

UCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Thursday, November 5, 2015
Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by president Barb Larson at 10:00. An opening prayer was given by Deanne Allen. 18 women were present.
- The minutes of the October meeting were approved as e-mailed.
- The treasurer's report was given by Beda. The amount in our account with outstanding bills having been paid is \$19,665.74. The report was approved and will be filed.
- November birthdays are Sharon, Kay, Barb, Jodi, Lisa, Patty and Deanne. Happy birthday to all!
- Correspondence received included an announcement of the opening of a new assisted living facility in Hayward called Aspen Acres Assisted Living. The information was circulated.
- Copies of the updated women's fellowship roster were distributed. A monthly lunch/coffee hour monitor list is on the fellowship hall table for all to check.
- Committee assignments were reviewed and most remained the same. Carol did accept the offer of Marilyn to assume the ordering of supplies. Also Shelly Wilson volunteered to be on the garage committee. Thank you to Marilyn and Shelly!
- Kathi reported on her search for a memorial stepping stone for Lois Jenkins. A printout of one she found was circulated and a motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase the stone.
- Marsha reported on the work of the Christmas sale committee. Two poster designs were done by Becky, both very nice. The group decided on the snowman version of the poster and copies were distributed for posting. The Northern De-Lites Bakery has offered to sell us mini donuts at a church discount price. It was decided to purchase 10 dozen donuts and serve coffee and hot cider during the sale which will run from 9-3 on December 5. Advertising was discussed and Kay will get ads out to area newspapers. All purchases will be by donation with encouragement to "donate generously to support the Cable Area Food Shelf and The BRICK Ministries."
- Kathi shared information about the Conference committee she is on which deals with mission and scholarships. She pointed out that many mission projects are supported by our payments to the Conference, including the 5 special offerings we take each year. She also stated that Conference funds are available for anyone to apply for should they wish to attend a conference, some of these funds having gone unused in the past due to lack of applications.
- Much time was spent discussing allocation of funds from our account. Of the balance indicated above, a good amount needs to be reserved for estimated expenses such as heating the church, supplies, and covering the cost of the new Fellowship Hall doors, which were being installed during the meeting! After allowing for these expenses \$8000 remains for dispersal as the group determines. After much discussion it was decided that we will donate to 10 mission projects, including some local organizations and increase our donation to many of those we have given to in the past as well as funding two new projects. Donations include:

New Day Shelter	\$200
Solar Cookers	\$200
Back Bay Mission	\$200
Union Gospel mission	\$200
C.A.R.E.	\$300
Fire Departments	\$100 each to Cable, Drummond, Namakagon and Grand View
Cable Food Shelf	\$300
Heifer International	\$200 (several animal gifts were selected; Diana will order)
Operation Rudolph	\$100
Hospice	\$200

We will also send staff gifts of \$100 to the Pastor and \$50 each to our custodian, secretary, and organist.

These gifts total \$2550. Of the \$8000 available, \$5450 remains for church related needs and reserve for emergencies. Some ideas mentioned are Fellowship Hall carpet cleaning (suggested to be done in late Spring due to Winter and early Spring weather,) replacement of sanctuary carpet, and a storage shed with floor for garage sale items in summer. Also discussed was a contribution to the endowment fund. Decisions on these items will be made at a later meeting.

-Shirley reported on the Sunshine Committee. She has sent cards to Joanne, Jan, Kathy DiSalvo, and Jean Gray.

- Our church will staff the food shelf this month on 11/19. Thanks to all for completing the sign-up sheet!

-Sign-up sheets are out for the Harvest Dinner on Sunday, 11/8. \$100 will be sent to John Uffenbeck as a contribution toward the cost of the Harvest Dinner.

-Our church will sponsor the Community Dinner on Tuesday, 11/10. A sign-up sheet for help was circulated.

- Sylvia led a discussion of gifts 4-8 from the 29 Gifts book.

- Our next meeting will be December 3. Work sessions will follow both the November and December meetings to sort sale items for the Christmas sale. We will also trim the tree and set up for the sale on December 3. The date selected for the Christmas party is Monday 12/14. We will meet at the church at 12:30 and travel to a restaurant for lunch-- location to be determined. Delta women will be invited to meet at the church and carpool to lunch.

-The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 with prayer and followed by a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Hanson