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MINUTES - 1989 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 27, 1989.

The President, Mrs. Joyce Dietrich called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. in the church auditorium, welcoming all those present.

Opening devotions were conducted by Seminarian Sandra Rohr. She based her devotions on Genesis 1:26-31, and related this to the Women's Auxiliary, how we support the Seminary now and in the past. and today there is a large number of women in Seminary. God said he created Women and Men in His image. Genesis 1: 27. Hymn 562 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was sung.

Sister Ann Keffer gave greetings from St. John. She has celebrated 25 years in the Sisterhood. St. John has been connected to Seminary for many years. She gave thanks to God for the Seminary and the people who teach there. Her father was a pastor and therefore she has a connection.

Principal Dean, Dr. Richard Crossman brought greetings on behalf of the Seminary. He spoke of the good relations with St. John and other churches, that it is a joy to be at this meeting, and that he looks forward to coming. He gave praises to the auxiliary for their support. It enables them to do many things they could not do otherwise. This year has the largest enrollment in the history of the Seminary. One hundred and sixty-two fulltime and partime students. There is a great need for pastors. A brochure has been put out by the Seminary. Seminary students passed these out to the members.

BUSINESS SECTION

1. Report of the President

Today my report will depart from the procedure of past years in several ways. First - I would like Bernice Liddle to pass around two cards for your signatures. The first is for Ruth Schmidt. Ruth has served as assistant secretary on the Board for the last year. She also was a valued assistant to Eileen Dressler in her promotion mailing and was on the planning committee for this event. Early this summer she discovered that she had an inoperable tumor. She is in hospital in Stratford now, and we would like her to know that we are thinking of her and wishing she could be here with us.

We would also like the women of the Auxiliary to sign a card to Evelyn Vogt. Evelyn is a past President who has continued to serve the Auxiliary by entering each new name in the Golden Book of Honor and the Memorial Book. Ill health prevents her attending these events, but we would like her to know we appreciate her conscientious effort on our behalf over the years.

The next item is a housekeeping job. Over the past several years, we have been anxious to frame and hang the beautiful stained glass windows from Willison Hall in the Chapel. This was not done for two reasons. One was cost. The other was that the design of windows in the Chapel and the area itself did not suggest a place where these historic windows could be mounted to reveal their beauty.

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Dr. Crossman indicated to us that the Seminary would like to furnish the gathering area at the entrance to the Chapel as a small worship center- for Chapel services at times when only a small number would be in attendance, for prayer meetings, and for baptisms. It is a beautiful location with floor to ceiling windows on 3 sides, looking out over a garden court, and beyond the campus of W.L.U. So over the past 3 or 4 years, we have supplied a lovely custom designed area rug, chairs, and a refurbished Baptismal Font. The finishing touch to make the area a Holy Sanctuary would be to mount the two beautiful and historic windows from Willison Hall on two of the glass walls.

Over the years we had acquired \$3000.00 for stained glass windows in the Chapel with an additional \$500.00 being held at the Seminary in our name and for that purpose. Because we felt that at last we had found a suitable use for the windows that would also show them to best advantage, we authorised Dr. Crossman to go ahead with the project.

Following our May meeting, it was brought to our attention that the original motion designated that the money be used for stained glass windows in the Chapel-not the Chapel area. Since the windows are mounted in the Chapel area where they serve as an accompaniment to worship in a mini Chapel, the board feels this a suitable use of the funds. Therefore, the Auxiliary Board would like to clarify it's records and later in the business meeting will entertain a motion and ask for a vote from the general membership to carry out this purpose.

During the past year we conducted our business with the usual 4 meetings as well as the Annual Meeting. The members of the board have been diligent in their duties, and pleasant to work with. I thank them for their co-operation.

Regular mailings went out to all the involved churches and at this point I would like to thank the contact women for a job well done - this wonderful ingathering is evidence that you do your job of bringing news of the Seminary and it's needs to the people in your congregations.

