

MINUTES - 1992 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 30, 1992. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. through 10:00 o'clock, coffee and cookies were served during this time in the Fellowship Hall.

President Mrs. Joyce Dietrich called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Seminarian Kevin McLeod was in charge of opening devotions. Hymns number 250 and 460 were sung, and responsive reading was from Psalm 119.

Joyce Dietrich announced that the business session would be conducted in the afternoon and that Dr. Eduard Riegert would speak this morning. The Rev. Linda Thomson brought greetings from St. John Church. Dr. Richard Crossman conveyed his greetings and spoke on behalf of the Seminary.

Mrs. Eileen Dressler introduced Dr. Eduard Riegert who has been with the Seminary as Professor in Homiletics for the past 27 years. Dr. Riegert spoke on the theme "How to listen to a Sermon". He noted that we should prepare ourselves before-hand for the sermon, to pray for the preacher, to read the Scriptures before the service, to listen attentively to what is being presented and to follow through and discuss the sermon with the preacher.

Mrs. Bernice Liddle thanked Dr. Riegert and presented him with an honorarium.

Dr. Richard Crossman expressed his thanks to the Auxiliary for their service to the Seminary and introduced four of the new students and asked them to address the meeting and give a brief outline of their background.

1. Rebecca Pipher - Comes from a large rural family, has been to India where she helped with very irregular problems, She cherishes the role of helping other people.

2. Ed Chell - From Alberta, his father is a Pastor who comes from Minnesota. Ed came to Waterloo Seminary with friends because he wished to experience the East.

3. Martin Malina - Parents came to this area in 1967, he has a twin brother who is also in the Ministry. Parents very happy that both sons want to be Pastors. Martin feels that he has been called to be a Pastor and chose Waterloo Seminary because it is so highly respected.

4. Lisa Gehrs - Father a pastor in East Toronto. Brother Paul has studied here in Waterloo and is now working towards a "Master of Divinity" degree. Lisa is studying theology for pure pleasure, and hopefully achieve the goal of entering the ministry.

President's Report - 1992 -

"This is my last report to you as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

As we have a full agenda, and some exciting ideas to bring to you, I will keep my report brief and to the point.

First, I would like to thank my Executive for all the help and support they have given me during my term of office. I love working with these women. They are always dependable and generous with their time and talents.

Next, I thank you Dr. Crossman, a Christian gentleman in the best sense of the term. He, his Faculty and office staff at the Seminary are always friendly and helpful.

The contact women are so very important to our mission. We depend on you to carry out our work in the churches and you do not disappoint us.

Most important, thank you, all you members of the Auxiliary, here today. Without you we would not function at all. Thank you for coming and may God bless you all.

We began our 1991-1992 duties with a reception for students and Faculty at the Paul Martin Center following the opening chapel service of the Fall semester. Each year the Executive Committee members bring baking, set up tables and chairs, and provide an opportunity for new students to meet and socialize with their peers, Faculty and staff.

Last September we were pleased to use our own silver service for the first time in many years. It enhanced our tea table and it is now housed in the Seminary for its purposes.

Our important event is always the Annual Meeting, a grand in-gathering of Lutheran women for a day of sharing and learning. We all enjoy the input of seminarians young and older as we sing together, visit together and of course lunch together, as well as worship together.

Following the Annual Meeting we settle down to our regular duties. We send reports to you of clinical training grants, scholarships, and ordination gift certificates for students. We decide what projects we will undertake during the year.

This past year, Pastor Ab Lorch completed the restoration of the original chapel altar in Willison Hall. It is now in place in the Bell Tower chapel room.

Dr. Carol Schlueter has come to us with an exciting plan to organize a networking group for professional women in the Ministry and Pastoral Care. We have been impressed with the high calibre of women entering the field and would like to offer them our support.

