

United Methodist Leadership Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Members Present: Cindy Gray, Jane McNeal, Judi Walsh, Wanda Matteson, Barb Woods, Leah Everett, Nancy Collier, Carlee Collier, Roberta Fowler, Katsue Gladback, Martha Haynes and Mary McCarty.

Cindy opened the meeting with the lighting of the Christ Candle and an opening prayer. Mary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Roberta gave the Treasurer's Report. Appropriate documentation was provided. Overall, we spent around \$1200 more than what we made last year; however, we usually have additional funds to disperse this time of year. We want to make sure the Doe Creek Food Project is funded so we set aside \$2000 for that. In addition, we have promised up to \$250 to the computer for Connor Neel, which has yet to be delivered. We want to make sure there is money to fund youth trips later in the year. We will revisit additional dispersement later in the year.

Barb gave the RESPONSE moment. She demonstrated how to access Response on the UMW website. Go to United Methodist Women, Click on picture of Response Magazine. In Subscriber's Log In type newpalumc@comcast.net. You can then click on the desired issue. Additionally, it was announced that Interpreter has been discontinued. Instead, UMW will provide a biweekly newsletter called United Methodist Now: Inspiration for Daily Living as well as Resources for Ministry which will begin "next spring." There will also be contributions to the social media sites.

This month the Response was written around the story of Esther. UMW have consistently never said no to challenging missions. There is a unit in Ft. Wayne this time that was highlighted for their service.

Group Reports:

Creative Adventure – Next meeting February 5. That will be an organizational meeting. We do have more pillowcases to make. We also need to check our supply of prayer blankets.

Helping Hands – Next meeting Monday, February 12 at 11:30 in the café. Lunch is provided by the hostesses for the meeting, Martha Haynes and Mary McCarty (among others.) Judi Walsh will provide a Pledge Service. We will take up a collection of either money and/or diapers (Size 6) for Life Choices Care Center in Greenfield. Additionally, we will take up a collection for a gift in memory for Treva Bardonner.

Katherine – We met January 18th. The program was about Noah and a video from the Arc in Kentucky was shown.

Seekers – Met January 8th.

Reports on Ministries:

Life Choices – Mary has been twice and is going again today. She is starting a regular monthly rotation.

Soup Kitchen – They are applying for funding through grants for a ventilation system for their new stove.

Brightwood – We were scheduled to take dinner yesterday. IPS ended up closing school at the last minute; therefore, dinner was cancelled. We did not know until afternoon. We were asked to take a date in February but we will keep our normal time in March instead.

Fletcher Place – They are renovating the first floor to add preschool classrooms. The food storage and clothing store have been moved to the basement. The basement was being renovated at our last visit; therefore, we were put to work in the library.

Lucille Raines – Martha took the pillows and cash collected by Helping Hands in December. They have elected to use the cash for purposes other than pillows.

Vida Nueva – No report.

Doe Creek Food – Martha and Mary Jo organize the food pantry and pack the bags for the kids to take home on weekends. They use string bags which are being donated. Currently 11 bags per week are being provided but there is enough food to provide for more children, if needed. Martha will check on that and follow-up.

Old Business:

Advent by Candlelight was a huge success. The committee went to great effort to include the younger women in our congregation. The cookie walk was profitable and Santa was an extra bonus. The children enjoyed sitting on his lap. Wanda has ordered books for the UMW reading program. There is one book from each category available and they are in the process of being logged into the system.

New Business:

Cindy asked for volunteers to plan a spring activity of some kind. Nancy Collier and Martha Haynes both volunteered to help. Some ideas were mentioned; the committee will look at those and plan something for spring.

Jane McNeal read the prayer calendar which highlighted Lee Methodist Church Camp in Belize.

Nancy provided devotions – both a funny one about Adam and Eve and a serious one regarding cheerfulness based on the scripture 2 Cor 13:11

Cindy closed the meeting at 11:22 am with a prayer from Growing in Grace.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary McCarty