

## MINUTES - 1990 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's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on Wednesday, September 26, 1990.

Registration began at 9:30 a.m. through 10:00 o'clock. During this time, coffee and cookies were offered in the fellowship hall.

The President, Mrs. Joyce Dietrich, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the church auditorium. She welcomed everyone attending on this bright, beautiful day and was happy to see such a large attendance.

Opening devotions were led by Seminarian Patricia Giannelia. She based her message on the Gospel of St. John to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 4-8 and 11-16, asking especially that God be with us in our deliberations to-day as we work towards the betterment of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Hymn No. 270 was sung, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed.

President Mrs. Joyce Dietrich expressed thanks to St. John's Church for again allowing us the use of their facilities. In the absence of the Rev. Art Tailleux, Mrs. Kathryn Weber brought greetings from St. John's Church, hoping that this day be one of fun, fellowship and service.

Dr. Crossman brought greetings from the Seminary, saying that he looks forward each year to this gathering, that it is truly a memorable occasion. The Seminary thanks the Women's Auxiliary for the many ways in which they render assistance, such as the reception hosted by the Auxiliary after the opening service of the Seminary, the graduation gifts, and many other special projects undertaken on their behalf. Full time enrolment is holding its own with a 50/50 ratio of men and women making up the student body. He introduced the Rev. Lorch who is no stranger to the Auxiliary and who is now retired after having served in congregations and Synod for many years. He continues this service in his so-called retirement by seeking out young people to heed the call to the ministry and by taking pictures of events and people within Synod for publication in the "Clarion", the newsletter printed by the Seminary.

### BUSINESS SECTION

#### 1. Report of the President

"I am happy to see so many members of the Seminary Auxiliary here to-day. As you know, our purpose is to stimulate active interest in the program and needs of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

From small donations from individual members of each and every congregation involved we raise more than \$6,000 a year. From other sources, such as today's offering, the Memorial Book and the Golden Book of Honor we raise several hundred dollars more. As a result we have about \$7,000 to put to the use of the Seminary. This sum is not large when you think of the annual budget of the Seminary as a whole but it is significant because it

enables us to provide some of the needs of the Seminary that could not otherwise be afforded after salaries are paid and expenses met. It also provides direct assistance to the students. Take time to read some of the thank-you letters from students on display in the Meeting Room and you will see that our help is sincerely appreciated.

My report really is to inform you that we have disbursed your money as we have every year. Aileen Hiller's project Report and Katharine Binder's Quilt Report spell out the details, and Bernice Liddle's Treasurer's Report detail our finances. Thank you, each and every one of you, for your contribution to this important work.

Now I'd like to get back to our purpose because all of us here are members of the Auxiliary and the raising and disbursement of money is not the most important part of our organization. I will read the Purpose in full: 'The Purpose of this Organization shall be to stimulate active interest in the programme and needs of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and to support the various projects sponsored by this Auxiliary.' So you see, it isn't all about money, and it isn't all about what the Executive Board does for the Seminary. An important part of our reason for being is to stimulate active interest in the Seminary. Let us keep this in mind as we go back to our churches and church activities--each one of us.

Perhaps you've noticed in our letters to you contact women we have urged you to keep an eye out for promising candidates for the ministry in your congregations. Over the last several years the Seminary has had full classes. This is good. The talents of our able faculty are well used. But the numbers are somewhat deceptive--not all of them are seeking the ministry as a full-time career. Some of them are from other denominations, some are social workers, psychologists and other professionals who recognise the value to themselves of the courses provided by the Seminary. That is not a matter of concern. The problem lies in the fact that we really should have more young Lutherans filling the needs of our church as a whole.

All projections for the future suggest the decade of the 90's will be a time of spiritual interest and growth. I hope that the thrust of that public interest will not be in fringe cults and exotic religions. The truth of Christ's message as expressed in Lutheran doctrine and practise is tried and true. If we believe in the value of our church, we have another responsibility to the Seminary. We are out in the community of the church--keep our important purpose in mind--encourage men and women with ability and leadership qualities to consider careers in the ministry. If we do, we can truly call ourselves members of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary."

