

MINUTES - 1984 ANNUAL MEETING

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

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The 1984 annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1984.

The president, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. in the church auditorium, welcoming all with a special welcome to Past Presidents who were in attendance.

Opening Devotions and greetings were extended by the Rev. Jack Dressler, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Opening Hymn 495 - Lead on Thou King Eternal
Scripture reading from Luke 16: vs. 10 states:

"Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones."

Romans 12, vs. 4 and 5 states:

"We have many parts in one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are all joined to each other by different parts of one body."

Pastor Dressler continued that we never know the importance of the little things of life. The many little things are important to the big things of life. For instance, recently the world celebrated the 145th anniversary of the invention of the household match. A trivial incident now, but a very important event to light the path of science.

The Auxiliary's help has been important to all students, especially what seems little and small to us is of much importance to many. Co-operation and love are a partnership with the Lord.

Closing prayer was followed with the singing of -
Hymn 377 - Lift High the Cross.

Greetings from the Seminary were brought by the new Dean, Dr. Richard Crossman; in August 1984 he was appointed Principal-Dean. He expressed his pleasure at being present and commented that he is reminded of the work of the Women's Auxiliary constantly at 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.

At the Feb. 1984 meeting, the resignation of Mrs. Florence Baggett, for health reasons, was accepted with regret. This office of Assistant Promotion Committee Chairman is being filled by Mrs. Glen Doerbecker of St. James Lutheran Church, St. Jacobs.

BUSINESS SESSION

Report of the President --- cont'd.

The president expressed appreciation for the 18 quilts which will be distributed to the first year Seminarians in the next few weeks.

Since the quilt report was printed, the following were received: St. Matthews, Conestogo, 2 quilts;
Grace Lutheran, Oakville, 1 quilt.

Seven more quilts were brought to the meeting today from: St. Matthews, Hanover, 1 quilt; Reformation, Kitchener, 1 quilt; Trinity, New Hamburg, 1 quilt; St. James, North Easthope, 1 quilt; St. Luke's, Ridgeway, 1 quilt, (made by Mrs. Goos); Grace, Hamilton, 1 quilt; St. Peter's, Zurich, 1 quilt.

Quilts are now the only bedding required. It is to be hoped that the Auxiliary will continue its long tradition of providing quilts for the Seminarians.

Gift Certificates from Fortress Church Supply Store were presented in the spring to 8 Seminary graduates, and 3 part-time students. Letters of appreciation for these certificates, as well as for financial assistance, were on display in the Fellowship Hall.

A letter from Mr. Horace Braden, Director of Student Awards, was read, thanking the Auxiliary for providing a bursary for a student at Wilfrid Laurier University.

A gift of \$500. to the Auxiliary in memory of the 5th Auxiliary president, Mrs. Olive Musselman, given by her husband, was used to purchase the Wedding Banner on display in the chancel.

Last Spring the president had the privilege of serving on a committee which planned Dr. Glebe's retirement dinner, sponsored by the Seminary Board of Governors, at Bingeman Park on May 25th. A donation of \$50. on behalf of the Auxiliary was given towards the cost of the oil painting presented to Dr. Glebe.

On Sept. 16, the members of the Executive served refreshments to the Seminarians, their families and friends, following the first chapel service of the new academic year.

Thanks were expressed to all the contact women who sent in the names of all the Auxiliary members. The president reported a total of 1259 known Auxiliary members. This is 200 more than last year. It was recommended that the lists be continued to be sent in until we have a complete list of all Auxiliary members.

BUSINESS SESSION

Report of the President --- cont'd.

The president stated that her term of office ended with the 1984 annual meeting. She thanked the Executive for their kind support and co-operation, and all the members of the Auxiliary for being loyal and faithful members.

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, 1st Vice-President, who took the chair while the president Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer gave her report, thanked the president for her fine report and for handling the administration in such an efficient manner.

2. Report of the Secretary. Mrs. Eva Hamel read a resume covering the 1983 annual meeting.

3. Report of the Treasurer. Before reading her financial report, the Treasurer, Mrs. Janice MacIntosh had a few announcements for those sending in money for memberships, or citations, etc.

1. Do not send cash
2. Send a covering letter giving not only the name of the church, but also the location.

Financial report for the period of June 1, 1983 to May 31, 1984:

Balance on hand June 1, 1983	\$ 5,132.78
Total Receipts	9,946.91
Total Expenses	11,399.46
Bank Balance as of May 31, 1984	3,678.23

Mrs. MacIntosh also read the Auditor's Comments.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that we adopt the Auditor's Comments.

