**KOG WELCA Board Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, March 11, 2023

9:40 AM – 11:25 AM

**Members Present:**  Patty Larson, Sharlene Harvey, Carolyn Jean Smith, Anise Lee, Nancy Severson, Joni Barry, Nancy Seid, Nancy Cormier, and Val Bridges.

**Members Absent:** Nancy Perry-Dale

**Opening Prayer:** Patty Larson, President, called the meeting to order and read a devotion that was the 3rd chapter of “Discover Jesus” that spoke about Lent as being the time to rediscover Jesus.

**Minutes:** Carolyn Jean Smith, Secretary, was absent in February so Joni Barry presented the minutes from the 2-11-2023 board meeting. It was noted that the finance report was not in the minutes and Anise Lee is also on the anniversary committee. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Financial Report:** Sharlene Harvey, Treasurer, presented a financial report. We received a $75 donation, $40 sale for the bazaar, and offerings from the Gather Bible Study group. There was a charge for the card ministry of $29.73; $144.96 charge under facility improvements was for the new tablecloths (yellow and maroon ones); a $50 charge under Reserves was for the deposit for the St. Gertrude retreat. Sharlene will write the $500 check to Days for Girls and present it to them at our spring luncheon. She will also create a new pie chart for the luncheon showing where our monies go. We will also take an offering at the luncheon. Half will go to the Synod and half into our income.

**Request for Funds:** No requests were received.

**Committee Reports:**

**Action Committee:** Anise Lee showed us a project for the bazaar where you get these kits with nativity scenes and buttons to decorate trays. She thought this would be a good idea for the bazaar.

**Community Committee:** Val Bridges reported that those taking care of the free library are doing a good job. Still in need of children’s books to replenish the library with. She has added Nancy Birch to the visitation list. However, Nancy does not want visitors yet. Val will call her again in a few weeks and see if this has changed.

**Growth Committee:** Nancy Severson has reserved the farmhouse at St. Gertrude’s for September 29th – October 1st. Joni Barry and Nancy will create a poster around June 1 to advertise this event.

**Prayer Shawls:** Carolyn Jean Smith reported that 3 shawls/blankets have been given out this year.

**Quilters:** Sharlene Harvey reported that the quilters have 75 quilts boxed up already. Donna Groth has retired from the group.

**Card Ministry:** Nancy Seid reported that they are doing fine, and Wanda has recovered from her Covid and is helping again.

**Old Business**

Nancy Seid reported that only 3 people have contributed recipes for the cookbook so far. We need to get our recipes in as soon as possible. She will see if she can do a temple talk one Sunday to encourage people to donate recipes. They would also like to include graces from different countries in the cookbook.

Nancy Severson showed us a menu for the luncheon. Anise Lee said she would prefer to do one salad instead of many so as to coordinate the flavors. She suggested that we do a chicken salad and that it be plated and served by the men waiters. We will also have rolls and possibly orange rolls, fruit on a skewer, celery and carrot sticks. It was suggested that we buy mini croissants instead of baking rolls. Nancy Cormier volunteered to make the lemon mini Bundt cakes and mini blueberry pies for desert and Nancy Severson will make the mini cheesecakes. Sharlene Harvey and Nancy Severson will be in charge of ticket sales. They will sell tickets on March 19th, Patty Larson on March 26th, Nancy Seid on April 2nd, and Joni Barry on April 16th. We will not sell tickets on Easter, April 9th. The tickets will be for sale preservice in the Narthex and post-service in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are free for the African women and Nancy Seid will talk to Sally Husted to get them to sign up as we need to know what car pool coordination is needed. Val Bridges will coordinate the wait staff. Set-up will be on the Thursday and Friday before the luncheon starting at 10 AM. Joni Barry and Nancy Severson will do the decorations. They were thinking sunflowers with our yellow tablecloths. Anise Lee and Carolyn Jean Smith will coordinate the food. Patty Larson and Val Bridges will do the fruit skewers and veggie sticks. We will also serve coffee, tea and lemonade. Cleanup will be Sharlene Harvey, Nancy Severson, Nancy Cormier and Jesse , Patty and Lyman Larson. Jeff Lehn will be asked if he would like to help with the dishes.

**New Business**

The Luther Heights Women’s Retreat will be from July 14th – 16th.

Nancy Seid reported that Pastor has requested we visit Ferne Lehn during the three weeks her son, Jeff, will be gone on a much needed vacation. He usually visits her every night after work. Nancy set up a visitation schedule and several of us signed up for times to visit. Ferne is back at Grace Assisted Living after her hospitalization. Call her before visiting to make sure she is not busy with something else.

Pastor also asked Patty Larson if WELCA could provide food for the family of Juliet and Austin Peterson and possible clothing for the new baby sizes 6 month and older. They are expecting their fifth child and she is the one that works. After work, she is exhausted. Since several of us were talked to about this and had different ideas of what “food” meant (from snacks to meals), Joni Barry volunteered to talk to Austin about what they need since he is the stay-at-home parent. It was then suggested that we provide a Visa gift card to them and they can pick what food they would eat like through Uber Eats. A motion was made to provide a $200 gift card. The motion was seconded and passed. We can encourage the congregation to provide clothes for the baby.

**KOG WELCA UPCOMING EVENTS – 2023**

**April 22 Spring Luncheon**

**July 14 – 16 Luther Heights Women’s Retreat.**

**Sept 29 – Oct 1 St. Gertrude’s retreat**

**November 2, 3, 4 Lefse making.**

**November 8 - 9 Bazaar setup**

**November 10 - 11 Bazaar**

**Next meeting:** The next board meeting will be on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 9:30 AM in the church’s library. Due to having the luncheon in April, there will be no board meeting that month. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Jean Smith, Secretary