**CLW Fall Meeting - Mission Focus Event**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 27, 2021**

**Faith, Troy**

On this beautiful fall day attendees were blessed to hear from 10 Mission Organizations that are members of the Council. The opening devotion was given by Pastor Howard. The ten groups presenting were Camp Restore Detroit, Elli's House, Family of God, Gifts for all God's Children, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Lutheran Special Education Ministries, MOST Ministries, POBLO, The Luke Clinic, and Wellspring Lutheran Services. The groups presented from 9:30 until noon. Lunch was then served. Upon arrival, during a mid-morning break, and during the lunch break attendees were encouraged to visit with the featured mission organizations at their display tables as well as other mission partners in attendance.

At 1 pm President Lucie Witte brought the business meeting to order.

Patti Jacques from Faith Lutheran, Troy welcomed all of us to their building.

**RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT:** Report reviewed and filed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Recommendation from the Board of Directors to transfer the amount of $3,000.00 from undesignated funds to designated funds for scholarships was rejected. A new motion was made and seconded to transfer $5180 to the designated scholarship fund. The seminary students and memorial scholarship recipients will receive $600.00 each. The Council is currently supporting thirteen seminarians and one deaconess student at our two seminaries, plus the two memorial scholarship recipients.

President Lucie introduced the young women from Concordia Ann Arbor and gave them their scholarships. The John C. Streit Memorial Scholarship went to Clorissa Smith, Family Life Ministry (senior) and minor in Youth Ministry. The Leona M. Meyer Memorial Scholarship went to Sarah Jackemeyer, Teacher Candidate, Elementary Education.

All societies present received their statement from Glory Drum about their annual dues. Report on file.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

VP of Communication – Judy Shepard

Correspondence Coordinator - Wilma Wagner; Development Coordinator – vacant; Membership Coordinator – Marlene Gunnell; Publicity Coordinator – Laura Thomas; Assistant – Nora Baars; Scholarship Coordinator – Lucie Witte; Nominations Committee Coordinator – Laura Thomas; Website Coordinator – Judy Shepard

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VP of Events – Candie Sionkowski

Hospitality Coordinator – Sheri Comeford; WOY Coordinator – Gina Davidson; Luncheon Reservation/

Eventbrite Coordinator – Candie Sionkowski; Luncheon Booklet/Program Coordinator – Barb Collins

Thrivent cards were used to pay for lunch expenses and morning snacks. Eventbrite Registration allowed donations for the Mission presenters. As of 9/27/21 donations over Eventbrite totaled $472.24. Report on file.

VP of Human Care – Willie Marie Henry

Food Bank Coordinator – Ivy Thompson; Operation Layette Coordinator – Pam Stasko; Issues & Action Coordinator – Patti Jacques; Mission Support Coordinator – Barbara Hoffmeier

Special thanks go to the Mission Focus planning committee of Barbara Hoffmeier, Barb Collins, Sandy Hardies, Patti Jacques, Lucie Witte, and Willie Marie Henry, with extra assistance from Candie Sionkowski. Sheri Comeford arranged for our food needs, also several men helped in the parking lot and with unloading the ingathering, which was sorted by Human Care committee members.

There were 105 in attendance. The Eventbrite donations, along with gifts from other donors allowed the initial presentation of $100 to each of the ten mission presenters with more to be dispersed after all donations were tabulated and divided. The ingathering included many baby items, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants, Kleenex, tissue packs, plates, glasses for MOST, cereal, snacks, and many canned goods.

Baby items that are always needed for Operation Layette are cloth diapers, receiving blankets, sleepers, baby wash cloths, socks, and bottles (8-9 oz and 4 oz). Report on file.

President’s Report Report on file.

**Unfinished Business**

2022 Council Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center in Warren. The Hostess team can go in the day before the Luncheon to set up. The WOY from 2020 and 2021 will be recognized in some way so please encourage them and their families to attend.

By-laws Revision -A motion to approve the by-laws revisions was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Review was done by Judy Shepard and Barb Collins on Aug 11, 2021. No errors were found.

Vacancy in the role of Development Coordinator needs to be filled. Please inform President Lucie if you know someone interested in helping in this area.

**New Business**

The list of Seminarian Scholarship Recipients was read, thirteen seminarians and one deaconess student.

Spring Meeting will take place on April 25, 2022. A host is needed.

Closing prayers were led by President Lucie at 1:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Linzing, Recording Secretary