

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING
WATERLOO SEMINARY AND COLLEGE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

June 1959

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of Waterloo Seminary & College Women's Auxiliary was held on June 10, 1959 in the gymnasium of Seagram Stadium.

Mrs. Mary Kuehnbaum of Toronto conducted the opening devotions, using as her theme: "The Discerning Heart".

Mrs. Spiegelberg of St. John's, Waterloo, paid tribute to the late Mrs. Jacob Conrad, who passed away early this year. The late Mrs. Conrad, an ardent and faithful Auxiliary worker, was its ~~first President~~. In tribute to her labours the girls' Residence has been called "Conrad Hall". *longest serving president (Mrs. Fred (Jde) Stabbechmidt of Preston was the first president)*

Mrs. O. Ireland, President, welcomed all the members and friends in attendance. She presided over the afternoon session.

Dean Lloyd Schaus brought the greetings on behalf of Waterloo College. He indicated how both administration and students share the benefits of the Women's Auxiliary's work and expressed their eternal gratitude.

Dr. J. Ray Houser brought greetings from the Seminary. He mentioned that 1961 marks the 100th anniversary of the Canada Synod and the 50th anniversary of the Seminary. In observance of this event \$250,000 is to be raised for a new Seminary building. He stressed the fact that our Lutheran College & Seminary must be kept strong.

Mrs. Ireland, presenting the President's annual report, mentioned that: the Executive Committee held 6 meetings during the year. The Auxiliary served refreshments at a reception following a Special Convocation of the University of Western Ontario held in the Mutual Life Auditorium on April 3rd. They served also at the College graduation reception on May 26th - to approximately 500 people. Mrs. Ireland thanked everyone who had in any way assisted on these occasions.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a bank balance on Dec. 31/58 of \$1,977.98. The 1959 contributions to date amounted to \$3,671.70. The auditors' report was also read & adopted.

The Secretary read a letter of thanks from Miss Judith Carse who received the Auxiliary Scholarship for the year 1958-59.

The Roll Call was answered by 229 members, representing 36 congregations.

A letter, from Mrs. C. E. Dauphinee of Lunenburg, N.S., outlined the work done for our Auxiliary in the Nova Scotia Synod. Their enthusiastic interest and support of our College & Seminary is encouraging and gratifying.

The highlight of the afternoon program consisted of a Promotional Forum, presented by Promotion Chairman, Mrs. W. Gillespie and her committee of 6 Conference Key Women. All of the Conference Key Women were in attendance, and were introduced by Mrs. Gillespie.

The Forum consisted of a Question & Answer period during which questions, which had been asked by women in our congregations, throughout Synod, were answered by the panel.

The following are a few questions and answers which were presented:

(1) Question: "How can we increase interest in the work of our Auxiliary among the women of our congregations?"

Answer: "To many, many women our school is just a name. Only a very small percentage of the women in Synod have ever seen our school and consequently it is hard to arouse their interest. The time has come instead of trying to bring the women to our school, we shall try to bring the school to them. This we hope to do through a set of slides, showing the various phases and activities in our school. A set of slides, accompanied by a running commentary, will be sent to each Key woman for distribution in her particular conference.

(2) Question: "Do groups of women get together in Waterloo to make the quilts they use at the College?"

Answer: "No, these quilts are made by various groups of women in the different congregations and sent to us here in Waterloo. During the past year over 40 quilts have been donated, as well as several hand-made mats. We are indeed grateful for these contributions.

(3) Question: "Are we an Auxiliary to Waterloo University, that is the Engineering College?"

Answer: "No, we are not - we are an Auxiliary to our Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and to our Waterloo University College, the same as we have always been."

Mrs. Walter Klinck, presented the report of the Project Committee. The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

- (1) \$2000 - toward furnishings for another residence to house 18 girls.
 - (2) \$2000 - grant to the Seminary Library
 - (3) \$ 500 - reserved for the 50th Anniversary Appeal for Seminary expansion. Our goal is a \$5,000 Thankoffering by 1961.
 - (4) \$ 150 - to provide a gift certificate of \$25. redeemable at the United Lutheran Publication House to each of the 6 Canada Lutheran Seminary graduates of Waterloo in 1959.
 - (5) \$ 150 - A College scholarship to a Lutheran girl.
- \$4800 - total allocations.