Speaking of the Seminary needs - we on the board have noticed as you will, as you compare reports, that costs go up at the same time as resources are more restricted. Last year there was a record graduating class. The money required for clinical training, and book gift certificates was higher than it had ever been before. As a result Bernice Liddle had to delay some of her payments until moneys from the churches arrived. This is no problem. We know we can count on your help. However, because we would like to have enough money in the spring of the year, we are not taking on any costly project this year in hope of building a nestegg. The reason I am bringing this to your attention is that I think you should know that the Seminary has not received increases in it's operating funds to accomodate the ever growing numbers of students, faculty salary needs and Seminary maintainance needs. Also few of our students are people of wealth. As a result the bursaries, <sup>are</sup> made available to the students for supervised Pastoral education. The scholarship and gift certificates are ever more appreciated. We truly appreciate the financial support of you ladies. Please remember that the future of our church is in the hands of the staff at the Seminary - to help them and our future pastors is a worthy aim of the Auxiliary.

Perhaps you have noticed that we do not have a full executive on the Auxiliary Board. We like to have assistants for each job. Partly for help we need, but mainly to train them to step into these jobs at a future time. We would like to have a first and second vice-presidents and an assistant secretary as well as a promotion vice chairman. To be effective, we need people to carry out the work of the Auxiliary. I appeal to all of you today if you are willing and able to join us, or know someone you could recommend, PLEASE speak to any of us on the executive.

I have spoken to people connected with the Seminary in Saskatoon where they do not have an Auxiliary. How they would love to have the support of a group such as this - Let's keep our Auxiliary strong and effective.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

2. Report of the Secretary

Mrs. Margurite Hollinger read a resume covering the 1988 meeting. This report was accepted as read.

3. Report of the Treasurer

Mrs. Bernice Liddle read the financial report with the Auditor's report for the period of June 1, 1988 to May 31, 1989.

Balance on hand June 1, 1988	\$ 5,782.06
Total Receipts	12,981.48
Total Expenses	<u>10,316.76</u>
Bank balance as of May 31, 1989	8,446.78

Mrs. Liddle moved the adoption of this report - carried.

4. Report of the Promotion Committee Chairman

Mrs. Eileen Dressler, Chairman, reported that the slide presentation "The Auxiliary, the Seminary, and You" is available for use in the congregations.

The contact women's meeting would be held at 1 p.m. and she requested that all congregations be represented to receive necessary information and brochures.

5. Report of the Project Committee

Mrs. Aileen Hiller, Project chairman, presented the Project List, <sup>for 1990</sup> as follows:

Gift Certificates for Seminary Graduates	\$ 750.00
Clinical Training Bursaries	5,400.00
Working Fund	300.00
Bursary for W.L.U. Student	<u>200.00</u>
	\$6,650.00

Mrs. Hiller moved the adoption of this report - Carried.

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

MEMORIAL BOOK

GIVEN BY

Mrs. Elda Musehl	E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood
Mrs. Doris Ann Player	E.L.W. of St. Peter's, Gadshill
Mrs. Edna Wickenheiser	E.L.W. of St. Peter's, Gadshill
Mrs. Grace Ruth Fisher	E.L.W. of St. Peter's, Gadshill
Arthur & Wilhemine Schultz	E.L.W. of St. Paul's, Guelph
Mrs. Mildred Misch	E.L.W. of St. Mark's, Chesley
Mrs. Eleanor Braithwaite	E.L.W. of St. Paul's, Bridgeport

GOLDEN BOOK OF HONOUR

GIVEN BY

*Life membership 2/3 (mentioned in Jan. 11) 1989 minutes*

Mrs. Elizabeth Jaonn Diegel	E.L.W. of Faith, Brantford
Mrs. Vera Mae Subject	E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood
Mrs. Edna Becker	E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood
Mrs. Laura Hanna Engel	E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood
Mrs. Laura Leifso	E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood
Mrs. Amelia Robinson	E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood
Mrs. Elizabeth Katherine Snoddy	E.L.W. of St. Paul's, Guelph
Mrs. Dorothy Lena Horrocks	E.L.W. of St. Paul's, Guelph
Mrs. Mathilde Marie Baetz	E.L.W. of St. Paul's, Guelph

Thank you for your support during this past year. We hope you will continue to promote the use of these books in your congregation.

Evelyn Vogt.

- 7. A motion was made by Marian Breithaupt and seconded by Aileen Hiller that the GIC for \$3,000.00 be used for refurbishing the stained glass windows installed in the gathering area. Carried.
- 8. Katharine Binder gave the Quilt Report. An additional 15 quilts were received on the day of the meeting.

*Auxiliary* Dr. Crossman introduced something different from last year. He introduced representatives from students and faculty who spoke on how the Seminary *women* has enriched their lives. There were 4 students, 1 professor, Chaplain.

