

## 70TH ANNIVERSARY

MINUTES ..... 1983 ANNUAL MEETING

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

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Minutes of the annual meeting commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tavistock-Sebastopol, on Wednesday, September 28, 1983.

The president, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome to all, especially those who are attending for the very first time.

In the absence of the Rev. Forrest Mosher, Pastor of the church, greetings were brought to the meeting by Karl Fieldhouse, the Intern at Trinity Church.

Opening hymn 231 - "O Word of God Incarnate", followed by the responsive reading of Psalm 150 and prayer.

Lesson was from Ephesians 2:20, "You, too, are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Jesus Christ himself."

Karl Fieldhouse spoke of the members of the Auxiliary as workers who build the finished product by helping the Seminarians by providing for their comfort along the way. By so doing they are building the church of Christ. Each one is a brick or a stone, helping to build God's holy temple.

Closing hymn 557 - "Let All Things Now Living".

Dr. Delton Glebe, in bringing greetings from the Seminary, remarked that the outlook of students entering Seminary is more positive than ever. Some of them are second career people. It is also to the advantage of the Seminarians, if they can combine the academic and the practical.

### Enrollment:

Enrollment is down slightly from last year. Comparing the years, the figures are:

1970	-	35	students
1982	-	115	"
1983	-	112	"

Dr. Glebe announced that Synod has given permission to the Seminary to go on the territory of Synod to establish an endowment fund for the Seminary.

This will be Dr. Glebe's final year as Dean of the Seminary.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Report of the President. Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, president, reported that the Executive Board met 5 times to carry on the business of the Auxiliary between annual meetings.

For the first time, in many years, there was a full executive, with all offices and appointments filled.

The executive assisted with the Fellowship Hour following the Reformation Service on October 31, 1982.

Recently, on September 18, 1983, the executive served refreshments after the first chapel service of the new academic year. These contacts with the Seminarians are appreciated.

In March, the president, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented gift certificates from Fortress Church Supply Store to 12 Seminary Graduates and one part time student. The letters of thanks for the gift certificates and assistance with clinical training, were on display.

A letter of thanks was read from Mr. Horace Braden, Director of Student Awards, Wilfrid Laurier University, for the \$200.00 bursary to a W.L.U. student. Each year he interviews a large number of students before selecting the one they feel is most deserving of this award.

Recently, a gift of \$500.00 to the Auxiliary, in memory of the 5th president, Mrs. Olive Musselman, was given by her husband. We are thankful for this gift and will announce how it will be used at a later time.

The executive is very grateful to the members of the Auxiliary for the beautiful quilts sent in again this year, as for the past 70 years, and which are much appreciated by the Seminarians.

This year we have received 30 quilts, 1 pr. of pillowcases and \$25.00 toward the cost of a quilt.

Four more quilts were brought to the annual meeting by:

Trinity Church,	New Hamburg	-	1 quilt
St. James,	North Easthope	-	1 quilt
St. Peter's,	Zurich	-	2 quilts

Thanks and appreciation were expressed for this labour of love.

BUSINESS SESSION

Report of the President ---- cont'd.

The president expressed appreciation to the contact women for starting the membership campaign early in the fall, so that the contributions were received in time to pay bills in the spring.

Also a word of thanks was extended to the 28 congregations who sent in the names on their membership lists. The president announced that we have 1058 members in the Auxiliary, and 3 anonymous members, and hoped that more names of members will be sent in next year. The lists were on display at the meeting.

The president thanked Dr. Glebe, the Seminary office staff, and all members of the Executive Board, for their assistance, support and co-operation.

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, 1st. Vice-President, who took the chair while the president Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer gave her report, voiced her appreciation to our dedicated president, who always seems to handle the administration of the Auxiliary in such an efficient manner.