CARRIED

4. Report of the Promotion Committee.

Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier reported that the slide presentation "The Auxiliary, the Seminary, and You" had been sent out to 10 congregations.

The quilt size preferred is 84" x 100".

The cost of citations are as follows:

\$10.00 donation for a citation in the Memorial Book
A gift of less than \$10. places the name of the deceased person in the Memorial Book, along with the name of the donor.

\$25.00 donation for a citation to honour a living person in the Golden Book of Honour.

\$100.00 donation for a Life Membership.

BUSINESS SESSION

- 5. Report of the Project Committee. Mrs. Phyllis Geiger presented the Project List and reported that it was decided to add the amount of \$375.00 for the portrait of the new Seminary Dean, Dr. Richard Crossman, to the Project List, for a total cost of \$7,655.00.

Mrs. Geiger moved the adoption of this revised project total, which was seconded and carried.

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

Mrs. Evelyn Vogt reported the following entries:

GOLDEN BOOK OF HONOUR

Given by

Dr. Delton John Glebe
 Miss Nora Elizabeth Widmeyer
 Mrs. Dalice Nelda Frey
 Mrs. Emma Maria Rudow
 Mrs. Helen F. Kipfer
 Mrs. Anna Grabb

Executive Women's Aux. W.L.S.
 Ruth Group, L.C.W.
 St. Matthew's, Kitchener
 Deborah Group, L.C.W.
 St. Matthew's, Kitchener
 L.C.W. St. James, Elmira
 Mr. Gordon Kipfer, husband
 Bette Cronmiller and
 Catherine Schweitzer,
 daughters

MEMORIAL BOOK

Mrs. Anna Lemp
 Mrs. Olive A. Musselman
 Mrs. Anna Johanna Weppler
 Mrs. Louise Strucke
 Mrs. Dora Blake
 Mrs. Elma Meyers
 Mrs. Maria Elizabeth Aksim
 Mr. Otto Frederick Beyers
 Mrs. Florence Isobel Steffen
 Mrs. Minnie Bingeman
 Mr. Nelson Albert Schweitzer
 The Rev. Ernst George Goos
 Mrs. Marjorie Aileen Patterson

L.C.W. Faith, Hamilton
 Claude H. Musselman, husband
 L.C.W. St. Paul's, Neustadt
 L.C.W. St. Mark's, Chesley
 L.C.W. St. Mark's, Chesley
 L.C.W. St. Mark's, Chesley
 Mrs. Ilsa Stewart, daughter
 Mrs. Cheryl Teeter,
 granddaughter
 Mr. William Steffen, husband
 L.C.W. Trinity, New Hamburg
 Exec. of Women's Aux. W.L.S.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Goos, wife
 L.C.W. St. Matthew's, Welland

For those persons wishing to honour a living person with a citation, or place a page in the Memorial Book, please send the request, with the appropriate donation, to the Treasurer, Mrs. Janice MacIntosh, 47 Forestwood Drive, Kitchener, N2N 1A9, who will send out a form to be filled in and returned to her.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Rose Moore, in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Ilse Conrad, presented the slate of officers for 1984-1986.

The president then called for nominations from the floor; there being none, the motion that nominations be closed was moved, seconded and carried.

8. The president declared the following elected:

President	-	Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth
1st Vice-President	-	Mrs. Joyce Dietrich
2nd Vice-President	-	Mrs. Helen Chapman
Secretary	-	Mrs. Barbara Romahn
Ass't. Secretary	-	Mrs. Esther Ruppenthal
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Janice MacIntosh
Ass't. Treasurer	-	Mrs. Bernice Liddle

9. Proposed change in the Constitution.

A copy of the revised change of the constitution was mailed to all congregations in May 1984, to comply with the constitution which states that notice of change in the constitution must be made at least 60 days before the annual meeting. A two-thirds vote for the change in the constitution is required.

The president asked for a standing vote -- more than two-thirds of the members stood in favor of the proposed change in the constitution; there were none who were opposed and none who abstained from voting.

The president declared that the change in the constitution as outlined was adopted, subject to approval of the Board of Governors.

Introduction of New Seminarists.

Dr. Richard Crossman pointed out that the first year Seminarists again come from different locations and represent various ethnic communities, many coming with a second career in mind.

Six Seminarists were introduced by Dr. Crossman.

1. Annette Smith

From Nova Scotia; her church is St. Matthews, Rose Bay.

yes
Church has always been an important part of her life; was a Sunday School teacher and worked at Mush-A-Mush Church Camp for 4 years, where she felt the need to share her faith.