- Val Kildy *my* - Graduating student *who?*
- Function - Altar Guild
  - Makes sure all altar vessels and vestments are cared for.
  - Worship is the centre for her
  - Lutheran church is rich in symbolism
  - Many beautiful things for worship have been contributed by Auxiliary.

- Craig Rhodenizer - Second year Student
- Comes from Nova Scotia
  - Grew up in grandmother's house where she always had a quilt set up.
  - All students appreciate the quilts that are given
  - The quilts show how the gift of love from the Auxiliary keeps them warm.

- Jonathan Schmidt - Born into a Pastor's family
- He chose the ministry following a long period of soul searching after considering many other options.
  - Did Youth work.
  - Gave leadership in establishing Youth Groups in his own church
  - Worked with Paul Bosh planning Youth events.
  - Travelled extensively.

- Paul Hartig - Senior at Seminary
- Described his personal Supervised Pastoral Education Ministry with retarded and elderly people.
  - Explained how SPE bursaries are appreciated by the students.

- Paul Bosch - Chaplain at Seminary
- Told how the Bell Tower Room represents a 12 year dream of his.
- Invited all to attend dedication.

Dr. Crossman stated that the 2 stained glass windows in the worship area *are* is a heritage from Willison Hall. It is a piece of heritage that reminds them of all the saints that came before them and a beacon of all to come. The offering today is to be given for the installation of these windows. Dr. Crossman received the offering and gave the invocation prior to the luncheon.

Contact Women's Meeting

A meeting of the contact women was held with the Promotion Chairman, Mrs. Eileen Dressler, at 1 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Dorothy Schaefer introduced Don Hachborn, a Senior Choir Member from St. Matthew, Kitchener. He directed a very enthusiastic group in a good selection of songs. He was accompanied on the piano by Louise Pulkinghorn.

Mrs. Bernice Liddle expressed appreciation to these two talented people for the much enjoyed sing-song.

THE SPECIAL FEATURE was a movie "Where Luther Walked" introduced by Mrs. Margurite Hollinger.

Mrs. Katharine Binder thanked Mr. Gordon Kipfer for showing the film.

GUEST SPEAKER - The Rev. Paul Bosch, Professor of Liturgics and Spirituality, was introduced by Mrs. Eileen Dressler.

Professor Bosch told how exciting his work at the Seminary is. He tells this to new students as well as to us. He wants to teach head, hand and heart. There is much tradition in the Lutheran Church. "Sing Unto The Lord A New Song", but we do not need to lose the old. The seminarians have worship every day and are instructed to have the spirit of God in their soul. We are temples of God's Spirit in our lives. We should stand up to pray in the image of God.

He said at the Seminary the classes consist of 50-50 men and women and half of these are Lutherans.

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth voiced appreciation to the Rev. Paul Bosch.

Attendance Report

Mrs. Margaret Ludolph reported the attendance for the day as follows:

Georgian Bay Conference	28
Hamilton / Niagara Conference	44
Kitchener / Waterloo Conference	124
<del>London</del> Stratford / Windsor Conference	39
Guests	<u>17</u> 13
	235
	<u>252</u>
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Announcements

Mrs. Joyce Dietrich thanked members of the programm committee and every-one involved. The ushers for the day are as follows:

Mrs. Margaret Castiff and Mrs. Eva Boughner from St. Luke, Ridgeway  
Mrs. Elaine Lymburner and Mrs. Jan McCormick from Faith, Hamilton.

Offering totalled \$726.00

Refreshment Donations: St. Stephen, Kitchener and St. Peter, Gadshill  
Morning Coffee was served by 2 past Presidents: Dorothy Schaefer and  
Mary Heer and Past Secretary Eva Hamel.

Closing Devotion

Mr. James Brown, a fourth-year seminarian reflected on the deep love of the Auxiliary. He said the Seminary is a witness devoted to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

The singing of the Doxology brought the Annual Meeting to a close.

Following the meeting, many of the members met at the Seminary Chapel in the ~~gathering area~~ located at the corner of Albert and Bricker Streets in Waterloo. A service dedicating the gathering area was led by Dr. Richard Crossman and The Rev. Paul Bosch.

Refreshments were provided by the Seminary.

*to be known in the future  
as the Bell Tower Chapel  
room,*