

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on Wednesday, September 30, 1981, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer.

Opening devotions were conducted by Mr. Jeff. Smith, Seminarian and field worker at Mt. Zion Church, Waterloo. He had the audience participate by singing a song with him "Praise to the Lord" while he accompanied on the guitar. Jeff shared an article with us entitled "Bits and Pieces" which reminded us that we are all servants of the Lord and as we touch each other's lives, we leave a lasting impression and we should also therefore be thankful to God for all who touch our lives. He concluded with the singing of Psalm 100, leading all to join him as he played the guitar.

In her welcome to all assembled, the president Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer extended a special welcome to past presidents, Mrs. Ruth Gillespie of Waterloo, and Mrs. Marie Ireland from Stratford.

Greetings were extended to the assembly by the Rev. Eric Weber, Co-pastor at St. John's, Waterloo. He reminded us that the Women's Auxiliary is now serving the fourth generation of Seminary students, a record of which we should be justly proud.

Dr. Delton Glebe, Dean, brought greetings from the Seminary. He wondered if a "comforter" were the same as a quilt. He was assured there was a difference, but continued to remind us that the word "comforter" could well be the symbol of the Women's Auxiliary, because for almost 70 years members have worked together to strengthen, to invigorate and to cheer the seminarians. He also told us he recently received a letter from a former student, Harold Sherk, who expressed his thanks to the Auxiliary, in his words "I will never forget them, being a Mennonite they treated me just the same."

REPORTS

THE PRESIDENT, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, began her report by telling us that on October 20, 1981, the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary will observe the 70th anniversary of its dedication. The original number of 4 students in its first year, has increased through the years to 90 or more, full and part time students.

The Auxiliary will have to wait another two years before it can celebrate its 70th birthday. While the personal touches to Seminarians have disappeared, the needs of Seminarians are still being filled by the Auxiliary by way of financial assistance for clinical training and gift certificates at the time of graduation.

The Auxiliary executive provided and served refreshments at the reception following the opening of Seminary in Sept. and also supervised the serving of lunch on Youth Day in January.

Reports cont'd.

In March, the executive prepared and served refreshments following the memorial service for Dr. J. Ray Houser, a former Seminary Principal.

The executive met 5 times during the past year to carry on the business of the Auxiliary. We had to accept with regret the resignation of two of our executive members, for personal reasons. Mrs. Rose Moore, 1st Vice-Pres. and Mrs. Esther Ruppenthal, assistant Promotion Chairman. We appreciate very much the time and effort given by Esther as she worked two years on promotion with Rose.

Rose Moore's second term as Promotion Chairman ends with today's meeting and we are looking for an Assistant Promotion Chairman. Also we would like to fill the office of 2nd Vice-Pres. If anyone is willing and able to serve in this capacity we would be delighted to hear from them.

At this time the president honoured the faithful and dedicated service given by Mrs. Rose Moore to the Auxiliary; having served on the executive in many capacities, namely: Ass't. Secretary, Secretary for two terms, then Ass't. Promotion Chairman, and Promotion Chairman, 2nd Vice-Pres. and for a short time 1st Vice-Pres. Rose has always been a willing worker, ready to do whatever she was asked. She has now consented to continue as adviser and consultant to the new Promotion Committee Chairman. The meeting then showed its appreciation to Rose by a round of applause.

- The president then introduced the new members of the executive:
- Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth of St. Stephen's Church, Kitchener, who will serve as 1st Vice-President.
 - Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier of Christ Lutheran Church, Waterloo, who will serve as Promotion Chairman.
 - Duties to commence after September 30, 1981.

We are pleased with the response of the Auxiliary members who provide the lovely quilts. This year we received 25 quilts, 1 pr. of pillow cases and \$50.00. This money was used to purchase material which the women of St. Luke's, Kitchener, made into a quilt on display in the sanctuary. As of now our Auxiliary is responsible for quilts only, no other bedding is needed.

In March the president had the privilege of presenting Gift Certificates to 13 graduates, 1 part time and 2 other seminar-ians who will not be in the area at graduating time.

The president thanked everyone for their work and support during the year -- without this there could be no Auxiliary.

