

MINUTES - 1986 ANNUAL MEETING

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary was held at St. John Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on Wednesday, September 24, 1986.

The president, Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the church auditorium, welcoming all those present.

Opening devotions were conducted by Sister Anne Keffer of St. John, Waterloo. Devotions began with the singing of hymn #270. She used a bible passage from Romans 12 as her theme - "Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world". She spoke about women in the bible; Miriam, Deborah, Lydia, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. "Women are as partners with God. We too are commissioned to go and tell. We are all ministers. The miracle is that God uses us to make his will known".

Sister Anne then brought greetings on behalf of St. John, followed by greetings from Principal Dean of the seminary, Dr. Richard Crossman. He thanked the ladies for so many gifts, including the gift of ourselves. He also thanked us for our care and just being us. Dr. Crossman invited everyone to the seminary celebration events for the 75th anniversary. He then introduced Dr. Robert Kelly, a new seminary faculty member.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Report of the President Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, President reported that the Executive Board met 5 times to carry on the business of the Auxiliary.

She welcomed Mrs. Margurite Hollinger, Chairman of the Promotion Committee to the Executive Board. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the seminary in 1986, the executive board has commissioned a quilt/wall hanging to be hung in the seminary building.

In March, Mrs. Aileen Hiller, assistant project chairman, presented gift certificates on behalf of the auxiliary to 21 graduating students at the senior seminarian graduation dinner. She expressed appreciation for the many quilts received during the past year.

On September 14, the members of the executive served refreshments to the seminarians following the first chapel service of the new academic year.

Mrs. Dotzenroth thanked executive members, Mrs. Helen Chapman, and Mrs. Barbara Romahn who have completed their terms as board members.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gillespie, an auxiliary president from 1940 to 1949.

*She died September 13, 1986 at age 86.*



- 2. Report of the Secretary Mrs. Barbara Romahn read a resume covering the 1985 annual meeting.
- 3. Report of the Treasurer Mrs. Janice MacIntosh read the financial report as printed for the period of June 1, 1985 to May 31, 1986:

Balance on hand June 1, 1985	4,185.52
Total receipts	8,464.37
Total expenses	8,315.48
Bank balance as of May 31, 1986	4,334.41

Mrs. MacIntosh also read the Auditor's comments. Mrs. MacIntosh moved adoption of the audited financial report.

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- 4. Report of the Promotion Committee Mrs. Margurite Hollinger, Chairman, reported this past year, in October 1985, the contact woman of each congregation received a copy of the annual meeting minutes as well as a letter of suggestions as to how the membership campaign could be conducted. In April of this year news regarding the annual meeting was sent, and in August a reminder.

The slide presentation "The Auxiliary, The Seminary and You" has been updated and was used in three areas.

- 5. Report of the Project Committee Mrs. Phyllis Geiger presented the Project List as follows: (*for 1987*)

Gift Certificates for Seminary Graduates	650.00
Clinical Training for Seminarians	6,000.00
Working fund	200.00
Discretionary fund	100.00
Bursary for W.L.U. student	200.00
Redecorate gathering area at chapel entrance	1,500.00
	\$8,650.00

Mrs. Geiger moved the adoption of this project ~~to~~ which was seconded and carried.

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

The President, reported for Mrs. Evelyn Vogt the following entries:

Memorial Book

Given by

Mrs. Lorraine McGrath  
 Mrs. Emma Monk  
 Miss Eda Mahnke  
 Mrs. Edna Kress  
 Mrs. Lucy McDermott

Son, Gerald D. Finnen  
 LCW, St. John, Elmwood  
 Mrs. Jessie Hamilton, Listowel  
 ELW of St. Paul, Listowel  
 ELW of Trinity, Travistock



Memorial Book - Cont'd

Miss Frieda Neeb  
Mrs. June Zarnke  
Mrs. Louise Schroeder  
Mrs. Winnie Klages  
Mrs. Emma Engel

Given by

ELW of Trinity, Tavistock  
ELW of Trinity, New Hamburg  
ELW of St. Peter, Wiarton  
ELW of St. Peter, Wiarton  
ELW of St. John, Elmwood

Golden Book of Honour

Mrs. Idella Wettlaufer  
Mrs. Delphine Zarnke  
Mrs. Melinda Mosig

Mrs. Stuart Honderich and  
Mrs. Ernest Faulhafer  
Priscilla Group of Trinity  
Lutheran, New Hamburg  
Ilse and Arnold Conrad and  
family