New Seminarrians --- cont'd.

2. Barry Rieder

*not
at Seminary
any more*

From Calgary, Alberta.
Attended Bible School for 2 years;
was a child care worker in a group
home; was encouraged by his grand-
mother to enter the ministry.
Lay pastor for the E.L.C.C. in
Huntsville during the summer.
Came to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
because the curriculum suited him.

3. Ando Kass

*transferred
to a Sem in
the States*

Is of Estonian ancestry.
A member of an Estonian church in
Toronto and feels he has been called
to proclaim the gospel to the younger
members of the Estonian people and
that is why he chose the ministry.

4. Peter Kroeker

*not
at Seminary
any more*

Grew up in a Mennonite community in
southern Manitoba.
Attended Bible School in Switzerland,
and worked 4 years with Mennonites
who had emigrated from Russia to
Germany. Decided to come to Waterloo
Lutheran Seminary which has close ties
with the counselling service in the
area and because he wanted to learn
more about Lutheranism.

5. Joseph Habibullah

yes

Second career, came from teaching.
Born in Guyana, has 2 sons 25 and 26
years of age.
Attended various church schools and
Teachers' College.
Worked on a sugar plantation and
taught the students who worked there.
In 1960 he left Guyana and lived in
England for 9 years.
Came to Canada in 1969 and started a
new job in a correctional school in
Uxbridge in 1970, where he served
for 14 years.
After teaching 28 years he came to
Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.
His greatest hope is that people of
different background can live together
in peace.

New Seminarrians --- cont'd.

6. Shirley Ruller

yes

From Stratford.

On behalf of the students, thanked the Auxiliary for all its help.

Is interested in the lay ministry and the Deaconess program, and the many ways that women can serve in the church.

Feels that God has plans for her.

Her experiences in Israel and meeting people there in different walks of life, helped to deepen her Christian faith.

Returning to Stratford, worked at the Canada Employment Centre, with students in career and vocational counselling. In her close contact with youth, she realized their frustrations and needs and as a Deaconess hopes to serve the need that is required.

Explanation of Special Offering

Dr. R. Crossman suggested that the special offering money received this year be used to purchase a Lenten Banner for the Seminary Chapel.

This Banner is purple, with a cross in the center, a crown of thorns, and burial linen draped over the cross, depicting what we share with Christ in the life of the church.

Dr. R. Crossman received the offering with a prayer of thanks.

DINNER PROGRAMME

Grace before the dinner was offered by Dr. R. Crossman.

The caterer, Mr. Eric Schwind, served a delicious hot meal and dessert, which was enjoyed by all.

Head Table Guests were introduced by the president, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, and included:
Dr. Delton Glebe, Mrs. Verna Glebe, Dr. Richard Crossman, Mrs. Anne Crossman, The Rev. Dr. Alvin Baetz, The Rev. Neil Alexander and Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer.

A musical interlude was provided by 4 young women who call themselves "The Mellow Tones". They favored the audience with many familiar and much loved songs.

Attention was drawn by Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, to the reverse side of the dinner programme, which contained a copy of a tribute to Dr. Glebe written by Pastor Roy Grosz, for the retirement dinner in May, 1984, at Bingeman Park.

Dr. Richard Crossman, in his words of tribute to Dr. Glebe, asked how anyone could successfully follow someone like Dr. Glebe, who seems to be possessed with a certain "twinkle" that always shines out so brightly in his dealings with the students.

Tribute to Dr. Glebe from Dr. Alvin Baetz, retired Pastor

Dr. Baetz began by telling that he was a school mate of Dr. Glebe and reminisced about early childhood memories. Even in those early years, Delton Glebe exhibited the qualities of a leader among his peers.

At the retirement dinner in May, one of the gifts he received was a painting, an autumn scene showing rocks, flowing water and a patch of clear sky, against a background of colored autumn leaves, which could very well define Delton's character -- he is firm as a rock in his faith, the moving water suggests no stagnation, the clear sky and the bright autumn colors signify a sunny disposition which radiates from the man at all times.

Dinner Programme --- cont'd.

Mrs. Aileen Hiller made a presentation to Dr. Glebe on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary -- a parcel appropriately wrapped in purple and gold, the colors of the Seminary.

In her address she stated that all good wishes go with this gift -- a quilt with the Luther Rose Emblem beautifully sewn by the quilters of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, which is Dr. Glebe's home church.