In view of the many projects which our Auxiliary should undertake and considering the limited funds available for these needs, Mrs. Gillespie brought to our attention the fact that for 46 years we have never raised our membership fees. She pointed out that the price of everything has doubled, tripled or quadrupled and yet we are expected to carry on our work at the same rate as 46 years ago. She pointed out how much more could be accomplished if we raised our fee to \$2 per member per year (approximately 17 cents per month). She suggested that each member give this some serious thought and share it with the members of our congregations.

The following changes in our Constitution were made:

- (1) Article I - Name - "The name of this organization shall be: "The Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran University."
- (2) Article VIII - Meetings - "The date of the annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of general business shall be left open, to be decided by the executive."

Since the officers had been elected in 1958 for a two-year term, there was no nominating committee report.

The President expressed her appreciation and thanks to all who helped to make the meeting a success. The afternoon meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Time did not permit a tour of the Chemistry building at the University of Waterloo. But the ladies were given the opportunity of seeing the Teaching & Administration buildings and the residences of Waterloo Lutheran University.

275 ladies enjoyed the Smorgasbord supper which was also served in the gymnasium. Sister Velma Pomrenke, deaconess at St. John's, Waterloo, was Mistress of Ceremonies. Two accordion solos were played by Miss Ruth Strebel.

The Rev. A. W. Lotz introduced the speaker, The Rev. D. J. Glebe, President of the Board of Governors. Rev. Glebe described the new status of Waterloo College. He likened the College & the Seminary to a family - the students are the children, the founders of the institutions are the fathers, and the Women's Auxiliary members are the mothers.

The speaker was thanked by Mrs. C. H. Doerr.

The meeting closed with the singing of the hymn "Saviour Again to Thy Dear Name we Raise", and the benediction.

PROJECTS - Recommended for 1959

- \$ 2,000 - Furnishings for another residence to house 18 girls. Estimated total cost of furnishings - \$3,500 to \$4,500.
- 2,000 - Grant to the Seminary Library. An accredited Seminary must provide an adequate Library for its students.
- 500 - Reserved for the 50th Anniversary Appeal for Seminary expansion. Our goal is a \$5,000 Thankoffering by 1961.
- 150 - To provide a gift certificate of \$25 redeemable at the United Lutheran Publication House to each of the 6 Canadian Lutheran Seminary graduates of Waterloo in 1959. (Books, Vestments, etc.)
- 150 - A College scholarship to a Lutheran girl. (Has been awarded annually for many years.)
- - Post Graduate Study Fund - to assist qualified Canadian Lutherans to prepare for future leadership in our Church and Institutions.
- - Establish a reserve to provide the furnishings for future Lutheran residences on the University campus. (Other denominations are planning to provide residences for their students.)
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- \$ 4,800 - Total allocations.

BEQUESTS

It is with sincere gratitude that we acknowledge the bequest of \$500 from the estate of Miss Amanda Hollatz, Kitchener. This gift will be used for some definite project so that it may serve as a permanent memorial. Have you thought of remembering our Auxiliary in your Will?

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 1960
(Based on needs now apparent)

- \$ 2,000 - Seminary Library
- 2,500 - Anniversary Appeal for 1961 for Seminary expansion (Goal - \$5,000)
- 1,000 - Post Graduate Study Fund
- 1,000 - Reserve for furnishings for future Lutheran residences on the new campus.
- 200 - For \$25 personal gift to each Canadian Lutheran Seminary graduate in 1960.
- 150 - Waterloo College Scholarship for Lutheran girl.
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- 700 - General Fund, promotion, printing, incidentals, unbudgeted items.
- \$ 7,550 - From approximately 12,000 adult women members in the Nova Scotia and Canada Synods.

Mrs. L. Klopp
Mrs. R. Teigen
Mrs. W. Klinck, Chairman