

Blue River District United Methodist Women Executive Team Meeting

February 16, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Saint Paul United Methodist Church, Lincoln, NE

Present: Ann Cerveney, Susan Harris, Mary Starr, Carol Wilhelm, Lynette Broderick, Joyce Gettman, Jan Hauser, Ellie Quiring, Sandy Blankenship, Marletta Stark, Judy Butler, Carol King, Rayma Delaney, Donna Dornbush, Esther Hay Absent: Stacey Brandenburgh, Pat Grimes, Sarah Shively

President Ann Cerveney called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Lynette Broderick, led devotions.

The minutes from the last meeting were presented. The following corrections were made: Stacey should be spelled with an e. The planning committee for the Spring Event should include Marletta Stark, Carol King, and Susan Harris. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Carol King and seconded by Ellie Quiring. The motion carried.

Carol Wilhelm presented the Treasurer's Report. (See attached report.) The Treasurer's Books for 2015 have been audited by Gabriel, Burger, and Else, CPA in Seward. The books came back from the auditor with a good report. Carol reminded all officers to turn in expense vouchers in a timely manner. They must be signed by the President and Secretary. The report will be filed for audit.

Spring Event Committee Report:

- The Spring Event will be held April 23 in Elmwood, NE from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.
- The Spring Event committee: Marletta Stark, Carol King, Susan Harris, Lynette Broderick, Stacey Brandenburgh, Ann Cerveney, Jan Hauser, Judy Butler, Carol Wilhelm
- Each BRD officer is asked to bring a Salad and a box of crackers.
- The first choice for the theme is Climate and second choice is Race and Gender.
- There will be recognition for the following:

Dedicated Light	Carol Wilhelm
Reading	Ellie Quiring
Mission Do	Joyce Gettman
5 and 7 Star Units	Carol Wilhelm
Special Mission Recognition	Carol Wilhelm
Memorials	Lynette Broderick
- The following will have displays and perhaps short presentations:
 - Epworth Village
 - United Methodist Ministries from Omaha
 - Midwest Mission Distribution Center
- Ellie Quiring will conduct a drawing for Mission U held in Kearney, NE – August 5-7. \$500 is budgeted for expenses including transportation, registration, housing, and books for the winner of the drawing and a friend.
- Several small gifts such as cards and cups will be given away.
- Two to three weeks before the Spring Event officers will receive information about their responsibilities for the day.

Great Plains Conference Report:

- Those attending the Great Plains Conference meeting were Rogene Silletto, Ann Cerveny, Donna Dornbush, Esther Hay, and Mary Ann Bede. It was decided the District Journey Team leaders will be members of the Conference Journey Team. Faith, Action, and Growth will begin in 2016 and Giving and Learning will begin in 2017.
- Rogene Silletto will be Mission U Dean in Kearney this summer. Denise Larson is Assistant Dean. BRD will pay for our district officers to attend including mileage, registration, and lodging. Books are not included. Officers are encouraged to car pool and share rooms.
- Let Ellie know if you want to purchase the books for Mission U this summer.
- On line membership reporting will be done at all levels including units, district, conference, jurisdiction and national. Training will be offered at BRD meetings this year.
- Giving in 2015 was outstanding. Blue River District was #1 in the Great Plains Conference and our conference was #1 in the South Central Jurisdiction and # 2 in the nation.
- The South Central Jurisdiction UMW Conference is April 15 – 17. There will be a bus available leaving from Lincoln. In future BRD budgets we should consider planning for financial help for BRD officers attending the SCJ Conference and the UMW Assembly.

Other Business:

- The Odell, NE Unit has only three members left and they will not make a pledge to mission.
- The Adoptive Unit List was reviewed and no changes were made.
- The BRD Budget Committee will meet before the Spring Meeting to prepare the 2017 budget. There will be a short board meeting to approve the 2017 Budget at the Spring Meeting.
- Ellie Quiring nominated Lynette Broderick for the Eunice Harrington Award and she was approved by consensus of the officers.
- Officers discussed posting the approved minutes.
- The Blue River Ripple newsletter deadline for articles is July 15. It will be mailed by August 1 and received no later than August 15.
- Units should encourage young women to take the METour (Mission Education Tour) June 5 – 12 to Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming and Colorado for a total cost of \$400.
- Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary of UMW, will speak at the United Methodist Ministries 50th Anniversary Banquet in Omaha on April 8.
- Encourage your youth to attend camp this summer by using your half price scholarship for first time Methodist campers at Camp Fontanelle near Omaha.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Mary Starr, Blue River District Secretary
Ann Cerveny, Blue River District President

Upcoming Dates

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| April 23 | BRD Spring Event in Elmwood 9:30 – 3:00 Officers bring salad + crackers.
*** BRD Officers meet to approve budget. |
| May 17 | BRD Executive Team meets in Seward |
| July 15 | Deadline for Blue River Ripple news articles. |
| July 19 | BRD Executive Team meets in Crete. |