

1977

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary took place at Wilfrid Laurier University's Ballroom of the Student Centre, Waterloo, Ontario, on Wednesday September 28, 1977, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Harold Vogt, president, called the meeting to order and asked Miss Cheryl Ashick, Seminarian, to lead the devotions. Cheryl, using her guitar as accompaniment, read and sang praises to God. She reminded the ladies present "that they are a very special people, living in a very special relationship to God - by His choosing. Though there are struggles and changes making us desire to hold on to the past, we must grow with the present as we continue to be dedicated in God's work. There is a cost in being a special people, but we must keep on believing and trusting until we are set free. In God there is security and to God be the Glory." Indeed we all felt closer to God as we gazed over the beautiful countryside below us.

The ladies present were welcomed by Mrs. Harold Vogt who thanked them for the tremendous job they are doing for the Seminary and the Seminar-ians. She went on to apologize for the number of stairs that had to be ascended and noted that there had not been any complaints about them. She could only conclude that the handsome Seminarian escorts made the trip seem less arduous.

Dr. Frank Peters, President of Wilfrid Laurier University, brought greetings from the university. Dr. Peters expressed feelings of pleasure mingled with sadness, as he told the ladies present that after 10 years service he will be retiring as President the end of December, 1977. He apologized for the meeting location, however, could not offer anything better for next year, due to expansion plans which should be well under way within the year.

Dr. Delton Glebe, Dean of the Seminary, brought greetings from the Seminary. He went on to say that there is never a problem in getting Seminary students to participate in Auxiliary activities, perhaps because in their searching they feel the need for the personal power, and the project power, of the Ladies Auxiliary which has become very supportive and meaningful.

The president, Mrs. Harold Vogt, in her annual report, thanked the University for the assistance which we have received consistently over the years. Since the last annual meeting, she noted changes in the executive welcoming Mrs. D. Grant Moore as Promotion Chairman replacing Mrs. Calvin Bowyer, and Mrs. Corean Pleon as Assistant Project Chairman. During the year the executive met six times and donations received have been: 20 quilts, 6 pair pillow cases, 3 pair of sheets, 7 blankets and \$55.00 in donations. Auxiliaries are encouraged to continue these donations on an ongoing basis. Two Seminary functions were assisted by the executive during the year - namely preparing lunch for "Youth In Ministry" held in February and providing coffee and squares at the reception following the opening service in September.

The secretary, Mrs. Norman Stromberg, read a resume of the minutes of the 1976 annual meeting.

The treasurer, Mrs. Paul Weber, presented the annual Financial Report for the period April 30, 1976 to April 30, 1977.

Balance on hand April 30, 1976:	\$4,374.69
Receipts	5,356.01
Disbursements	5,359.03
Balance on hand April 30, 1977:	\$4,371.67

The report was adopted on a motion by Mrs. Paul Weber, seconded by Mrs. Walter Hachborn.

The Promotion Committee report was given by Mrs. D. Grant Moore. She indicated that the film " The Auxilliary, The Seminary and You " is still available for group showings at churches. This film is constantly being updated . During the past year there were 4 mailings to contact women of the various congregations. Mrs. Moore encouraged everyone, not only the contact women, to promote interest in our Seminary and Seminar-ians, without the help of all we could not accomplish the work of the Auxilliary.

The Project Committee report was given by Mrs. Carl Pleon, Assistant Project Chairman, in the Absence of Mrs. Pearl Wagner. Mrs. Pleon moved that the following projects for 1978 be approved - seconded by Mrs. Black:

Bursary for female student	\$150.00
Bursary for male student	150.00
Certificates - Seminary Graduates	500.00
Clinical Training	2,500.00
Stained Glass Window Fund	500.00
Set of Bible Interpretations	250.00
35 mm. Slide Projector	175.00
16 mm. Movie Projector	600.00
Audio Visuals	300.00
Working Fund	300.00

TOTAL: \$5,425.00

The proposed change of the Constitution Article 1X - (a) and (c) was read by Vice President Mrs. Clarence Heer, who moved the adoption , seconded by Mrs. Rose Vogt - Carried. The new article 1X -(a) and (c) will read as follows, subject to the approval of the Board Of Governors:

- (a) The fiscal year of the organization shall be from June 1 to May 31.
- (c) All financial records of the organization shall be audited by auditors appointed by the executive.

The special guest, Mr. Vivian Victor Msomi of South Africa, was introduced by Dr. Delton Glebe. Mr. Msomi is an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Natal, South Africa, and had earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He is married and the father of four children who remain in South Africa. Mr. Msomi, whose father is a retired Lutheran pastor, spoke about his homeland which is Natal located in the south eastern part of Africa, his church, the Seminary and church related hospitals in Natal. His primary reason for choosing Waterloo for his studies was mainly because of the Clinical Training available, in conjunction with the hospitals and

other institutions. This training he hopes will be incorporated into the Natal Seminary curriculum .