2. Report of the Secretary. Mrs. Eva Hamel read a resume of the 1982 annual meeting.

3. Report of the Treasurer. Mrs. Janice MacIntosh presented the financial report for the period of June 1, 1982 to May 31, 1983, which showed the following:

Balance on hand, June 1, 1982	.....	\$3,094.70
Total Receipts	.....	8,296.80
Total Expenditures	.....	6,258.72
Bank Balance as of May 31, 1983	.....	5,132.78

Motion:

It was moved and seconded that the Accountant's Comments be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Report of the Promotion Committee. Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier gave a report of mailings sent to the contact women in Oct. 1982, April 1983 and Aug. 1983. Mrs. Gastmeier and Mrs. Florence Baggett, personally showed the slide presentation "The Seminary, The Auxiliary and You" at a joint meeting of the Brant and Elmwood women's groups. A total of 8 groups viewed the slides in the 1982-1983 season.

BUSINESS SESSION

5. Report of the Project Committee. Mrs. Phyllis Geiger,  
Project Chairman  
read a list of the proposed projects for 1984.

PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 1984

Gift Certificates for Seminary Graduates	\$ 510.00
Clinical Training for Seminarians	4,000.00
Bursary for a W.L.U. Student	200.00
✓ 2 Cordless Microphones for a portable amplifying system	565.00
✓ 4 Stoles	500.00
Working Fund	200.00
Discretionary Fund	100.00
	<u>\$6,075.00</u>

Because of additional donations and accrued interest, the Executive Board recommended that the amount of Clinical Training be increased to \$5,000.00 and that the balance of \$500.00 for the amplifying system be paid.

Motion:

It was moved and seconded that we adopt the revised project list of \$7,575.00.

CARRIED

6. Report of the Golden Book of Honour and the Memorial Book.

Mrs. Evelyn Vogt reported the following entries:

GOLDEN BOOK OF HONOUR

Given by:

Mrs. Adeline Wittig

L.C.W. Ruth Group, St. Matthews  
Kitchener

Dr. Otto Heick

L.C.W. St. Matthews, Conestogo

Mrs. Minnie Vock

L.C.W. St. Peter's, Brodhagen

MEMORIAL BOOK

Given by:

Mrs. Lily Fallis

Mrs. Walter Witthuhn, Waterloo

Mrs. Annetta Monk

L.C.W. St. John's, Elmwood

Mrs. Adeline P. Ahrens

L.C.W. St. John's, Elmwood

Mrs. Helen Wilken

L.C.W. St. John's, Elmwood

Mrs. Maria Grachek

Mrs. Marketa Stark, Kitchener

Mrs. Emma Bauman

Mr. Clarence Bauman, Kitchener

The Rev. Walter Ruccius

Mrs. Elizabeth Good,  
Crystal Beach, Ont.

Mrs. Erma Totzke

W.L.S. Auxiliary Executive

Mrs. Edith Liphardt

Mrs. Clifford S. Roberts,  
Waterloo

New Seminarrians:

Dr. Glebe introduced 6 Seminarrians who spoke of their life and why they came to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary to study.

1. Christian Hackbush<sup>af</sup>

- Is 22 years old
- Is presently a member of St. Matthews, Hanover
- Son of a pastor
- Sang in the choir
- Plays Piano and Clarinet
- Spent some time in a university professional theatre course
- Earned a B.A. in Psychology
- Was a life guard and swimming instructor where he worked with people
- Is taking Master of Divinity and social work studies toward his goal to be an effective pastor

2. Deborah Moroz

- From Pinawa, Manitoba (near Winnipeg)
- Of Scandinavian Lutheran descent
- Married a pastor
- Is the mother of a 6 year old daughter
- Her husband died of a brain tumor in Alberta
- She thought God could use her in the work of the church in counselling others in their grief, so she came to Waterloo Seminary to study

3. Christine Mussar

- From St. Matthews, Kitchener
- Has a B.A. in Psychology
- Was chairman of the church council and worked in social ministry
- At one time considered entering the diaconate, but has since decided on parish ministry
- Worked in a pharmacy in her off school hours
- An analogy which helped her decide on her career, was seeing a picture of a ship anchored in a safe harbour: but that is not what ships are for

New Seminarrians ---- cont'd.