THE SECRETARY, Mrs. Eva Hamel, read a resume of the minutes for the 1980 annual meeting.

Reports cont'd.

THE TREASURER, Mrs. Jean Weber, presented the annual financial report for the period of May 31, 1980 to May 31, 1981:

Balance on hand May 31, 1980	\$1,778.26
Receipts	6,936.84
Expenditures	6,236.01
Bank Balance, May 31, 1981	2,479.09
Outstanding cheque	430.00
Fiscal Bank Balance	2,909.09

Mrs. Weber also read the Auditor's Report, moving its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Aileen Hiller. CARRIED

PROMOTION REPORT - was presented by Mrs. Rose Moore who reminded the ladies of the Contact Women's meeting in Room 10, after lunch. Our slide presentation is being up-dated to include some of this year's meeting pictures. During the year mailings have gone out to the contact women in October, December, May and August. These letters keep the members informed as to our proposed projects and our annual meeting program announcements.

PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT - in the absence of Mrs. Corean Pleon, Mrs. Rose Moore read the proposed projects for the year 1982:

Auxiliary Discretionary Fund	\$ 100.00
Gift Certificates for Graduates	500.00
Clinical Training	4,000.00
Cordless Microphone	700.00
Candle Lighter	30.00
Glass Burner Tops for Candles	100.00
Bursary for a W.L.U. Student	200.00
Working Fund	200.00
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	\$5,830.00

It was moved and seconded that these projects be adopted. CARRIED

REPORT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP BOOK
GOLDEN BOOK OF HONOUR
MEMORIAL BOOK

was read by Mrs. Mary Heer, in the absence of Mrs. Evelyn Vogt. The entries this year include the following:

<u>Life Membership Book</u>	
Mrs. Ethel Schaus	Waterloo
<u>Golden Book of Honour</u>	
Mrs. Ruth Zinck	Calgary, formerly
Rev. Fred Zinck	of Kitchener
<u>Memorial Book</u>	
Rev. Herbert W. Gastmeier	Stratford
Miss Annie May Gies	Hamilton
Mrs. Maude Cynthia Snyder	Hamilton

NEW SEMINARIANS:

Dr. Glebe mentioned that when selecting the students to speak at the annual meeting, he gives them a bit of advice as to what constitutes a good speech -- have an interesting introduction and a powerful conclusion, and keep them close together.

ENROLLMENT:

This year we have the following enrollment:

Full time	51 (32 Lutheran)
Part time	<u>39</u>
Total	90

Women enrolled:

Full time	13
Part time	9

12 first year students of Lutheran background
12 first year students of other background

Dr. Glebe explained that he tries to identify each speaker with a "code" name.

1. Karen Bowen "Energized"
Began thinking of a career 5 years ago when doing social work in Banff, Alta., and decided she wanted to serve Christ in the community.
2. James Schulz "Schulz"
A member of the United Church in Akron, Ohio, but from a Lutheran background. His father attended Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, and served a German congregation in that state.
Finished his talk with some words in the German language, which he learned while living in Germany with his family for a period of time.
3. James Slack "Atlantic presence"
Spent 2 years at Dalhousie University in a psychology course. Began to ask how he could use his faith to better advantage.
Came to W.L.U. and Seminary and is looking forward to spending the next 3½ years here in Waterloo.

New Seminarrians - cont'd.

4. Lowell Nussey

"Toronto presence"

A second career person who quit teaching to take on a 4 year course in another field. Spent 6 years with the Metro Toronto Children's Aid.

Had been thinking for some time to come to Seminary to train as a pastor.

A member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Toronto. Has 3 small children and is aware that a change of career can cause many hardships for all the members of his family.

5. Peter Hincke

"Peter the Greek"

(Is studying Greek under Dr. Heick.)

From Ottawa - 23 years old.

While a student at University in Ottawa he became aware that Jesus is real and that people have needs.

He became involved in church ministry and made his decision to become a pastor, trusting in the Lord to show him the way in the future.

Also has a deep interest in music.

6. Steven Weber

"The Sailor"

Steven told us that when he was a young boy he had two wishes -- to become a minister and to play the flute.

As one of his interests was music, he finally did get to play the flute in the high school band.