Finally, Reverend Paul Bosch would like to have kneeling cushions for the marble floor of the altar area in the chapel, for use at communion. He envisages needlepoint cushions that would add to the beauty of the Liturgy.

Initially we thought this an ambitious project, but as we consulted with the noted artist Nancy Lou Patterson and with each other we came to the conclusion that this could be a worthy gift to the Seminary on the occasion of our 80th Anniversary next year. Pastor Paul and Nancy Lou will tell you more about this later this morning. The executive committee has decided that if we donate our special collection to it this year and next it will cover our costs. I hope you will support this project.

Thank you, women of the church, for the quilts, they are beautiful as always.

Special thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer for all the work she has done for us during many years of devoted service.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Dietrich.

Dr. Richard Crossman explained to us the purpose of this year's offering. It will be used for the purchase and preparation of kneelers for the Seminary Chapel. The altar has been refinished and now Nancy Lou Patterson has been invited to work on the kneeler project. The Chapel is very beautiful and it will be physically and spiritually uplifting when all has been completed.

The offering was received, Mrs. Grace Feick played the piano while the collection was taken. Dr. Crossman then gave the Invocation to lunch.

The contact women were asked to stand and have their lunch first so that they could meet with the Promotion Chairman at 1:00 o'clock.

LUNCH

Afternoon Session - Mrs. Marion Tannassee introduced the Guest Speaker Dr. Carol Schlueter, Professor in New Testament Theology, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. She spoke on the subject of Women's Spirituality. As Christians it is for us to choose whether we are to be a homemaker or a professor, using our homemaking skills in the field of theology. Homemaking is not merely the handling of everyday affairs, but it is the running of a household, the building and strengthening of family life, and having compassion in all our activities.

Mrs. Margaret Ludolph thanked the speaker, acknowledging our appreciation, and presented Dr. Schlueter with an honorarium.

The Business Session followed.

Report of the Secretary -

Mrs. Katharine Binder gave a condensed report of last year's Annual Meeting. The Report was accepted as read.

Report of the Treasurer -

Mrs. Bernice Liddle read the financial report for the period June 1, 1991 to May 31, 1992.

Balance on hand June 1, 1991	\$ 1,242.75
Total Receipts	8,871.68
Total Disbursement	<u>7,460.22</u>
Bank balance as at May 31, 1992	<u>\$ 2,654.21</u>

A detailed account of the Annual Financial Report, together with the Accountant's comments is to be found in the packet.

Report of the Project Committee -

Mrs. Margaret Ludolph read the report of proposed projects for 1993.

Gift Certificates for Seminary Graduates	\$ 1,500.00
Clinical Training Bursaries	6,000.00
Working Fund	300.00
W.L.U. Student Bursary	200.00
Printing of Brochures for Seminary Auxiliary	425.00
Kneelers for Altar Rail in Seminary Chapel	<u>1,300.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 9,725.00</u>

The Annual Meeting offering will be used toward the cost of the Seminary Chapel kneeler project.

Report of Citations -

Mrs. Margurite Hollinger read the Citations Report -

TRIBUTES -

Mrs. Katharine Binder	-	sponsored by godchild Maria Gondosch
Mrs. Kathleen Kestell	"	by ELW of St. Paul's, Guelph, Ont.
Mrs. Bertha Slisarenko	"	by ELW of St. Paul's, Guelph, Ont.
Mrs. Gertrude Harloff	"	by ELW of St. Paul's, Guelph, Ont.
Mrs. Mary Jacobi	"	by ELW of St. Paul's, Guelph, Ont.
Miss Louisa Saunders	"	by ELW of Zion, Stratford, Ont.
Mrs. Susanne Paliska	"	by ELW of Trinity, Fort Erie, Ont.
Mrs. Helen Dunnington	"	by ELW of St. Matthews, Kitchener, Ont.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Elizabeth Junker	-	sponsored by Trinity, New Hamburg, Ont.
Mrs. Edna Riehl	"	by Trinity, New Hamburg, Ont.
Mrs. Alvena Rawn	"	by St. John's, Elmwood, Ont.
Mrs. Delphine Zarnke	"	by Trinity, New Hamburg, Ont.
The Reverend Edgar J. Fischer		by the Auxiliary of Waterloo Semina:
Mrs. Margaret Kalbfleisch	"	by Jean and Walter Hachborn
Mrs. Gertrude Eberschlag	"	by Trinity, New Hamburg, Ont.
Mrs. Loretta Walther	"	by Trinity, New Hamburg, Ont.
Mrs. Eva Hamel	"	by St. Matthews, Kitchener, Ont.
Mrs. Louisa Marklevitz	"	by St. Mark's, Chesley, Ont.
Mrs. Gertrude Meyers	"	by St. Mark's, Chesley, Ont.