## 2. Report of the Secretary

In the absence of Mrs. Margurite Hollinger, the secretary's report was read by Mrs. Marion Tannasse. This report was accepted as read.

## 3. Report of the Treasurer

Mrs. Bernice Liddle read the financial report for the period June 1, 1989 to May 31, 1990, followed by the Auditor's Report.

Report of the Treasurer - (continued)

Balance on hand June 1, 1989	\$ 8,446.78
Total Receipts	8,972.11
Total Expenses	<u>14,536.77</u>

Bank Balance as at May 31, 1990	<u>\$ 2,882.12</u>
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Mrs. Liddle moved the adoption of this report. Carried.

4. Report of the Project Committee

Mrs. Aileen Hiller could not be present due to illness. Report was read by Mrs. Katharine Binder as follows:

Gift Certificates for Seminary Graduates	\$ 750.00
Clinical Training Bursaries	5,000.00
Working Fund	300.00
W.L.U. Student Bursary	200.00
Audio Visual Equipment	<u>500.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 6,750.00</u>

The offering received at the Annual Meeting to be used by Dr. Crossman for the purchase of Vestments for the Seminary.

Mrs. Katharine Binder moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Frieda Rutz. Carried.

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

Prior to reading this report, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer paid tribute to Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Vogt who had passed away on August 20, 1990. Mrs. Schaefer briefly touched on the many ways in which Evelyn had served her Church and community, taught Sunday School for 33 years, LCW president for two terms, president of the Home and School Association, secretary at St. Mark's Church, 1st and second Vice-President and President, of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, made the entries in the Golden Book of Honour and the Memorial Book even though she could no longer attend meetings due to health problems.

Mrs. Schaefer asked for one moment of silence in her memory.

President Mrs. Joyce Dietrich then read the entries in the Memorial Book and the Golden Book of Honour.

Memorial Book

Mrs. Catherine Krueger  
Mrs. Hannah Bluhm  
Mrs. Muriel Klie  
Mrs. Mabel Frook  
John Dietrich  
Mrs. Ruth Dietrick

Given By:

E.L.W. of St. Mark's, Chesley  
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E.L.W. of St. Matthew's, Hanover  
E.L.W. of St. Peter's, Brant Twp.  
Executive Board of W.L.S. Auxiliary  
Eileen and Harry Dahmer (Parents)  
June Weber & Jenny Wilhelm (sisters)  
James Dahmer (brother)

Memorial Book (Continued)

Miss Ruth Schmidt  
Miss Ruth Schmidt  
Mrs. Marlea Florence Parrot  
Mrs. Joan Burgoyne

Executive Board of W.L.S. Auxiliary  
St. Matthew's Church Women, East Zorra  
E.L.W. of St. Paul's, Cambridge  
E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood  
and St. Peter's, Brant Twp.  
E.L.W. Zion, Philipsburg

Mrs. Alma Forler

Golden Book of Honour

Mrs. Margurite Hollinger  
Mrs. Dorothy Ahrens  
Mrs. Laurine Beckenhauer  
Mrs. Shirley Clarke  
Mrs. Doris McIver  
Mrs. Amy Louise Hall  
Mrs. Viola Louisa Karn

E.L.W. of St. Matthew's, Kitchener  
E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood  
E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood  
E.L.W. of St. Paul's, Guelph  
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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.

6. Report of the Promotion Committee

Mrs. Eileen Dressler reported that letters were mailed to the congregations three or four times during the year, giving the contact women or Pastors information to be presented to their congregations. Further, that the slide presentation had been up-dated and was available to be shown in the congregations.