4. Matthew Diegel
  - From Brantford
  - Son of a Pastor
  - Remembers letters from Women's Auxiliary coming to the parsonage
  - Grew up in Geraldton parish
  - Has a B.A. in Honours History
  - Is registered in the Master of Divinity program
  - Wants to work on the History of Synod
  
5. Randy Liedtke
  - From Raglan Township
  - Married with a 7 year old son
  - After high school worked one year in logging operations
  - Both he and his wife became much involved in church work, Sunday Church School, Youth Group, and he was a deacon.
  - Pastor Miles Hagar advised him to enter the Seminary
  
6. Mary Ann Miller
  - From Elkhart, Indiana
  - Mennonite background
  - Father is a minister of a Mennonite church in Nebraska
  - Mother born in Canada
  - Is in her final year as a divinity student
  - At Goshen College in Indiana, she studied personal counselling
  - At Elkhart Seminary she took a Pastoral Counselling course
  - Waterloo Lutheran Seminary encourages Supervised Pastoral Education (SPE) and gives interfaith counselling
  - Wants to work in a clinic to help in giving faith and comfort to those needing help to work through a problem

All six Seminarrians expressed thanks for the Auxiliary's friendship and financial assistance.

Special Offering

Dr. Glebe explained that the money received for the special offering has been designated to go toward the purchase of a Martin Luther Banner for the Seminary Chapel.

Dr. Glebe delivered the offering prayer and also the Invocation for Luncheon.

Contact Women's Meeting

There was a meeting of the contact women with the Promotion Committee Chairman, Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier, at 1:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON MEETING

Appreciation

The afternoon meeting began with Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth expressing the thanks of the Auxiliary to the Women's Missionary and Service Commission of Tavistock Mennonite Church for a most delicious lunch, which was enjoyed by all.

Eight of the ladies who represent this group from the Mennonite Church were called in to receive our thanks for the efficient way they handled this meal.

Hymn 551 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", was sung.

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth introduced Dr. Delton Glebe, amid gales of laughter, as she had left her notes in her bedroom this morning, after rehearsing what she was going to say regarding Dr. Glebe's accomplishments.

Dr. Glebe began his anniversary address by reminding the audience that the early history of Waterloo Seminary shows that the Auxiliary played no small part to keep the Seminarians fed and housed, especially during the depression years. So it is literally true that it had to crawl before it could run.

He compared the volunteer members of the Auxiliary to be the aroma of Christ, spreading His fragrance everywhere these 70 years of operation. In the early years, the Auxiliary members washed, ironed, mended, canned and prepared meals for the students.

Dr. Glebe believes that over the years the Auxiliary has donated one-half to three-quarters of a million dollars in furnishings, drapes, and equipment to the Seminary.

Jesus all his life served as a volunteer. He never received any money for his work. By being a volunteer, He brought us life and salvation. Jesus said: "Not mine, but your will be done." Learning to be a volunteer now has meaning in life. Actions speak louder than words.

Appreciation

Mrs. Patricia Pond expressed our thanks to Dr. Glebe for his address and hoped we would continue to be volunteers in the service of the church, through the Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer added her appreciation to say we can always count on Dr. Glebe to deliver an informative and thought-provoking talk and are most grateful to him for his wise counsel at our meetings.

The president read the citation, the gift of the Executive Board, to Dr. Glebe, to be placed in the Golden Book of Honour, listing his educational degrees and the number of years he has served in the various parishes, and his appointment as Dean of the Seminary.

## Musical Presentation

Hymn sing: Hymn 409 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Guest Soloist: Our guest soloist was Miss Marlene Kaufman accompanied by Mr. Karl Wittig, on the organ.

Solo - "Rejoice O My Spirit" .... by Bach  
"O, Rest in the Lord" .... by Mendelssohn

Hymn sing: Hymn 444 "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

Solo - "I see the Love of God in every River"  
..... by David Ouchterlony  
"Dedication" ..... by Franz

## Appreciation

Mrs. Aileen Hiller expressed our thanks and appreciation to the soloist Miss Marlene Kaufman, who was an award winner at the recent Kiwanis Music Festival at Stratford. Also thanks to the accompanist Mr. Karl Wittig at the organ.

Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer thanked the committee who were responsible for the work in arranging the annual meeting:

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, Program Chairman  
Mrs. Helen Chapman  
Mrs. Florence Baggett  
Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, Ex-officio

Thanks were also expressed to the ushers for the day:

Mrs. Dolores Schmitt and Mrs. Muriel Stauffer  
from St. Stephen's, Kitchener  
Mrs. Linda Vinnins and Mrs. Marjorie Wentzell  
from Bethany, Woodstock

Also additional helpers recruited at the annual meeting:

Mrs. Carolyn Riehl and Mrs. Bertha Meckbach  
from Bethany, Woodstock

Thanks and appreciation were also expressed to Mrs. Marie Kaufman and Mr. Elmer Pletsch of Tavistock, for looking after the details of the many local arrangements for the meeting.