Life Membership Book

Mrs. Aldith Beatty

Mr. W. Frederick Stahlschmidt,  
Welland

Introduction of New Seminarrians

Dr. Richard Crossman introduced six first-year seminarrians who provided us with sketches of their life:

Sandra Rohr - in the pre-theological program  
- received her B.A. in 1983  
- hopes to enter counselling field

Richard McBride - Mennonite  
- taught in Zambia, Africa, with Mennonite Central  
Committee  
- worked at Global Community Centre  
- entered in Master of Theological studies  
- wants to understand God better and to equip himself  
to make peace in the world

Tina Matiisen - from Ottawa  
- a former librarian  
- became head of Information Services of Defence  
- isn't sure where her career might go

James Brown - seminary is a second career  
- organist and choir director at St. Peter, Kitchener  
- feels called to become an ordained minister

Karin Tschanz - from Switzerland  
- an ordained Swiss Reformed minister  
- wants further training in counselling  
- married a Canadian in England

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Paul Hardy - from Listowel  
- son of a Lutheran pastor  
- organist and director of music at St. Paul, Listowel  
- a W.L.U. degree in B. of Music  
- studying for M.Div. degree



Dean Crossman gave a description of the quilt/wall hanging to be hung in the seminary building, and explained that the special offering for the day would be used for the purchase of this quilt. The special offering of \$570.25 was received by Dr. Crossman, and he gave the invocation prior to lunch.

Contact Women's Meeting A meeting of the contact women with the Promotion Committee Chairman, Mrs. Margurite Hollinger, was held at 1:00. The new auxiliary brochure was distributed to the contact women. More copies of the new brochure are available from the Promotion Chairman.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the singing of hymn #285 - Spirit of God Sent from Heaven Above.

Guest Speaker - Mrs. Jane Brewer

In her introduction Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer explained that Mrs. Brewer is Vice-President of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Mrs. Brewer used as her theme "The Role Women Play in the Church", saying that the presence and skills of women in the church are obvious. She outlined attributes, especially faith in the Lord. She said a woman is a "doing" person, seeking, providing, delivering, etc. The approval of ordination of women has changed the role of women in the church, and mentioned about 40% of students in the seminary are women. The church is the responsibility of everyone. Of 8 laypersons on Synod Council, three of them are women.

Mrs. Aileen Hiller thanked Mrs. Brewer.

#### Special Music

Two selections were sung by Mrs. Brenda Martin of St. Matthew, Kitchener, accompanied by Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier on the organ.

#### "The Way it Was . . . Oh What Blessed Memories"

Two pastors, Rev. Siegfried Wittig and Rev. Edgar Fischer reminisced about their seminary days. The presentations of both men were very humorous. Edgar Fischer was ordained in 1924, and was one of the pioneers of the student body. They had a boarding club to obtain vegetables. He said the teaching and theology was Christ-centered, and everyone tried to serve Christ to the best of their abilities.

Rev. Wittig talked about the formation of the first Lutheran Seminary, and the Waterloo seminary dedication in ~~1915~~.

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Attendance Report

Mrs. Esther Ruppenthal reported the attendance for the day as follows;

Georgian Bay Conference	32
Hamilton/Niagara Conference	30
Kitchener-Waterloo	91
Kitchener-Waterloo Conference	47
Stratford/Windsor Conference	<u>32</u>
Guests	<u>16</u>
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Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth announced the ushers for the day as follows: Vera Becker and Idella Wettlaufer, Zion, Philipsburg Aileen Hiller and Ruth Stromberg, Mt. Zion, Waterloo Mrs. Dotzenroth also thanked members of the program committee, and everyone involved.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee as follows: Mrs. Marguerite Weitzel, chairman, Mrs. Grace Wilker and Mrs. Gertrude Leupold. The report as follows:

- President - Isabel Dotzenroth
- 1st vice - Joyce Dietrich
- 2nd vice - to be nominated
- Secretary - Esther Ruppenthal
- Asst. Secretary - Emily Dolbeer
- Treasurer - Janice MacIntosh
- Asst. Treas. - Bernice Liddle

Installation of the new executive board was conducted by Mrs. Mary Heer, Past-President.

Closing Devotions

Miss Christine Mussar, fourth-year seminarian conducted the closing devotions. She too spoke about the role of women, and that our lives are witnesses to God, and under His power women gather. She closed her devotions with a reading by Rachel Walker titled "The Woman's Creed".

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. followed by coffee.

Mrs. Barbara Romahn  
Secretary

165, 166 - Liddle }  
 167 - Esther } all  
 168 - Marguerite } pd.