Quilt Report -

Mrs. Grace Feick reported 30 quilts received during the past year.

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>No. of Quilts Received</u>
Zion, Lunenburg	1
St. Matthews, Mildmay	1
Trinity, Walkerton	1
St. Paul's, Guelph	1
St. James, St. Jacobs	2
St. Stephen, Kitchener	1
St. James, Mannheim	1
St. Peter's, Gadshill	1
St. John's, Waterloo	1
St. Matthew's, Kitchenr	1
Trinity, Tavistock	1
St. John's, Petawawa	1
Bethlehem, Wioto	2
St. Paul's, Morrisburg	1
St. Luke's, Ridgeway	1
St. Matthew, East Zorro Twp.	1
Holy Cross, Burlington	1
Bethany, Woodstock	1
St. James, North-Easthope Twp.	1
St. Matthew, Hanover	1
St. James, New Dundee	1
St. Peter's, Zurich	1
St. Paul's, Ellice Twp.	1
Trinity, New Hamburg	1
St. Paul's, Cambridge	1
St. Peter's, Cambridge	1
Transfiguration, Hamilton	1
St. James, Elmira	1

Installation of Officers -

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth installed the officers as follws:

Joyce Dietrich - Past President
Margurite Hollinger - President
Eileen Dressler - Vice President
Katharine Binder - Secretary
Bernice Liddle - Treasurer

Following the installation of officers, a small break in the proceedings was observed. A few hymns were sung accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Grace Feick.

New Business -

Pastor Paul Bosch spoke on the topic of kneelers for the Seminary Chapel. He introduced Nancy Lou Patterson who is designing the project and drew attention to the work she has already done in this area, including the hanging on the altar to be seen to-day in St. John Lutheran Church.

We are indeed fortunate to have an artist who is so talented and committed to her work. This project will involve considerable expense as well as time and work by the congregations. The cost of the kneelers would be spread over more than one year but it would be more than worth-while after it is completed.

Nancy Lou Patterson gave a presentation on the project which shows the kneelers as they would appear in the Seminary Chapel. Two full charts have been made indicating that there would be 12 cushions and 2 loose pillows. The design is based on the Creation, divided into Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. The size of the kneelers would be about 30 x 12". It is hoped that the ladies of the various churches would do the embroidery

Joyce Dietrich called on the Treasurer for the attendance report which is as follows:

Georgian Bay Conference	34
Hamilton-Niagara Conference	25
London Conference	35
Kitchener-Waterloo Conference	104
Guests	<u>10</u>
TOTAL:	208

The President, Joyce Dietrich thanked all the speakers of to-day. Special thanks to the ladies who served as ushers, the ladies who donated cookies and squares, Mrs. Evelyn Watchorn who was in charge of refreshments, the coffee pourers Mrs. Ann Crossman and Mrs. Janice MacIntosh and Miss Esther Luft for submitting nominations.

Closing devotions were led by Ginny Cookman, senior seminarian. She based her meditation on the Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 6. Psalm 92 was read responsively and the meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

Refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Katharine Binder, Secretary