In his response Dr. Glebe confessed that this gift was a complete surprise to him. He praised the work of the Auxiliary and hoped the members would continue to provide quilts for the Seminarians in the years to come. He thanked everyone most sincerely for the lovely gift and said he and Mrs. Glebe would treasure it always. He also asked for the loyalty of the Auxiliary to the new Dean.

At the conclusion of his talk, the president Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer invited all to stand and join in the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow".

After announcements were made, the Auxiliary's Dinner Programme to honour the retirement of Dr. Delton Glebe as Dean of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, ended, with the singing of the Doxology.

AFTERNOON MEETING

MRS. JOANNA MALINA - Reminiscing about Clinical Training

Mrs. Malina took advantage of the clinical training offered at the K-W. Hospital. Beginning with group sessions, each one had to tell of childhood experiences as far back as could be remembered. She found this to be of great importance in her weeks of training.

She was assigned to the coronary and post-coronary unit and became more sensitive to their needs as they told of their values and priorities. She did not hesitate to pray with the patients who were facing an operation.

Mrs. Malina had to write reports of conversations with the patients and be judged by these reports. In the course of the program she had to convey a significant amount of patience and faith to the patients.

Pastoral care and counselling are vitally important to the patients, so the student must reach deep within herself for strength to pass on this feeling of caring.

Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier expressed the gratitude of the Auxiliary for this insight into Clinical Training.

GUEST SPEAKER - The Rev. J. Neil Alexander

In her introduction of the Rev. Alexander, Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth told the Auxiliary he had been a parish pastor in the New Jersey Synod, prior to beginning graduate studies in preparation for Seminary teaching. He was ordained in the North Carolina Synod and has a Master of Music Degree, concentrating on Organ Performance and Choral Conducting.

The topic of the Rev. Alexander's talk was:
"The Role of Spiritual Formation in Theological Education"

The Rev. Alexander pointed out that The Lutheran Book of Worship is the book which we use for proper forms of worship.

The most accurate picture of what Lutherans believe is the Liturgy of the Ordination of Pastors, which requires that they be prepared, certified and examined. In the ordination of the new pastor, words like faithfulness and endurance are used with the prayer that he had been spiritually informed about the grace of God. We hope new pastors will also know obedience, service, discipline and worthiness.

Mrs. Patricia Pond thanked the Rev. Alexander for his informative words and said it is good to have him on the faculty at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Afternoon Meeting --- cont'd.

Attendance Report

Mrs. Barbara Romahn reported the attendance as follows:

Central District	17
Southern District	144
Western District	57
	<u>218</u>
Guests	<u>20</u>
Total	238

Number of churches represented - 38

Special Offering amounted to - \$459.12

Announcements

The president Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer expressed thanks and appreciation to:

(a) Ushers:

Mrs. Millie Rhem)	from
Mrs. Carole Rupnow)	St. Mark's, Wellesley
Mrs. Anneliese Steden)	from
Mrs. Verta Bartels)	St. James, Cambridge (H)

(b) Programme Committee:

Mrs. Barbara Romahn, Chairman
Mrs. Aileen Hiller
Mrs. Patricia Pond

(c) Mr. Gordon Kipfer - Sound System

(d) Mr. James Bard - Organist at St. John's

(e) Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier - playing the organ for closing hymns

(f) Executive members who helped set up Fellowship Hall for
the meeting

(g) Mrs. Jean Weber and Mrs. Corean Pleon - for serving at the
coffee hour before and after the meeting.

Mrs. Schaefer extended a special word of thanks to Dr. Glebe and the members of the Executive Board for their fine loyalty, support and co-operation. She paid tribute to the fine work and dedication of Mrs. Eva Hamel and Mrs. Patricia Pond who were also retiring from service.

Afternoon Meeting --- cont'd.

The Installation of Officers was conducted by
Past President Mrs. Mary Heer.

After the installation, Mrs. Mary Heer paid tribute
to our president, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, who had been
a tireless worker for the Auxiliary for the last four
years, and whose term of office as president ended
with the annual meeting. She thanked her for her
dedication, and for giving so completely of herself,
for the good of the Seminary Auxiliary.

Mrs. Heer asked the members to rise and give her a
hearty round of applause.

Closing Devotions

Closing Devotions were conducted by Steven Weber,
4th year Seminarian.

Worship began with a Prelude - a flute solo by
Steven Weber

A responsive reading based on Psalm 95
Hymn 245 - All people who on earth do dwell
Affirmation of Faith - the Apostles Creed
Lord's Prayer
Hymn 522 - Come Thou Almighty King

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. followed by coffee
in the Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Eva Hamel,
Secretary.