

## **Blue River District United Methodist Women Executive Team Meeting**

February 21, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Waverly United Methodist Church

Present: Ann Cerveny, Sue Orwen, Mary Starr, Lynette Broderick, Stacey Brandenburgh, Joyce Gettman, Jan Hauser, Ellie Quiring, Sandy Blankenship, Marletta Stark, Rayma Delaney, Vera Mazour, Pat McGill, Sandy Scheef, Rogene Silletto, Esther Hay. Absent: Carol Wilhelm, Sarah Shively, Kathryn Griffith, Shirley Bornemeier

Following dinner and fellowship time, President Ann Cerveny called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Roll was called. Minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting were distributed. Ann passed out the treasurer's report. Marletta Stark moved and Sandy Blankenship seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Lynette Broderick reported on Spring Event plans. The meeting will be held at DeWitt UMC on April 22. Members of the planning committee are Lynette Broderick, Ann Cerveny, Marletta Stark, Vera Mazour, Sue Orwen, Ellie Quiring, Jan Hauser. DeWitt members Kay Clark and Marna Conn are working with the planning committee. The Spring Event will start at 9:30 with gathering beginning at 9:00. The program will include the Memorial Tribute, Special Mission Recognition, Dedicated Light, 5 and 7 Star Units, Reading Program Awards, and Mission Do Units. Displays will include Epworth, Big Garden, Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Mission u, and a BRD UMW table. Information about Della Lamb will go in the packets. In kind gifts will be for Epworth Village. The offering will go to Mission Giving. There will be a drawing for Mission u scholarships.

The assignments for Adoptive Officers were discussed.

Ideas from the Great Plains Winter Leadership Meeting in Hays were discussed. At the meeting each journey group came up with three goals. A Legacy Fund Quilt will be made. Each district will be given a block to prepare and the quilt will be displayed at the UMW Annual Meeting held September 29 – 30 in York, NE. "She's a Gem" individual giving recognition was presented as a possible activity for units. Joyce Gettman moved and Marletta Stark seconded a motion to present information about "She's a Gem" to BRD members at the BRD Annual Meeting this fall. Motion approved.

Information about the Great Plains Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Comeca in Cozad, NE April 28 – 30 was passed out.

Jan Hauser reported that 17 BRD units have submitted their Local Unit Membership Census to National.

Joyce Gettman reminded us that the Legacy Fund Day of Giving is March 23.

Ellie Quiring will have a book drawing in addition to the Mission u drawing at the Spring Event.

Stacy Brandenburgh reminded us about upcoming events including the METour.

Sue Orwen said the Annual Meeting will be held on October 21 at Lincoln Saint Paul UMC. The planning committee includes Sue, Lynette Broderick, Ellie Quiring, Joyce Gettman, Rayma Delaney, and Sandy Blankenship.

Marletta Stark told us there will be several openings on the BRD Executive Committee including those who have served two years and could continue for two more - president, secretary, communications. These officers have completed four years of service - journey in giving, chairwoman of nominations and program resources. Please let Marletta know if you have suggestions for ladies to fill these offices.

Sandy Blankenship wants all Blue River Ripple news articles no later than February 27. She will send out the newsletter by March 20.

We need to nominate a BRD officer for the Eunice Harrington Award to be given during the UMW Great Plains Conference Annual Meeting. Send suggestions to Ann Cerveney.

Two highlighted sessions from the Ecumenical Legislative Day were White Clay and Trafficking.

Pat McGill is now on the Big Garden Board. She needs to raise money for the Big Garden. We need to find ways to support Pat in this effort.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Mary Starr, Secretary

Ann Cerveney, President