

THE 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 27, 1978. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. in the nave of the church, with a welcome extended to all by the President, Mrs. Harold Vogt.

Opening devotions were in charge of Seminarian Bruce Schenk whose scripture reading was from Genesis 1 about creation and the wonders of the earth. The hymns "Morning Has Broken" and "For the Beauty of the Earth" were sung with piano accompaniment by Miss Nancy Messerschmidt. The responsive reading of Psalm 148 was followed by some thoughts about the beauty of the earth.

Pastor Arnold L. Conrad of St. John's Church extended his welcome to the ladies, and brought greetings on behalf of the host church.

Dr. Delton Glebe, Dean of the Seminary, in his greetings, mentioned how thankful they were that St. John's would accommodate the Auxiliary this year, in view of the construction presently taking place at Wilfrid Laurier University. He went on to say he was especially glad to see all the ladies here in living color in this beautiful sanctuary which truly is a picturesque autumn scene.

The President, Mrs. Harold Vogt, in her report stated there had been five executive meetings to conduct the business of the Auxiliary. In the spring the Auxiliary assisted at "Youth Ministry" day at the Seminary. Also she attended the senior graduation party at which fourteen \$50.00 gift certificates were presented to the graduating seminarians. The Auxiliary has been asked by Seminarian George Wawin to assist them in a project of updating their picture gallery of graduates. Letters have been sent to the people whose photographs are missing. Hopefully, when the job is completed, we will have photographs in yearly classes of all graduates who have passed through the Seminary since its beginning.

During the year we have received 32 quilts, 10 blankets, 4 pr. pillowcases, 4 pr. sheets, 2 bedspreads and \$50. in donations. We are most grateful for these donations and assure you that the seminarians appreciate the warmth and beauty of the quilts.

Mrs. Vogt thanked all for their excellent support during the year and to the Executive who served with her and were faithful in carrying out the work of the Auxiliary.

The Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Hamel, read a resume of the minutes of the 1977 Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Weber, presented the annual financial report from April 30, 1977 to May 31, 1978:

Balance on hand April 30, 1977.....	\$4,371.67
Receipts.....	\$5,191.78
Expenditures.....	\$8,156.57
Balance on hand, May 31, 1978.....	\$2,731.88

This report was adopted on a motion by Mrs. Paul Weber, seconded by Mrs. Becker.

Promotion Committee chairman, Mrs. D. Grant Moore, reported sending out three mailings to the contact women during the year. Also the film "The Auxiliary, the Seminary and You" has been used by interested groups who requested it to show at their meetings. Mrs. Moore thanked everyone for attending, and for their interest in the Seminary and the work of the Auxiliary, and with their help we will be able to complete the projects undertaken.

The Project Committee Report was given by the chairman, Mrs. Arthur Wagner. The adoption of the proposed projects for 1979 amounting to \$5,600. was moved by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Walter Hachborn.

Auxiliary Discretionary Fund.....	\$100.00
Gift Certificates for Graduates.....	600.00
Clinical Training.....	4,000.00
Stained Glass Window Fund.....	500.00
Bursary for a needy W.L.U. Student.....	200.00
Working Fund.....	200.00
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The report on the Golden Book of Honour and the Memorial Book was given by Mrs. William Gillespie, and is as follows:

Golden Book of Honour: Mrs. Aileen Hiller, Waterloo
Mrs. Herbert Neff, Waterloo
Mrs. Verna Uster, Fort Erie
Rev. & Mrs. Gerhardt Becker, Guelph

Memorial Book: Mrs. Marie Murray, Preston
Mrs. David Schulte, Kitchener
Mrs. Henry Kollman, Gadshill
Mrs. George Faulhafer, Gadshill
Mrs. Harry Kollman, Gadshill
Mrs. John Seip, Gadshill
Mrs. John Gaines, Gadshill

QUILTS FOR SEMINARIANS

The Executive discussed the distribution of quilts at their last regular meeting. It was decided to recommend to the Annual Meeting that each full-time seminarian be given a quilt on arrival, and be allowed to keep that same quilt at the end of his/her time at the Seminary; also that donated sheets, pillowcases and blankets be used by married students while living in residence. A standing vote made it unanimous that we try out this procedure for one year. Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF SEMINARIANS

Dr. Delton Glebe presented six new seminarians to the meeting. Some of these students come from other countries, with an interesting and varied background. This year, Dr. Glebe pointed out, the Seminary has an all-time high enrollment of 85 full and part time students, with 55 full-time seminarians.

DONNA SEAMONE: Female student from Nova Scotia. Comes from a small Lutheran congregation; attended Acadian University; Bachelor of Science degree; was a former Bridgewater community worker; wanted to look for something to improve the quality of life, and that is why she came to W.L.S.

HOLGER CABAN: From Germany, near Hanover. High School completed in 1975. When he wanted to leave Germany a Pastor there helped him to pass the required examination to become a conscientious objector. Has been in Seminary for one year and during his second year will become a field worker at St. Mark's, Kitchener.

HAROLD SHERK: Former Mennonite student at Conrad Grebel College. Is the son of a pastor. High school days were spent at K.C.I., Kitchener. He was told by a counsellor that he could be a farmer, watchmaker, teacher or preacher. Taught high school for ten years. Moved to the country and then decided to take advantage of what W.L.S. has to offer and enrolled as a full-time student. He feels the Lord is leading him one step at a time, so he may yet fulfill all the ambitions he had in high school.

