

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 (Ida) Stablschmidt 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.