The special offering, amounting to \$283.00, was designated to support Pastor Msomi in his educational endeavors. Dr. D. Glebe informed us that Rev. Msomi has been unable to receive a salary from his parish because of Government regulations, so will be very thankful for the financial help. Anyone wishing to contribute further could make cheques payable to the Seminary - Attention Msomi Fund
C/O Dr. Delton Glebe

no any financial aid from Lutheran World Federation;

The Golden Book of Honour, Memorial Book and Life Membership Book reports were given by Mrs. William Gillespie as follows:

Golden Book of Honour:

Dr. Henry W. Opperman, Waterloo
Mr. Emil Neukamm, Aylmer

Memorial Book:

Mrs. Louise Doerr, Waterloo
The Rev. Bruno Ederma, Warton
Mrs. Richard Geelhaar, Listowel
Mrs. Henry Dechert, Cambridge (P)
Mrs. Lillian Casselman, Morrisburg
Mrs. William Cook, R.R.#1, Gadshill

A tribute to Mrs. Fred Stahlschmidt and Mrs. Charles Doerr, both past presidents of the Auxiliary who passed away in 1977, was read by Mrs. Walter Hachborn. Mrs. Stahlschmidt was the founder and first president of the Seminary Auxiliary in the year 1913. Her daughter, Mrs. Bregman of Cambridge, was in the audience. Mrs. Charles Doerr served from 1953 to 1949 to 1956. During the presentation, slides of the women were projected at the front of the hall.

Mrs. Harold Vogt paid tribute to Sister Florence Weiker, Deaconess of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Kitchener, who for many years gave of her time and talents to assist at the annual meetings of the auxiliary.

Invocation was given by Rev. Andrew Blackwell of St. Peters, Zurich.

Luncheon - 12:15 p.m. was held in the Ballroom. Contact women met in the lounge on the same floor right after lunch.

After the luncheon, at 2:00 p.m. Seminarian Anne Norman, who is a second year Seminary student with a Bachelor of Music Education degree, rendered an enjoyable variety program of viola music. Prior to performing, she carefully explained the instrument, the history of the composer and the various reasons why music sometimes will reach the soul when words fail. She was introduced by Mrs. Ernest Schaefer, and thanked by Mrs. D. Grant Moore.

The guest speaker, Miss Pamela McGee of Morrisburg, was introduced by Mrs. Clarence Heer and thanked by Mrs. Walter Hachborn. Rev. McGee, Canada's first female Lutheran minister, was ordained May 7, 1976. She spoke of the ministry from the female's point of view noting that she

found an openness and willingness of parish people, to allow her to function as a person as well as a pastor, helping her overcome problems as they arose. She urged women to become more visible on the church board and committees in the synod structure and looks forward to the time when more women will be ordained. To date there are three ordained women pastors in Canada. Doors are being opened and the spirit is liberating Gods people for a new age, she said.

The introduction of new Seminarians was made by Dr. Delton Glebe who also enlarged on the present status of the student enrollment at the Seminary. This year there are 84 full time and part time students, 22 new students are first year students. This is the highest enrollment ever. The first Seminarian to speak was :

- John Carley: United Church of Canada, Kitchener. He is planning to work with the aged, after he graduates with a Masters degree in Social Work.
- Mark Harris: the president of the Student Body, is from Pennsylvania. He feels the need to share his gift with others and he has come to Canada to do it.
- Reinie Heydemann: is the widow of Lutz Heydemann who was a Waterloo Lutheran Seminary graduate 10 years past. Reinie was born in Germany and plans to enter the Chaplaincy field to work with "death and dying."
- Jukka Saarinen: from Agricola Lutheran Church, Toronto (Finnish). He plans to be a bi-lingual pastor.
- Ralph Schmidt: from St. Mathews Lutheran Church, Kitchener. He spent 8 years in the working world, having attended an Interdenominational Seminary during the period 1970-1971. He has always felt that his calling was to the ministry.
- Bill Knott: a second year Seminarian, celebrated his birthday much to his surprise with the auxiliary ladies. Mrs. Harold Vogt presented him with a large birthday card as the ladies sang Happy Birthday. In response he was asked to present a rose and a kiss to ladies in the audience who were also celebrating their birthdays.

Mrs. H. Vogt also presented Mrs. Ernest Schaefer, Vice President, with 2 roses, in appreciation for her untiring efforts as chairman of the program committee.

Mrs. Lloyd Hamel, Assistant Secretary, reported the results of the registration count as follows:

Southern District	103	
Western District	25	
Central District	9	
Total	137	representing 30 churches

Serving as ushers for the day were:

Mrs. Herb Appel and Mrs. James Black from St. Johns Lutheran , Waterloo
Mrs. Allan Zenn and Mrs. Grant Siegner from St. Peters Lutheran, Gadshill.

Mrs. Harold Vogt, in her acknowledgements, made special mention of the Seminary foyer redecoration, one of the Auxiliary 1976 projects, and invited the ladies to take the tour conducted by Mr. Richard Taylor, before returning home.

Rev. Pamela McGee closed with the benediction - 3:40 p.m.

Coffee was served in the Ballroom.

Ruth (Mrs. Norman) Stromberg
SECRETARY