REBECCA LAU MAK: Female student from Hong Kong. Belongs to a Chinese church. She feels that having and showing love is what Christ wants her to speak about in doing social work in the church. Some churches in her country have need of a Christian Social Worker to take care of the oppressed. Is happy that she is able to take courses such as Master of Social Work and Theology at W.L.S.

DOUG KRANZ: Son of Pastor Donald Kranz formerly of Massey, Ontario and Newfoundland, and later at Unionville, Ontario. After university and marriage he was stationed in Moosonee where he taught school for two years. Is now studying for the Parish ministry and hopes some day to combine the job of being a pastor and a teacher in some northern outpost.

TOM LURVEY: Finnish student, the son of a pastor in a Finnish Church - Agricola, Toronto; married just one month ago. He reminded the audience that in Eastern Canada there are regular worship services being conducted in 13 different languages. He feels that God has a plan for us to minister to one another as He leads us.

Ushers for the day were Anna Mikutaitis and Martha Fenske of St. John's, Hamilton, and Kay Haase and Mildred Malchow of Grace Lutheran, Hamilton.

Dr. Glebe dedicated the offering amounting to \$266.45, toward the purchase of new hymnals for use in the Seminary Chapel.

The President, Mrs. Vogt, expressed thanks to Mr. Gordon Kipfer on behalf of the Auxiliary, for looking after the sound system during the meeting.

The Invocation was offered by Rev. A. L. Conrad in the sanctuary before the meeting was adjourned for lunch in the fellowship hall. At 12:15 p.m. a sandwich lunch was provided by the ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church.

At 1:00 p.m. the contact women met to discuss promotion in their congregations.

Following lunch, at 1:45 p.m. the Rev. Arnold Weigel, Director of Continuing Education at W.L.S., introduced Intern Greg Boyd who subsequently spoke to the ladies. Greg, a fourth year student at W.L.S. and a former school teacher from Nova Scotia, spoke to the ladies about his internship at Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford, Ontario. This supervised pastoral education took place in a parish setting where the practical and the theoretical were combined. In such a setting Mr. Boyd experienced even more learning and growth in the reality of the parish. "This learning experience has been the best experience of all" he said, ever mindful of the excellent training which was his at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, as well as Clinical training at an institution during one summer in Waterloo.

Mrs. Walter Hachborn graciously thanked Greg for sharing his thoughts on how the Seminary students think and feel about their training for the ministry.

The Rev. Everett Mossman led the group in a Sing-Along using his guitar as accompaniment. Rev. Mossman also shared stereotape cassettes by the Youth of St. John's Lutheran, which had been presented to him by the youth group. Second Vice-president, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, introduced Rev. Mossman, formerly Associate Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church. She also extended well wishes to him in his new parish at St. Paul's Lutheran, Cambridge (Galt). Appreciation for the entertainment was ably expressed by Mrs. Rose Moore.

The Guest Speaker, Rev. Herbert Gastmeier, was introduced by Mrs. Marie Ireland, who referred back 35 years to a similar gathering at the old St. John's Lutheran Church assembly hall.

The Rev. Gastmeier, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford, and also Supervising Pastor for Intern Greg Boyd, is also a graduate of W.L.S. (1950). He is also a past Board member of W.L.S... some 15 years. Pastor Gastmeier commended the members of the Auxiliary for caring for the Seminary students - as he centered his talk around the "Caring Quotient". "Every alive organization is handicapped by people who don't care" he said. "Our Christian faith teaches us to care, centered in a God who has made himself known through Jesus Christ. Therefore, beware of what you care for most: it will mold your life." Mrs. Mary Heer graciously thanked the guest speaker.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mrs. C.E. Weitzel. There were no nominations from the floor. On a motion by Mrs. G. Schmetzer, seconded by Mrs. P. Wagner, nominations were closed. Carried.

The election and installation of officers was very ably handled by Mrs. Jean Hachborn, a member of the Board of Governors of W.L.S. and a past president of the Auxiliary. Officers were elected (for a two-year term) as follows:

- President: Mrs. Clarence (Mary) Heer
- 1st Vice-President: Mrs. Ernest (Dorothy) Schaefer
- 2nd Vice-President: Mrs. D. Grant (Rose) Moore
- Secretary: Mrs. Norman (Ruth) Stromberg
- Asst. Secretary: Mrs. Lloyd (Eva) Hamel
- Treasurer: Mrs. Paul (Jean) Weber
- Asst. Treasurer: Mrs. David (Janice) MacIntosh

Mrs. Clarence Heer, incoming President, expressed a sincere vote of gratitude and thanks for Mrs. Vogt's leadership during her six year term of office. "How often someone performs unusual services for us that we allow to pass unpraised, taking for granted that what is done is just what the position demands. We ladies of the Executive know full well how often, when programs need setting up, or typing doing, etc., the work is done so willingly by Evelyn Vogt" she said. The Auxiliary Executive gave personal donations toward the placing of Mrs. Vogt's name in the Golden Book of Honour, and the audience expressed appreciation too by applause and standing ovation.

Mrs. Vogt thanked Mrs. Janice MacIntosh, who had served as Program Committee Chairman for this meeting.

The offering amounted to \$266.45, which will provide 31 hymnals for the Seminary Chapel. A presentation plate will be included in the front of each hymnal, indicating it as a gift from the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Eva Hamel reported on attendance at the meeting: Southern District 108, Western District 41, Central District 16, Special guests 15, making a total attendance of 180 persons from 29 congregations.

The meeting ended with prayer and Benediction by Pastor Gastmeier.

Adjournment was at 3:45 p.m., when refreshments were served.

*Janice MacIntosh
Convener
Program Com.*

Ruth Stromberg } Secretaries
Eva Hamel }