

Blue River District United Methodist Women Executive Team Meeting

July 18, 2017 6:30 p.m. Raymond, NE 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, Kathryn Griffith, Shirley Bornemeier, Vera Mazour. Absent: Carol Wilhelm, Sarah Shively.

Following dinner and fellowship time, President Ann Cerveny called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Lynette Broderick led devotions. Roll was called. Minutes of the May 23, 2017 meeting were distributed and corrected.

Ann passed out the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance of \$3,859.53 in the Administration and Membership Development checking account as of July 18, 2017. Total expenses of \$2,054.12 were paid in the first six months of 2017. In the first six months, our units submitted a total of \$29,539.78 Pledge to Mission. We have also submitted \$8,597.00 to various designated agencies. Vera Mazour moved and Joyce Gettman seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Sue Orwen reviewed the plans for the Blue River District Annual Meeting. The topic will be Mass Incarceration which is a UMW focus this year. It was decided to have training for unit offices of president and treasurer. Other officers will be given written training and the information will be placed on our BRD web site. The UMW National Mission collection will be for the Big Garden. The in kind donations will also be for the Big Garden.

Marletta Stark, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported a complete slate of officers to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Ann passed around pictures of quilt tops Rogene Silletto has created for the Great Plains and Blue River District quilts.

The Eunice Herrington nominee for the Blue River District is Ellie Quiring.

The UMW Great Plains Annual Meeting will be September 29 and 30 in York, NE and the registration fee is \$30 which will be paid for BRD officers. The hotel is the York Best Western. There will be tours of Epworth Village and Epworth cemetery and garden work will be involved with both. Register on line now.

The Great Plains Summer Leadership Training in Manhattan, KS was attended by Ann Cerveny, Joyce Gettman, Rogene Silletto and Ellie Quiring. Information was shared on the following:

1. The METour next year will be to the Southwest.

2. Starting this year, the district annual meeting offering recipients are assigned by the Conference. The offerings will go to one of the three National Mission Institutes on a rotating basis. The BRD assignment for this year is the Big Garden and it should be our emphasis all year.
3. The UMW focus areas for this year are: Climate Justice, Maternal and Child Health, Mass Incarceration, Economic Inequality.
4. The on line UMW census is a work in progress. Each unit should register.
5. The UMW Assembly is May 18-20, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. Early registration fee of \$295 is due by November 30. Let Ann know if you are planning on attending. There are some BRD funds available to help with part of the expenses. There are plans for a bus from Nebraska to transport members to the meeting.
6. In 2019 UMW will celebrate our 150th year. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign goal is \$60 million. The fund will undergird United Methodist Women to carry forward our mission of service and advocacy with women, children and youth for the next 150 years.
7. Units are encouraged to put together stories about their legacy to celebrate 150 years of UMW. Stories might be shared in the Blue River Ripple, at the BRD spring and fall meetings, and on our BRD web site. Examples of stories can be found at the national UMW web site.

The deadline for the Fall Blue River Ripple articles is August 21.

A very positive evaluation of the Spring Event was distributed by Lynette Broderick.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Ann Cerveney, President

Mary Starr, Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

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| Aug 21 | Deadline to submit articles to Sandy for Fall Blue River Ripple |
| Sept 29-30 | UMW Great Plains Conference Annual Meeting in York, NE |
| Oct 21 | Blue River District UMW Annual Meeting at Lincoln Saint Paul 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 12 th and M Streets in downtown Lincoln |
| Oct 23-27 | Midwest Mission Distribution Center Mission Trip Contact Teena Faubel 402-217-3775 or tfaubel@yahoo.com to reserve a spot. |
| Nov 28 | BRD Executive Team meets at Lincoln Saint Paul |
| Nov 30 | Early registration deadline for 2018 Assembly. Early registration fee is \$295. |
| May 18-20, 2018 | UMW Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Regular registration fee is \$330. |