Special offering - amounted to - \$502.75

Attendance for the day was reported by Mrs. Barbara Romahn:

Central District	7
Eastern "	3
Western "	109
Southern "	138
	<u>257</u>
Guests	<u>13</u>
	270

Number of churches  
represented - 42

Questionnaire - In answer to our questionnaire sent in our mailing, to find out if another day of the week would be more suitable for our annual meeting, the result was:

27 churches responded -  
Wednesday only ..... 14  
Saturday only ..... 1  
Either Wed. or Sat... 8  
Alternating ..... 2  
Leave as is ..... 2  

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SKIT: "IN THE BEGINNING" ..... (Scene: Living room in 1913)

Participants:

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth as Mrs. Jacob Conrad  
Dr. Delton Glebe as Pastor, member of Seminary Bd.  
Mrs. Mary Heer as Mrs. Fred Stahlschmidt  
Mrs. Aileen Hiller as Mrs. Henry Hagen  
Mrs. Helen Chapman as Mrs. M. J. Bieber

(Mrs. Dorothy Greb and Mrs. Jean Hachborn, both Past  
(Presidents, who were originally assigned as part of)  
(the cast, were unable to be present.)

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The dialogue of the skit takes a look into the past at what might have taken place in the beginning; .... when the Women's Auxiliary was formed and the reason for its existence; .... to help the students who were experiencing many hardships during their boarding school days, prior to becoming a minister of the Gospel.

Reminiscing:

The meeting listened to the taped interviews of two Past Presidents,  
-- Mrs. Ruth Gillespie, President from 1940<sup>o</sup> to 1949, 1940-1949  
-- Mrs. Marie Ireland, President from 1958 to 1962.

The tapes were made with the assistance of Mr. David Glebe, Waterloo, and Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth. The interviewer was Mrs. Helen Chapman.

"THE SEVEN DECADES"

A history covering the seven decades of the Women's Auxiliary was read by Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer.

After the reading of each decade, a candle was lit and placed in the beautifully decorated Anniversary Cake, made by Mrs. Marieta Holst of St. Jacobs.

After all seven candles were burning, Mrs. Ruth Gillespie and Mrs. Marie Ireland were given the honour of cutting the Anniversary Cake.

The Thanksgiving Litany

Leader - Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer  
Responses - by the audience  
Closing Hymn - 534 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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The members were invited to partake of the Anniversary  
Cake and coffee in the North Room, following the  
adjournment of the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Eva Hamel,  
Secretary.

THANKSGIVING LITANY

Leader: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Let us pray -

O You who are the God of YESTERDAY, who brought forth the earth and girded it about with the boundaries of time, who has given us days for remembering, times for looking back in gratitude and servants who have led us unto You -

Response: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: O You who are the God of TODAY, who makes Your presence known unto us in manifold ways, causing us to be continually aware of Your great love for us, and who provides us with opportunities to return that love to You -

Response: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: O You who are the God of TOMORROW, who holds the universe in Your hand, who grants us new days filled with new challenges and dreams that wait to be reality -

Response: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: As we celebrate this 70th Anniversary, may we be fully mindful of Your guidance through these many years and humbly seek your divine will for all our efforts in times ahead. We ask this in the name of Him who taught us to pray - "Our Father - -

AMEN.

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QUESTIONAIRE  
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The Auxiliary executive has been approached as to whether Saturday would be preferred for the day of our annual meeting as opposed to a Wednesday.

We we would appreciate your answering the following questions and sending your answer to Ethel Gastmeier, 401-235 Erb St. W., Waterloo, Ont., N2L 1V9 by September 21, 1983 or bring it to the annual meeting where a special box will be provided.

1. How many of your Auxiliary members would come only on a Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many would come only on a Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many could come on either a Wednesday or a Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many would like to have the meeting alternate between a Wednesday and a Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_