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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, Ontario, on Wednesday Sept. 24th, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Clarence Heer, who welcomed all assembled and extended appreciation for the use of the facilities at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Opening devotions were conducted by Tom Doherty, Seminarian and vicar at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Tom, using his guitar as accompaniment and assisted periodically by Ruth Erdman of St. John's Lutheran Church on the recorder, very ably lead the group in word and song. His message centered on LOVE and SERVICE. Devotions concluded with the group joining in on the singing of "Let Me Be Your Servant".

Mrs. Heer expressed appreciation to Tom and Ruth for the very meaningful opening devotions.

Rev. A. L. Conrad, the host pastor, extended greetings to the meeting. He reminded us that it is when the facilities of a church are used that it becomes beautiful.

Dr. Delton Glebe, Dean of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, brought greetings on behalf of the Seminary - referring to the members present as "the flowers of the Eastern Canada Synod."

REPORTS

The president, Mrs. Clarence Heer, in her report indicated that during the year 5 executive meetings were held to carry out the work of the auxiliary. One new member was added to the executive in the person of Mrs. Esther Ruppenthal, Assistant Promotion Chairman. This year we received the following donations:

28 quilts
\$25.00 cash for bedding

On behalf of the executive, she thanked all who have contributed to this phase of our work. The quilts given to the students have been deeply appreciated and this has been demonstrated by the numerous letters of thanks received from the students.

The present academic year at the Seminary opened with a chapel service followed by refreshments, provided and served by the Auxiliary executive, to the Seminarians and their friends. Lunch was also served for "Youth Day" sponsored by the Seminary students.

Gift certificates of \$50.00 were presented to each of ten graduates for 1980, and \$10.00 certificates to two part time students.

Special Pastoral Education, "Clinical Training" is a major item in our budget and as the costs of this course continue to rise students become even more grateful for the financial assistance provided by the Auxiliary.

Reports Cont'd

THE SECRETARY , Mrs. N. Stromberg, read a resume of the minutes for the 1979 annual meeting.

THE TREASURER, Mrs. Paul Weber, presented the annual financial report for the period May 31/79 to May 31/80 :

Balance on hand May 31, 1979	\$2,297.90
Receipts	5,795.71
Expenditures	6,315.35
Bank balance as of May 31, 1980	\$1,778.26

The report was adopted on a motion by Mrs. Paul Weber.
Moved, seconded, carried.

THE PROMOTION REPORT , was presented by Mrs. D. Grant Moore who listed the series of mailings that had gone out to contact women during the year. She also indicated that the slide presentation, "The Auxiliary, the Seminary and You", will be updated with to-days' pictures. She concluded by reminding the ladies that only with their help can we accomplish the goals we have set out for ourselves. Mrs. Moore met with the contact women after the noon luncheon.

THE PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT , given by Mrs. Carl Pleon, chairman, listed proposed projects for the year 1981:

Auxiliary Discretionary Fund	\$ 100.00
Gift Certificates for Graduates	500.00
Clinical Training	3,500.00
Stained Glass Window Fund	500.00
Bursary for needy W.L.U. student	200.00
Working Fund	250.00
Portable record player for Seminary use	500.00
Califone Tape Recorder for teaching purposes	350.00

Total \$5,900.00

Mrs. Pleon moved the adoption of these projects, seconded by Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth.

REPORT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP, GOLDEN BOOK OF HONOUR & MEMORIAL BOOK , was read by Mrs. Heer in the absence of Mrs. Harold Vogt. The entries in the books this year include the following:

GOLDEN BOOK OF HONOUR

- Mrs. Dorothea Easun - Stratford
- Mrs. Dorothy Whitney - Port Elgin

MEMORIAL BOOK

- Mrs. Elizabeth Zinn - Gads Hill
- Mrs. Margaret McMaster - Wiarton
- Rev. Lloyd Kalbfleisch - Zurich
- Mrs. Olga H. Glebe (2) - Neustadt
- Mrs. Sarah Ann Demerling - Neustadt
- Mr. Adolph H. Schultz - Pembroke
- Mrs. Clara Schneider - Waterloo
- Mrs. Arlyn Johnson - Wiarton

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT, was given by Mrs. Mabel Bowman, chairman. There were no further nominations from the floor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was moved by Mrs. Harry Greb, seconded by Mrs. O.O. Ireland and carried that the following nominees be elected by acclamation:

