

The February 15, 2015 meeting of Women's Fellowship was called to order by president, Kathi Jensen at 10:10. A large group attended despite the cold weather!

Pastor Wendy Jaine offered an opening prayer.

The minutes of the January 15 meeting were approved as e-mailed.

The treasurer's report was given by Beda McKinney who reported there is \$8358.43 in the treasury at this time. Outstanding bills are for candle lighters for the church and shelving supplies the group has agreed to purchase for the Men's Fellowship members to construct shelving for the church storeroom. The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.

Our only February birthday is Diana Randolph who is unable to join the group today.

A Food Shelf report was given by Teri. Recent changes, including extra shelving and more categories for participants to choose from, were reported. Recipe collection continues for two more weeks for the Good Shepherd Lutheran cookbook project to support The BRICK, our food shelf's parent organization. Total cost of the cookbooks will be approximately \$10-\$11 dollars, with about \$5 of that amount being the cost of printing. Good Shepherd would like payment up front for the number of cookbooks each church would like to sell. The cookbooks should be printed and ready for sale by about the end of April in time for Mother's Day. Discussion by the group resulted in a motion which was seconded and passed to purchase and sell 100 cookbooks, feeling sales would include the congregation, attendees at the Country Store and the Second Chapter Garage Sale during the summer. The exact cost of the cookbooks will be determined by the total number of orders from all churches involved and Teri will notify the treasurer at that time. A huge thank you to the group for supporting our food shelf and The BRICK to this extent! Bowl collection for the Empty

Bowl Event for the food shelf is also underway. The event will take place March 28 from 4:30 – 7:00 and is always delicious, entertaining and fun as well as another way for our community to support the Food Shelf.

Shirley requested that we all notify her of anyone needing a Sunshine note from her. She also agreed to assume the duty performed by Joanne Cleary for many years of sending birthday cards to those on our church mailing list. Thank you to both Joanne and Shirley for this important outreach.

Beda contacted New Day Shelter to check on needs for more fleece blankets. They appreciated our donation of these last year but have a list of more basic needs for this year. The list was read and the group will consider the items listed when we are ready to make another donation.

The Women's Fellowship roster was update with Lisa Arthur's information and an e-mail address for Velma Volk.

Kathi gave a report on the progress of our Search Committee in their search for a new pastor. A letter from the committee is included in the February newsletter and a copy of our church profile, which is now on the WI UCC Conference website, is also located in the church office for anyone wishing to see it. The committee is making great progress!

The Mardi Gras Pancake supper will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The sign-up sheet to help was circulated and posters were available to put up. There was some confusion about start time, whether 5:00 or 5:30 but pancakes will be ready by 5:00. Mimi Crandall will decorate in Mardi Gras theme.

The Maundy Thursday service was discussed. The group suggests the time of the service be 7:00 and there be no meal before or after as the service has been a solemn one and there is a preference to maintain that tradition. These opinions will be conveyed at the upcoming Board meeting.

The possibility of a Second Chapter Christmas Sale was

discussed. Marsha knows of a church who does a second-hand Christmas item sale as a fund-raiser each year and the thought is that we might do this as an event during Christmas in Cable Saturday. This could be a daytime event and coffee and cookies or pie might be served in conjunction with the sale. This event could replace the chili supper we did in previous years around the time of the Christmas parade and would serve as our church's fundraiser for the year for The BRICK. The group seemed in favor of this idea. More planning and publicizing the event will take place in the coming months as donations for the sale are sought.

The Worship and Fellowship committee would like to know the opinion of the group regarding opportunity for the congregation to purchase Easter lilies similar to our Christmas poinsettia sale. The group seems in favor of offering this opportunity for the congregation to decorate the sanctuary. It was also suggested that the lilies could be taken to shut-ins or nursing homes following the Easter service if people desired.

Our next meeting will take place on March 5. Carol and Mary B. will be in charge of lunch. The meeting was adjourned with our usual prayer and a book discussion of Dakota followed. For our next meeting we will discuss pages 142-176 of Dakota. A delicious lunch was served following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Hanson, Secretary