The search is still on for a speaker on Living Wage. Please send suggestions to Sue. Rogene will install officers
3. Shirley and her team are working on officer nominations for 2020. Still needed are Faith Team Leader, Secretary, and Vice President. Please let Shirley know if you have suggestions. Dividing the secretary's jobs was discussed to make the job more manageable.
4. All BRD officers are expected to attend Mission u and most of their expenses will be paid.
5. BRD officers attending the Leadership Team meeting in Scottsbluff in September will be president, treasurer, Journey in Growth, Action, and Faith.
6. Esther needs another person to serve on the Great Plains Standing Rules Committee.

7. Homeless mats will be made at a workshop on June 15 at the Crete UMC from 9 – 2. Bring one salad per table for lunch, scissors and plastic bags. All are invited.
8. The deadline for articles for the Blue River Ripple is August 19. Email articles to Sandy.
9. October 17 is the date for Heart of the Matter – fundraiser for Epworth Village. The theme this year is 130 Years of Transforming Lives. Kerry's from McCool Junction is doing the catering. The cost is \$400 for a table of eight. Esther will buy a table for BRD officers with the understanding that those who attend will bid on items. Donations are needed for the auction. One idea is for the BRD officers to make up a basket for auction.

Esther reported the Day Care is full and has a waiting list. The in-home family services are doing very good work with children and parents. Flood disaster relief workers are staying at a group home and it is working out very well. Thanks to all who donated needed items for the home and helped with clean-up to make the home ready to use.

The Big Garden in Omaha is working with an agency from Kansas City to provide fruit trees seedlings. A benefactor is providing wages for a Big Garden director in Kansas City for three years centered at the Stilwell, KS UMC. The spring plant sale in Omaha raised over \$20,000. They still have plants for sale.

Susan said she is disappointed she has heard nothing from the GP Conference about the results of the spring on line census of United Methodist Women

10. Our next meeting of BRD Officers will be July 30 at Raymond UMC starting with dinner at 6:30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Mary Starr, BRD Secretary

Ann Cerveney, BRD President

