

UCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING—September 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Kathi Jensen at 10:00. 21 women were present. Kathi expressed thanks to the group for all the help with Rev. Wendy Jaine's farewell lunch and gifts and with welcoming Pastor Milam and his family as well as helping with their move into their rental house.

Deanne gave a reading titled "Today" to open the meeting.

The minutes of the June 4 meeting had been e-mailed. Copies were dispersed to those who wanted them and the minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Kathi as reported by Treasurer, Beda. Currently our balance is \$14,560.71, which does not include one or two Saturdays' garage sale receipts as well as 2 outstanding bills needing to be paid. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Marsha received a birthday song and birthday wishes for her 9/22 birthday.

Old business: Teri reported that our church will be staffing the food shelf in November. Also Women's Fellowship continues to sell the BRICK fundraiser cookbooks. We have purchased these books and, along with other covenant churches of the BRICK, have contributed to help recipients of the BRICK's four food shelf sites (Cable's included) and the benevolence program, which works with our local CARE organization to provide emergency financial assistance to families in Bayfield and Ashland counties. Now we have the chance to replenish our treasury by selling the books. They will be sold after church, at Saturday garage sales

and at our Fall Fest pie sale.

Kathi gave the breakdown of income from the Country Store and Salad Luncheon; total income from the event, including garage sales, lunch, bake sale and jelly, and crafts was \$3,630.17.

Kathi stated that there are a couple of openings for help at the garage sale for the remaining Sept. Saturdays. Volunteers filled the needed spots. Kathi commended all for their willingness to step up and do what they can to help fill the schedule. Men's Fellowship help was also recognized as invaluable.

New business: Nominations were opened for officers of the group. Barb Larson has been nominated for president. Other officers have agreed to serve for another term. It was moved and seconded to close nominations and a unanimous vote was cast. Officers will be: Barb Larson, president; Carol Elliker, vice president; Teri Hanson, secretary; Sylvia Gillberg and Beda McKinney sharing the treasurer position. Barb Larson assumed leadership of the meeting.

A roster of the group was circulated and people were asked to update or add information.

It was discussed and decided to develop a mission statement for the W.F. group. A committee was selected from volunteers and consists of Mary Lintula, Deanne, and Becky. They will prepare a draft for consideration at our October meeting.

Allocation of funds—A meeting of the executive committee was held in August to discuss recommendations for dispersal of funds from the treasury. Besides our mission giving and funds reserved for heating and other kitchen supply needs, the church has needs

that can be considered. The need for new outside double doors for the fellowship hall was discussed. The doors no longer seal on the bottom which creates not only heat loss but an entry for mice, which have been a problem. The cost estimate for installation of doors is \$6000. Also there is need for professional cleaning of the fellowship hall carpet and ramp as well as replacement of the sanctuary carpet which is separating from the backing, making it impossible to clean. After considerable discussion it was agreed that a mission statement could help give guidance as to our mission for decisions on allocation of funds. It was moved, seconded and approved to offer the previously reserved \$2000 as well as an additional \$1000 for a total of \$3000 toward the cost of new doors at this time, to be reserved in our account until the purchase of the doors. As stated, a draft of the mission statement will be presented at the October meeting and may help give guidance for further dispersal of funds once the final balance is known after the close of the garage sale and payment of outstanding bills.

A memorial was given by the Jenkins family to the Women's Fellowship in the amount of \$50 for a special WF memorial. It was decided to purchase a stepping stone for the garden in memory of Lois.

The coffee hour back-up schedule was reviewed and circulated for additions and changes. We were reminded that our month to serve for WF lunch is also the month we monitor the coffee hour schedule and try to fill the blanks or make coffee on Sundays that remain blank.

Shirley was not present for a Sunshine Committee report.

Volunteers were signed up to provide rides for Jan Jenkins to her

next two appointments in Duluth. Barb will coordinate with drivers regarding time, location, etc.

The Cable District Women's Rally will be held in Mellen on Sept, 17 in the morning and will conclude with lunch. Lunch fee is \$5.00. Deanne will meet to drive those who wish to carpool at the church at 8:15 that morning. Notify Deanne if you would like to go and she will RSVP with the number coming from our church.

A list was circulated to sign-up for making and selling pies from 8-12 the morning of Fall Fest, Sept 26.

All covenant churches of The BRICK Ministries were sent a letter inviting participation in a Chili Cook-Off with churches holding their own cook-off and sending winners to the Grand Cool-Off in Ashland in January. Teri will coordinate a cook-off for our church sometime in the next 3 months. Get your chili recipes ready!

We are receiving donations for our Second Chapter Christmas Sale which will be held on December 5 as part of Christmas in Cable weekend. A committee was selected from volunteers to work on planning this event: Marsha will chair the committee and will be assisted by Corinne and Becky. This event will provide covenant church support for The BRICK and its food shelf and benevolence programs.

Diana introduced the new book for book discussion, 29 Gifts by Cami Walker and showed by short video of an interview with the author. For next month we will read the prologue and the first 3 chapters.

Our next meeting will be held on October 1.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by a lunch feast

provided by many and shared with the painting crew from Men's Fellowship who worked hard all day to paint the outside of the church! Thanks to all those workers! We were happy to provide lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Hanson, Secretary