# Council of Lutheran Women General Meeting Monday, September 26, 2022 Trinity, Utica

Opening Devotion was given by Pastor Howard on the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Consider who you are doing the ministry for? Prayer requests were taken.

Meeting called to order by President Sandy Hardies. The welcome was given by Gail Terey from Trinity, Utica.

**ATTENDANCE**: There were 47 in attendance.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report on file.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

## VP of Communication Report – Judy Shepard

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

Report on file.

#### VP of Events – Candie Sionkowski

Hospitality Coordinator - Sheri Comeford; Women of the Year Coordinator - Joan Monson; Registration Coordinator - Candie Sionkowski; Program Coordinator and Luncheon Booklet Coordinator - Barb Collins

Reminder that the WOY will be going out in November and submissions due back by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Report on file.

### VP of Human Care – Barbara Hoffmeier

Food Bank Coordinator - Ivy Thompson; Operation Layette Coordinator - Pam Stasko; Issues & Action Coordinator - Glory Drum; Mission Support Coordinator - Andrea Anderson

Pam Stasko reported on the appreciation of young moms for the handmade items received. Visit the website for Issues and Action information. Vote NO on Proposal 3. Report on file.

President's Report Report on file.

**Unfinished Business** - Still in need of a volunteer for the vacant Development Coordinator position.

#### **New Business**

The scholarship list for 2022-23 has grown to 19 with the addition of nine new first-year seminarians. Lucie Witte made a motion and Willie Marie Henry seconded it to move \$5000 from the Undesignated Funds to make a total of \$7791.10 in the Scholarship Fund to be divided equally among the 19 recipients.

Inter-congregational Organizations' reports on file for those providing a written report.

A lunch of soup and salad was provided by the ladies from Trinity.

After lunch Rev. David Reed from Orphan Grain Train presented on the the branch located in Sebewaing, MI since 2019 and the history behind the organization which is celebrating 30 years. They collect items such as powder detergent, diapers, quilts, and medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, and canes and have distributed to 69 different countries, including locations in the United States. Cost of shipping donations can vary between \$9,000 and sometimes \$16,000.

# **Upcoming Meetings**

| Board of Directors Meeting | January 16, 2023 | 10 am        | Emmanuel, Dearborn    |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 2023 Luncheon              | March 21, 2023   | 11/11:15 am  | Burton Manor, Livonia |
| EC Meeting                 | April 3, 2023    | 10 am        | TBD                   |
| Spring Meeting             | April 17, 2023   | 9:15/9:45 am | Historic Trinity      |

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm with prayer from Pastor Howard.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Linzing, Recording Secretary