

Blue River District United Methodist Women Executive Team Meeting

July 19, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Crete, NE United Methodist Church

Present: Ann Cerveny, Carol Wilhelm, Ellie Qiring, Sandy Blankenship, Jan Hauser, Stacey Brandenburg, Rayma Delaney, Marletta Stark, Donna Dornbusch, Carol King, Susan Harris, Lynette Broderick, Joyce Gettman, Pat Grimes

Absent: Mary Starr, Sarah Shively, Judy Butler

Following a meal and fellowship time, President Ann Cerveny called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Ann Cerveny announced the resignation of Judy Butler from the Nominations Committee, effective immediately, due to family commitments. Journey in Faith Leader, Lynette Broderick, led devotions.

The attendance sheet was passed around. The minutes from the May 17 meeting were distributed. Lynette Broderick moved and Susan Harris seconded approving the minutes as printed. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Carol, Wilhelm, presented the attached Treasurer's Report. Two units have received late recognition for 7 Star Awards - Milford and Lincoln Trinity. Pat Grimes moved to approve the report and Marletta Stark seconded. The motion carried.

Ann Cerveny shared the list Secretary, Mary Starr, is compiling of report deadlines and asked for input from the officers. Carol Wilhelm will send clarification on the treasurer's deadlines to Mary. Journey in Growth Leader, Jan Hauser, will address online membership submission in the upcoming newsletter. The other officers confirmed that their information is correct. There was a discussion of the proper naming for officers on the list. It was decided to use both their old mission coordinator and new journey team names.

Vice President, Susan Harris, presented plans for the District Annual Meeting on October 15 at Lincoln Trinity. The theme is "Knowing God's Children." Dr. Marilyn Moore will present "Economic Inequality As It Affects School Aged Children and Youth." We will have reports from United Methodist Ministries and Epworth Village. Ellie Qiring will look into getting a prize and book for the drawing. Each officer and journey team leader will be expected to present a training session, although we may combine some offices. Registration fee will be \$10. In kind giving will be UMM. Rayma Delaney is in charge of registration. She will mention the breakout sessions and in kind giving on the registration form. The list of in kind suggestions will be in the newsletter. District officers were reminded to complete the registration form, but not to pay the registration fee as the district covers it.

Ann Cerveny, Carol Wilhelm, Lynette Broderick, Donna Dornbusch and Stacey Brandenburg talked about the leadership update in Columbus.

1. Racial Justice is the important emphasis for the coming year.
2. The GP Finance Committee approved a \$1,000 gift from the GP UMW to the Great Plains Conference camping ministries in honor of Bishop Scott Jones.
3. The BRD was given approval to start a fund for scholarships for the BRD officers to attend the Jurisdictional Meeting and UMW Assembly. Each year \$750 will be contributed to the fund that we keep at the end of the year rather than sending it to the Great Plains Conference.

4. Districts were asked to have money in their budgets to send a young woman to the METour from their district. The tour will be from the last Saturday in May to the first Saturday in June each year. The cost is approximately \$400 per person.
5. District Directories will be on the GP UMW website with limited hard copy distribution to each district.
6. There was a conversation about units promoting UMW and holding UMW Sundays. Janelle Erb has resources for planning UMW Sundays.
7. An all-conference spiritual retreat is planned for April 25 – 30, 2017. This will likely be at Camp Comeca, but might be at the Kearney Holiday Inn because of accessibility issues.
8. Donna and Stacey talked about the UMW emphases on mass incarceration, climate justice, maternal and child health, and disabilities awareness.

Jan Hauser shared that some young women spoke to her local UMW on efforts to support young women aging out of the foster care system in Nebraska.

Ellie Quiring reported that the list of 2017 Reading Program books is now available online. Many books are available only as e-books. There was discussion about whether the Sampler should be ordered for the president and who should order it. The issue was tabled.

Ann Cerveny asked those present to indicate their plans to attend the Great Plains Conference Annual UMW Meeting.

Lynette Broderick announced that the site for our 2017 Spring Event is officially DeWitt, NE.

Marletta Stark said the BRD slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting is complete with the exception of Vice President and someone to complete Judy Butler's term on Nominations. There was discussion about whether we need to fill the VP slot and what we might do if no one accepts a nomination. Since the responsibility in our district is primarily to plan the annual meeting and not really a stepping stone to the presidency, a change in the name to Journey in Planning Leader was discussed as a way to make the VP office more appealing.

July 29 is the deadline for articles for the next newsletter to be sent on August 15. Sandy Blankenship will continue to use the Waverly UMC's bulk mailing permit and copier which helps hold down costs.

The next BRD Executive Meeting will be held November 15, 2016 at Lincoln First UMC.

President, Ann Cerveny, adjourned the meeting.

Mary Starr, Blue River District Secretary from notes provided by Joyce Gettman
Ann Cerveny, Blue River District President

UPCOMING DATES:

- August 19-20 **Mission u** – Topeka, KS
- September 16-17 **2016 Annual Meeting Great Plains Conference of UMW** in Topeka, KS.
- October 10-14 **Midwest Mission Distribution Center Mission Trip.** Contact Teena Faubel for more information: tfaubel@yahoo.com or 402-423-7329
- October 15 **Blue River District Annual Meeting** Trinity UMC, Lincoln, NE
- November 15 **Blue River District UMW Executive Team Meeting** Lincoln First
- February 11, 2017 **Ecumenical Legislative Day,** Lincoln, NE
- April 22, 2017 **Spring Event Blue River District in DeWitt, NE**
- April 28 – 30, 2017 **Great Plains Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Comeca in NE**
- May 27 – June 3, 2017 **METour (girls ages 15-20)**