Eileen announced that contact women were to meet at 1:00 p.m. following lunch for further discussions and that she would answer any questions that might arise.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee

Mrs. Janice MacIntosh gave the report of the nominating committee for the slate of officers to be elected for a term of two years:

President:	Mrs. Joyce Dietrich
1st Vice-President	Mrs. Margurite Hollinger
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. Grace Feick
Secretary	Mrs. Katharine Binder
Treasurer	Mrs. Bernice Liddle

Mrs. MacIntosh moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Christine Mussar. Carried.

Mrs. Katharine Binder gave the quilt report. The number of quilts received up to May 31, 1990, are as printed on the quilt report contained in your packet.

An additional 8 quilts had been received at the Seminary Office during the summer months, which are as follows:

Georgian Bay Conference

St. John's, Elmwood	1 quilt
St. Mark's, Chesley	1 quilt
Trinity, Walkerton	1 quilt

Kitchener/Waterloo Conference

St. Stephen's, Kitchener	1 quilt
St. James, St. Jacobs	1 quilt
St. James, Baden	1 quilt

Hamilton/Niagara Conference

St. Luke's, Ridgeway	1 quilt
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Ottawa/St. Lawrence Conference

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Woito	<u>1 quilt</u>	8 quilts
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The following seven quilts were brought to the annual meeting on September 26th, 1990:

Hamilton/Niagara Conference

Transfiguration, Hamilton	1 quilt
Holy Cross, Burlington	1 quilt

Kitchener/Waterloo Conference

St. Matthew's, Kitchener	1 quilt
Trinity, New Hamburg	1 quilt
St. James, New Dundee	1 quilt
St. Paul's, Cambridge	1 quilt

London Conference

Bethany Lutheran Church, Woodstock	<u>1 quilt</u>	7 quilts
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The total number of quilts received from the Annual Meeting of September 27, 1989, to September 26, 1990, is 28 quilts.

Introduction of New Seminararians

Dr. Crossman welcomed the opportunity to introduce new students to the meeting. The Seminararians appreciated the interest shown on their behalf, as to where they are from and what they plan for their life.

Kevin McCloud - Home church Trinity, Walkerton, 1st year student in

Introduction of New Seminarians (Continued)

Seminary, has worked at many part-time jobs, as well as being an assistant at the House of Friendship. Gathered understanding for people in need. Wished to incorporate his love of God to every-day life and to serve the community through the parish ministry. John 3:16, "Hereby perceive we the love of God because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

Marge Knebel - Pleased to be asked to speak at our meeting. Married with two children, is a full time student, was previously 19 years in Bay Street financial district, left in February 1990, felt called to use the talents she had acquired there for the good of her community.

Carla Blakely - From Saskatchewan, attended university there and studied interior design, then felt she wanted to do something within the church and enrolled in religious studies. Her husband is a teacher in Mississauga. She has studied in Copenhagen, Denmark, where lutheran is the State religion and where women have been ordained for the past 40 years.

Randy Miller - From Alma, near Buffalo, New York. Married and has two children, his wife is a Lutheran Pastor. He felt called to enter the ministry. He had pursued science for 17 years but just didn't feel right about his vocation. He commutes once a week and hopes to go back to Buffalo after graduation. He thanked the Auxiliary for all they do on behalf of the Seminary and the students.

Lorraine Wilson - Told a parable about an Indian person and a business person in New York City. The business person heard only the noise of the city but the Indian person was able to hear the song of the cricket far from the hustle and bustle of city life. He felt that it was important to know how to tune into the needs of those who do not fit into the norm of our society. She had worked with the poor of the city as a social worker, but had become convinced they needed religion in their lives.

Randy Milleville - Randy is a trained social worker, but entered the Seminary because he feels that social work does not have a place for Jesus. After graduation, he plans to use his training in social work in his parish ministry.

Dr. Crossman then explained how the special offering from this annual meeting would be used. Vestments were needed for the worship services conducted in the Seminary Chapel, as well as some stoles that needed to be replaced. This year the Seminary would like to purchase a projector that will enable the students to view slides with sound and help them to learn to communicate. The cost is higher than anticipated and was hoping for a good response in the offering. Following the offering the meeting will be adjourned.

