

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

May 17, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Seward, NE United Methodist Church

Present: Ann Cerveny, Susan Harris, Mary Starr, Carol Wilhelm, Lynette Broderick, Joyce Gettman, Marletta Stark, Pat Grimes, Rayma Delaney, Sarah Shively, Judy Butler.

Absent: Stacey Brandenburgh, Jan Hauser, Ellie Quiring, Sandy Blankenship, Carol King

Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Lynette Broderick, led devotions. Everyone enjoyed a delicious salad supper prepared by the Seward UMW.

President Ann Cerveny called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Susan Harris and seconded by Marletta Stark. The motion carried. The BRD minutes will be posted on the UMW BRD web site after they are approved by the President.

Carol Wilhelm presented the Treasurer's Report. (See attached report.) Total expenses for the year as of May 17 were \$937.81. Total giving submitted to the Great Plains Conference through April 2016 was \$33, 631.42. Pat Grimes moved and Sandy Blankenship seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried. The report will be filed for audit. The BRD 2017 Budget was approved at the Spring Event, April 23, 2016, when the officers met at the end of the day. (See attached report.) The BRD is requesting to hold over \$750 for district scholarships for the General Assembly in 2018. This will be discussed at the Great Plains Conference meeting in July and results will be reported at our July 19<sup>th</sup> BRD Executive Team meeting.

**Evaluation of the April 23 Spring Event** was distributed by Lynette Broderick. Comments included:

- Evaluation in total was very positive. Speakers, hospitality of Elmwood Saint Paul UMW, overall organization, and devotions were high points.
- Attendance: 23 units attended and 22 were absent. 93 people were in attendance.
- Event came in under budget. Copies of the program and the directory were made at the BRD UMC office free of charge.
- Recommended holding the Spring Event the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April – April 22 next year.
- The offering for the Spring Event and Annual Meeting go for mission giving.
- In kind giving is for Epworth Village and United Methodist Ministries.
- The event was very well planned.
- Keep table signs and use again.
- Be sure to plan for storage for items brought for in kind donations.
- Speakers need good directions for finding the meeting site and an exact amount of time to speak.
- Have people sign their name and the unit when they pick up packets.

Lynette Broderick has been nominated for the Eunice H. Harrington Award of Leadership, Service and Advocacy. The recipient will be honored at the June 1 UMW Great Plains Conference dinner.

**Mission u** will be held in Kearney August 5-7. BRD officers are urged to attend. BRD officers pay the \$25 fee and for their own books. The BRD pays for registration including meals and hotel cost for double occupancy.

**Annual Meeting Report** by Susan Harris:

- The meeting will be held on October 15 at Lincoln Trinity UMC. Coffee will start at 8:30 and the program at 9:00.
- Marilyn Moore will be the keynote speaker.
- There will be a resource room, and training for officers, Mission Do, and online membership reports.

**Nominations Report** by Marletta Stark: Nominations for 2017 BRD Officers are complete except for Vice President and one position on the Nominating Committee.

**Communications Report** by Sandy Blankenship:

- Send news items to [umwblueripple@gmail.com](mailto:umwblueripple@gmail.com).
- Have all news items for the next Blue River Ripple to Sandy by July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Blue River Ripple will be mailed by August 15.

**The Journey in Giving Report** was given by Joyce Gettman.

- Mission Do Units for 2015 have been submitted to the Great Plains Conference.
- 2016 Mission Do requirements have just been completed and should be posted on the web soon.
- Joyce will have training on Mission Do at the Annual Meeting this fall.

The next BRD Executive Committee Meeting will be July 19 at Crete Grace UMC. Please bring all report deadlines to this meeting and turn in to Mary Starr who will complete a list of Unit Reports due to the BRD at the end of the year and in January 2017.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**Upcoming Dates**

July 19	<b>BRD Executive Team</b> meets in Crete
July 17 – 21	<b>Mission u</b> at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, KS
July 29	<b>Deadline for Blue River Ripple</b> news articles
August 5-7	<b>Mission u</b> – Holiday Inn Conference center in Kearney, NE
August 15	<b>Blue River Ripple</b> will be mailed.
August 19-20	<b>Mission u</b> – Topeka, KS
September 16-17	<b>2016 Annual Meeting Great Plains Conference of UMW</b> in Topeka, KS.
October 15	<b>Blue River District Annual Meeting</b> Trinity UMC, Lincoln, NE
November 15	<b>Blue River District UMW Executive Team Meeting</b> Lincoln First
April 22, 2017	<b>Spring Event Blue River District</b>