

Blue River District United Methodist Women Executive Team Meeting

May 23, 2017

6:30p.m.

Hallam United Methodist Church

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

Following the dinner and fellowship, President Ann Cerveny called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m. President Cerveny opened with a Joygram reading from Great Plains United Methodist Women President Karen Dunlap. She then asked each member present to introduce herself and tell a joy she was experiencing.

Minutes for the February meeting and the April meeting were distributed. A question arose about the number required for a quorum. Nothing was found that specified a number so President Cerveny said we would proceed with business and if she learns that we did not have a quorum she would send out the motions for an on-line vote. Marletta Stark moved to accept the February minutes. Sandy Blankenship seconded. Motion carried. After a correction of Carol Wilhelm's name which was listed one time as Sandy Wilhelm, Vera Mazour moved with Sue Orwen seconding to accept the April minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Carol Wilhelm presented the Treasurer's Report. After she answered some questions, Marlette Stark moved and Sandy Blankenship seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Reports of committees:

Nominations: The committee met just before this meeting. There are still openings on the slate for Nominations Chairwoman, Journey in Giving, Journey in Learning and Journey in Faith. Please give names of good candidates to Marletta Stark.

Journey in Action: Stacey Brandenburgh had no report.

Communications: Sandy Blankenship reported that the deadline for the fall newsletter is August 21, 2017. The letter will come out in mid-September.

Mission u Rogene Silletto reported that the plans were coming along well except Denise Larsen needs to find an Assistant Dean for Kearney. It needs to be a church, not UMW, member because we are a cooperating Mission u. If you have names of people who might fulfill this roll please let Denise Larsen know.

Review of Spring Event; In Lynette's absence, general comments were made. All very positive. Kathy Griffith said that the host church members were very pleased with how the day went.

Spiritual Growth Retreat: Ann Cerveny, Rogene Silletto and Pat McGill reported on the first time Great Plains event. The use of the FAMA study method was viewed very positively for giving a new view on the scriptures.

Planning for the Fall meeting: President Cerveny asked for names of potential speakers. These names were mentioned: Karen Dunlap, Great Plains UMW President who could talk on experience as a probation officer, Teresa Tuchscherer, prison ministries, Teresa Whitehead, mass incarceration, Courtney Fowler, GP Lay Leader who could speak on maternal and child health and Debbie Barnes Josiah who is an epidemiologist in maternal and child health. The idea was explored to have two speakers (am and pm), leadership training workshops, and other workshops for non-officers, some on the same topic of the main speakers. The planning committee will meet in July, but may explore the topic by email earlier.

Vera Mazour commented that the spring 2018 meeting location would be Dorchester.

Conference Legacy quilt: Rogene Silletto will make the Great Plains Conference block. Perhaps Ellie Quiring could make the Blue River block. Ideas were explored about the images for the Blue River District block. Perhaps something like legislative days, the capitol and a Blue River logo could be on our block.

Eunice Harrington Award: President Cerveny reminded the members present that this award is given to a current district board member. Suggestions for the nomination were taken.

President Cerveny asked that each unit prepare a legacy record for the 150th anniversary. A DIY kit on doing this is available on the national website.

Hearing no further business, President Cerveny adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by Pat McGill for Mary Starr