Dr. Crossman received the offering and gave the invocation before lunch.

Mrs. Eileen Dressler, promotion chairman, held a meeting with the contact women at 1:00 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The speakers for the Special Feature, the Rev. Fred Ludolph, his wife Debbie Lou and the Rev. Eric Reble were introduced by Mrs. Katharine Binder.

Speaking alternately, Pastor Fred Ludolph and his wife Debbie Lou explained how the ministry affects the Pastor's spouse, just what is expected of the spouse by the congregation and by each other and the ways in which the Pastor's spouse can assist in the activities of the congregation. Above all, the Pastor's spouse should choose where and to what extent the spouse would participate.

Pastor Eric Reble spoke about his decision to retire from the ministry at age 66. He explained that he wanted more time to spend with his family and to do some the things he had never had time for while serving in a large congregation. Since his retirement, they had taken a trip to Florida, hosted a group of travellers to Europe and the Passion Play at Oberammergau. They would like to do more travelling and to visit with friends all over the world. His wife Jean had remained a member of the adult choir at St. Peter's Church and served on the Refugee Committee which took up much of her time. Pastor Reble has now taken on a position as part time minister in New Dundee, to visit the sick and shut-in and occasionally to preach at Sunday Services.

Mrs. Margaret Ludolph then introduced her daughter-in-law, Debbie Lou, who sang a number of selections accompanied on the piano by Mr. James Brown. ("Rejoice, Rejoice,"; "Come before the Lord with singing,"; "Praise God's Everlasting Love,". The congregation joined in the singing of one hymn.

Mrs. Bernice Liddle thanked Pastor Ludolph, Pastor Reble and Mrs. Debbie Lou Ludolph and presented them with a gift.

Mrs. Eileen Dressler introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. John Neeb, Professor of Old Testament Theology at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Professor Neeb was ordained in 1981 and joined the staff at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary in 1985-86. He spoke of three things a clergyman must remember: Determine what to say, plain and simple, to say it, and to sit down.

He gave a sketch of his duties at the Seminary:

1. Teaching the Bible - It is his responsibility to teach the Old Testament, and also to teach the Hebrew language so that students learn to read the Bible in the original Hebrew.
2. Research - He is now completing research on a doctoral thesis.
3. Publishing - Publishes material on studies he does and writes up

book reviews. In May he did a study on salvation.

4. Serving - Serves on various Seminary committees.

5. Serving the Wider Church - Leading Bible Study sessions. The Seminary is not an ivory tower, it exists for the service of the Church. There are an exciting group of people there, students as well as faculty. It is a real joy to serve at our Seminary, to participate in lectures and discussions. He learns a lot from students, they are all a real challenge.

Mrs. Marion Tannassee thanked the speaker, Professor Neeb and presented him with a gift.

Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer gave the Attendance Report as follows:

Georgian Bay Conference	33
Hamilton/Niagara Conference	18
Kitchener/Waterloo Conference	133
London Conference	46
Guests	<u>14</u>
<i>Host</i> Total:	<u>244</u>

President Mrs. Joyce Dietrich thanked the ushers, Mrs. Magdalene Herman and Mrs. Beryl Sippel of Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford, Mrs. Evelyn Youngblut and Mrs. Susan Rozendal of St. Matthew's, East Zorra, the refreshment donations by St. James, Baden and Trinity, New Hamburg; also thanked the ladies who had poured coffee, Mrs. Dorothy Greb, Mrs. Jean Hachborn and Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer.

#### Closing Devotions

Fourth year seminarian Gerald Slote conducted the closing devotions, choosing his text from John 15.

He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the internship program, the discussions with friends and faculty at the Seminary. There is much that can be learned and cherished together.

Closed with the singing of a hymn and the doxology.

The Annual Meeting was brought to a close. Following this, refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.