

Blue River District United Methodist Women Executive Team Meeting

November 15, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Lincoln First United Methodist Church

Present: Ann Cerveny, Susan Harris, Mary Starr, Lynette Broderick, Stacey Brandenburg, Joyce Gettman, Jan Hauser, Ellie Quiring, Sandy Blankenship, Marletta Stark, Carol King, Pat Grimes, Rayma Delaney, Rogene Silletto

Two new 2017 officers present: Vera Mazour and Sue Orwen

Absent: Carol Wilhelm, Sarah Shively

Following dessert and fellowship time, President Ann Cerveny called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Introductions were made. Journey in Faith Leader, Lynette Broderick, led devotions.

Marletta moved and Carol seconded approval of the July 19 BRD Executive Team Minutes. Motion passed. Pat moved and Lynette seconded approval of the Blue River District 10th Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion passed. Joyce moved and Carol seconded approval of the BRD Executive Team Special Meeting Minutes from October 15. Motion Passed. A list was passed so officers could sign up for 2017 Adoptive Officer assignments.

The Treasurer's Report for November 15, 2016 was read by Ann in absence of BRD Treasurer Carol Wilhelm. The balance in the AMD checking account is \$4,564.75. The AMD expense paid so far in 2016 is \$3,002.05. The grand total of District Remittance so far is \$56,185.22. This is 88% of our 2016 Pledge. Susan moved and Sandy seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Climate Justice Mini Mission u was held at Lincoln Saint Paul UMC on October 15 with 22 in attendance. The expense was \$188.40 for the speaker's transportation and honorarium. \$100 was in the 2016 BRD Budget for a Mini Mission u. Jan moved and Joyce seconded a motion to pay \$188.40 to Lincoln Saint Paul UMW to cover the expense for the Mini Mission u. Motion passed.

The 2016 Great Plains Annual Meeting was discussed. The 2016 BRD Annual Meeting evaluation report was reviewed. The evaluations were very positive. Two suggestions for next year are to have Joyce repeat her presentation on the Offering and Legacy Fund, and to have a break out session on use of the Prayer Calendar.

The date for the 2017 BRD Annual Meeting will be Saturday, October 21. Lincoln Saint Marks will be contacted to see if they can host the Annual Meeting. The 2017 Annual Meeting committee will include chairperson, Sue Orwen and Joyce, Rayma, and Sandy.

2017 deadlines for the BRD Blue River Ripple are:

February 27	All articles for the Spring Blue River Ripple turned in to Sandy
March 20	Blue River Ripple mailed
August 21	All articles for the Fall Blue River Ripple turned in to Sandy
September 11	Blue River Ripple mailed

Dates and places for the 2017 BRD Executive Meetings:

February 21	Waverly
May 16	Hallam
July 18	Raymond
November 28	Lincoln Saint Paul

Jan reported that there are new forms for Membership Reporting that will be used this year.

A general discussion was held about BRD 2017 goals. One suggestion was to invite Units to tell us what they want or need from the Adoptive Officers. Another suggestion was to have a time for BRD Officers to brainstorm and discuss ideas for helping the Units especially very small units that are struggling.

Ellie described the UMW Sampler. Ellie moved and Stacey seconded a motion to order two 2018 samplers paid for with BRD ADM funds. One will be for the BRD President and one for the Vice President. They will be shared with the officers.

The Spring Event will be on April 22 at the DeWitt UMC. Lynette is the Spring Event chairperson. The committee includes Marletta, Ann, Vera, and Ellie. The walk through will be on April 1 in DeWitt.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mary Starr, BRD Secretary

Ann Cerveney, BRD President