

UMW Leadership Meeting, Thursday, October 26, 2017

Members present: Cindy Gray, Judi Walsh, Roberta Fowler, Jane McNeal, Jean Zerkel, Martha Haynes, Barb Woods, Nancy Collier, and Mary McCarty

Cindy opened the meeting with a prayer from the book, Growing in Grace. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent by email and were not read today.

Roberta gave the Treasurer's Report. Total income from 94 Days Till Christmas was \$3174.54. There was some income from September and quarterly donations were sent. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Barb gave the Response Moment from the October issue. It is an easy read (not so technical) and very informative and the theme was our environment and an emphasis on the Legacy Fund. Barb reported that there are 20 people every minute that experience partner abuse of some type. This month's Bible Study, written by C. Joseph Praggie (the first male authored Bible Study Barb has read) is called Hope is the Call and is based on the scripture Jeremiah 32:15.

Group Reports

Creative Adventure – Next meeting is November 6. We have a total of 284 stockings for Fletcher Place (220 from Walmart clearance and 64 that were sewn by our members) which will be delivered soon. We have emptied many totes; however, we still have some fabric from donations. We have about 20 pillowcases made which will be donated for the holiday season's needs.

Helping Hands – Met October 9th at Blueberry Hill Pancake House. We had a good response. We collected \$108 for Hope Indy Center and \$81 for World Thank Offering. There are some women who still have boxes to turn in for World Thank Offering. Our next meeting will be December 11 at Montana Mike's in Greenfield. Cookie walk is Dec 9 and we have most of slots for volunteers filled.

Katherine – During October Jackie Ponsler provided a meeting on Human Trafficking (8 in attendance). Our November meeting (16th) will be spent preparing 5 Advent Baskets for shut-ins. We are actively seeking donations.

Seekers- Next meeting is November 2

Report on Ministries

Life Choices – Annual fundraiser is November 2 at 6:30 at Park Chapel Church. Dinner is free. The speaker is a girl who originally planned to choose abortion but changed her mind due to the work of Life Choices. Donations will be requested afterward. We may have 2 or 3 go.

Soup Kitchen – We need additional help on the second Thursday of each month. It would be nice to have some people who normally do not work there. The soup kitchen needs storage containers (with lids) to store items for annual garage sale.

Brightwood – We are scheduled to take supper to students and tutors on November 29th. We need a couple of volunteers to take the meal. Need to be there by 4:00 and we are usually ready to leave by 5:30.

Lucille Raines – Cindy is organizing a tour and lunch on November 8th. We need a count by November 6.

Vida Nueva – No report.

Old Business

Pies – Nancy has final count for the pies. We will have some extra sugar cream and pumpkin pies. We will decide how to best use them. Nancy has final money for the pies.

Advent by Candlelight – We continue to discuss how to best address the problems we have with this set-up. We now have a committee of Judi, Cindy and Martha to discuss how to proceed.

Cookie Walk and Santa – December 9. Most workers have volunteered. We do need someone to help Santa. Since Mary needs to be with the Cookie Walk, Barb and Nancy will help with Santa. The crafts will be taken care of by Cookie Walk volunteers. Cindy will ask Connor for a couple of “elves” to help with Santa as well. There will be coloring sheets for the children. We will advertise that credit cards will be accepted this year. Veterans will also be meeting that day so Nancy will invite them to have their picture taken with Santa.

New Business

Upward Bake Sale – Cindy has talked with Brian and secured the date of Feb 10 for our Bake Sale. We will have a booth manned from 8 am – 8 pm. We would like for the baked goods to be home made.

Dates for Silent Auction – Due to Spring Break and Easter dates, our spring Silent Auction will be April 8 – April 22.

Program Book – Leah has agreed to make a separate (online) page for the program booklet and will update that with changes as necessary. She will need some pictures; Martha has some from retreat.

Roberta shared a story from a Methodist publication which shared that Project Carino , sponsored by McCurdy Ministries in New Mexico is receiving a new school. The portable classrooms being replaced were originally given from funds which were collected from Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

Cindy read the prayer calendar. She highlighted how UMW is at work both in and outside of our community and with God’s help we accomplish the mission of UMW.

Jean Zerkel gave devotions beginning with a funny story about “chickens.” She shared how she was able to comfort a nursing home resident by reciting Psalm 23, which she memorized when she was a child.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 with a motion made by Jane McNeal and a unanimous vote from the group.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary McCarty, Secretary