

## United Methodist Women Blue River District Board Meeting

July 30, 2019

Raymond United Methodist Church

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

Dinner and fellowship time began at 6:30. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Cerveny at 7:10. Joys and concerns were shared. Lisa led devotions.

Minutes of the May 21 meeting were corrected. Marletta moved and Vera seconded approval of the corrected minutes. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented. The AMD checking account as of July 30, 2019 was \$2,409.67. BRD has paid \$26,355.00 or 48.6 % of our Pledge to Mission for 2019. Total BRD giving January – July 2019 was \$32,974.99. Pat moved and Jan seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed. Stacey passed out vouchers with instructions on how to use them.

Sue reported on plans for the BRD Annual Meeting on October 12 at Saint Mark's in Lincoln. The topic is Living Wage. The speaker will be Chris Funk, Director of the Center for People in Need in Lincoln. Speakers for our three National Mission Institutions will be Judy Akers from Della Lamb Community Services in Kansas City, Pat McGill for the Big Garden, and Jan Hauser for Epworth. The offering will be for Della Lamb and the in kind offering will also be for Della Lamb. There will be a walk through to plan for room set up at Saint Mark's prior to the meeting. Information for the program should be sent to Mary Starr by September 30 so copies can be made in time for the meeting.

It was decided to offer unit officer training in January. Esther moved to have a creative, fun opportunity for leaders of local units to come together to share ideas and learn about resources with their district officers. Shirley seconded and the motion passed. Plans for this new training opportunity will be at the November BRD board meeting.

Shirley reported nominations for 2020 BRD officers only need one more person for the Nominations Committee to make the slate complete.

Those who attended Mission u in Kearney said it was very successful even though plans had to be changed at the last minute due to flooding in Kearney. Classes were very interesting and educational and Trinity Church and the hotel in Grand Island worked out well.

Jan moved and Marletta seconded a motion to get new name tags from Epworth for the BRD district officers, including the new officers starting in January. The motion passed.

Jan and Stacey went to the Chartering Dinner at the Women's prison in Topeca, KS to learn more about the UMW prison units. They hope to work with the York Women's prison to develop parenting classes and other supportive services.

Pat reported on the Big Garden which is expanding every year. They have added three Catholic schools and are also planting fruit trees.

Heart of the Matter benefit dinner and auction will be October 17 at the Holthus Convention Center in York. BRD board members are invited to come and sit at Esther's table and bid often. Esther also encouraged local units to provide baskets for the bidding.

Ann reminded everyone to attend the Great Plains UMW Annual Meeting September 20 and 21 at First UMC in Lincoln. Officer training is available for district officers.

The deadline for turning in articles for the Fall Blue River Ripple is August 19. Send to  
**Sandy Blankenship**  
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402-560-7920

The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Starr, BRD Secretary

Ann Cerveny, BRD President

#### Dates to Remember:

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| Aug 19     | Deadline for getting articles to Sandy for the fall Blue River Ripple   |
| Sept 20-21 | GPC UMW Annual Meeting First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE   |
| Sept 30    | Deadline for sending information to include in the BRD Annual Meeting Program to Mary Starr   |
| Oct 12     | BRD Annual Meeting at Lincoln Saint Mark's UMC  |
| Oct 17     | Heart of the Matter Benefit Dinner and Auction. 5:15 pm – Silent Auction. 5:45 pm Dinner<br>Holthus Convention Center, York, NE   |
| Oct 14-18  | Midwest Mission Distribution Center Mission Trip.<br>Contact Teena Faubel: 402-217-3775 or <a href="mailto:tfaubel@yahoo.com">tfaubel@yahoo.com</a> to reserve your spot. |
| Nov 19     | BRD Board Meeting at Beatrice Centenary. 6:30 Light Dinner, 7:00 Meeting begins   |



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\*\*\* Mar 26-29, 2020 **South Central Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting** in Little Rock, Arkansas

\*\*\* May 20-22, 2022 **National UMW Assembly – Orlando, Florida**