Was involved with the youth group at St.Luke's Church, Kitchener, and decided to enter the ministry.

His goal is to become a parish pastor and work on committees at Synod level.

SPECIAL OFFERING

On this the 70th anniversary of the Seminary, Dr. Riegert, Dean of the Chapel, came to say thanks to the Auxiliary for its generous donations in the past to purchase such furnishings as a Lectern, Paraments, etc., to beautify the Chapel.

It was suggested that this year's offering be used to purchase wall plaques of the four apostles. Dr. Riegert explained the reason these symbols are identified with the four evangelists.

Matthew	-	man with wings
Mark	-	lion with wings
Luke	-	bull and ox with wings
St. John	-	eagle - symbol of resurrection

The morning session adjourned with the singing of the Doxology, followed by luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Tribute to the memory of Dr. Henry Endress

Mr. Richard Taylor of Wilfrid Laurier University, spoke about having worked with the late Dr. Henry Endress in Public Relations Office during the period between 1963 and 1969, when Dr. Endress was vice-president at Waterloo Lutheran University. He was also a member of the Lutheran Church of America executive council. Dr. Endress was always enthusiastic about the Auxiliary and established the use of the Memorial Book, Golden Book of Honour and Life Membership Book. We are all richer for having had him pass among us and his death on Sept. 27, 1981, is mourned by all of us.

Seminarian Alan Cook: "Recalling experiences of his year as Intern in Elmwood, Ontario."

The Rev. Arnold Weigel, Director of Continuing Education, introduced Seminarian Alan Cook. In 1978 Alan came to the Seminary from the state of Wisconsin and is now in his 4th year.

Seminarian Alan Cook, a city boy, recalled that he had always wanted to become a minister. During his internship at Elmwood, he experienced life in the country. When he was first taken on a tour he soon found that the road could be very rough and bumpy. He also understood that country folks had much reason to be concerned with the weather and their crops. Farm chores came before meetings, which did not always start at the scheduled time. He had to serve the members by guiding them as a family counsellor, a marriage counsellor and a church council adviser. His experiences led him, on his return to Seminary, to take special courses that would help him later as an ordained pastor.

Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer thanked Alan Cook for sharing his experiences with us.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Mary Heer introduced two young pianists who were winners at the recent Kiwanis Music Festival -- Miss Anne Forler and Mr. Lorin Shalanko.

These artists displayed their talents by entertaining us with two duets and two solos.

Mrs. Rose Moore appropriately expressed our appreciation for their fine performance. She also informed the audience that Anne Forler is the granddaughter of our own Mary Heer.

Guest Speaker cont'd.

Chaplain Roberts is not in favor of capital punishment as he thinks it is only brutalizing society. It has been proven that it is not a deterrent.

Also, we are aiding and abetting crime if we continue to buy stolen goods without questioning why it is so cheap.

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Mrs. Barbara Romahn thanked the speaker for his very fine talk and told him we are glad he could come to address our meeting.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The president Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer welcomed the Rev. Wilfred Myra, Chairman of the Board of Governors for Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

The president thanked the following people who gave of their time and talents to make this day a success:

Mrs. Mary Heer	-	Program convener of the annual meeting
Mrs. Emma Bauman	-	Kitchen convener
Ushers for the day-	Neustadt	- Mrs. Ruth Fidler
		Mrs. Joyce Zimmerman
	Brodhagen	- Mrs. Florence Rock
		Mrs. Albert Bauer

Mr. Gordon Kipfer - for looking after the sound system

Special Offering amounted to - \$335.00

Attendance Report - was read by Mrs. Barbara Romahn:

attending from 40 churches	-	178
Special Guests	-	<u>20</u>

Total - 198

CLOSING DEVOTIONS

Donna Seamone, fourth year seminarian, and intern last year at St. Peter's Church, Kitchener, conducted the closing devotions.

Psalm 100 was read responsively

Scripture was from Rom.13 and John 13

Story: entitled "Stepping on Rainbows" reminded us that in every act of service there is a blessing.

Prayer - led by Seminarian Lynn Allan

Closing Hymn - "We Give Thee but Thine Own".

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Coffee hour followed.

Eva Hamel (Mrs. Lloyd)
Secretary.