- President - Mrs. Ernest Schaefer
- Vice-President - Mrs. D. Grant Moore
- 2nd Vice-President - No nominee
- Secretary - Mrs. Lloyd Hamel
- Ass't Secretary - Mrs. Barbara Romahn

Treasurer - Jean Weber
Resolutions - Janice MacLachlan
NEW SEMINARIANS were introduced by Dr. Delton Glebe who also enlarged on the present status of the student enrollment at the Seminary:

- Full time enrollment - 55 (67% Lutheran)
- Part time enrollment - 36
- Total enrollment - 91

The first Seminarian to speak was :

- Douglas Reble:
- "Presidents In His Past", grandfather and uncle were past presidents of L.C.A. Eastern Canada Synod
 - Spent some time in Northern Canada in the social work/child welfare field
 - "The church has something to offer people who hurt, hence the decision to attend Seminary."

- Jacob*
Jacob Pillibeit:
- "The Man From The Land Of Our Forefathers" (East Prussia)
 - A very hard working person who considers having to learn the English language plus the Seminary studies a challenge.

- Dale Bauman:
- "Our Seminary's Prodical Son"
 - From Elmira, spent 2 yrs. in Brazil with Central Mennonite Committee
 - Finds rubbing elbows with students from other denominations stimulating and challenging

- Gloria Eby:
- "The Mennonite Sparkle"
 - Finds study at the Seminary gives her a chance to reflect and energize

- Alfred Beeston
- "The German Englishman"
 - Spent 15 years in the business world, 15 years teaching school. *now plans to*
 - While taking a course learning the German language he became aware of the Lutheran faith which he is now professing.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING , which amounted to \$357.20, will be given to the Seminary to be used for the purchase of a new lecturn to match the chancel furniture in the Seminary chapel. *am*

At 12:00 noon, before adjourning to the fellowship hall the president, Mrs. Clarence Heer, very appropriately gave thanks for the food using the following prayer:

God bless not only food and drink
But what we do, and what we think
So that in work as well as play
We grow more like Thee day by day. Amen.

At 1:45 P.M. the guest speaker, Miss Margaret Kreller, spoke to those present about her 3 year stay in Chili, South America. Miss Kreller, was introduced by Mrs. Ruth Stromberg, who revealed that Margaret is a native of Kitchener, is a trained Deaconess in the L.C.A. (Lutheran Church In America) and has served as a Deaconess in Lutheran Social Service Agencies. A member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Sister Margaret is presently enrolled as a Senior at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

In her talk, supplemented by slides, she indicated that the Lutheran Church in Chili is a sort of "Transplanted Germany" as of 150 years ago. Presently it is effected by strife in the country which is governed by a military regime. After the democratically elected Marxist government was overthrown by the military in 1973, many Lutherans along with Roman Catholics, Pentecostal, and other christians became deeply involved with the poor and those in trouble because of their political views. The Lutheran Church finally split with one faction deciding to continue that role. It was in Santiago, Chili, a city of 3 million, that Margaret became involved with the Lutheran women who during that period became more active and subsequently took leading roles in the church and community.

Sister Margaret was appropriately thanked by the incoming president, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer.

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Miss Rebecca Mack, a third year Seminarian, was introduced by Dr. Delton Glebe, who referred to her as a "breath of fresh air from the Chinese Renish Lutheran Church in Hong Kong."

Rebecca's studies are presently a combined program of Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work. By studying Social Work she hopes to gain knowledge and techniques in relating to social agencies. The Seminary studies she anticipated will sharpen her skills in determining the roll a church can play in society. Understanding the needs, and trying to put the two to-gether, will be her challenge as she returns to her home country after graduation.

Mrs. Mary Heer, in her acknowledgement and thanks to Rebecca, appropriately referred to her leaving this country as our loss and their gain.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

A musical presentation by soloist Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church choir as well as various choral groups, presented a variety program which included piano and organ accompaniment by Mr. James Bard, Director of Music, St. John's Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Bard were introduced by Mrs. A. L. Conrad and thanked by Mrs. Lloyd Hamel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In her announcements, Mrs. Heer thanked the following for their help in making the annual meeting day a success:

- Mr. Richard Taylor, promotion and packets
- the program committee, Ruth Stromberg, Chairman, assisted by Rose Moore, Mary Heer and Dorothy Schaefer
- all the executive for their help
- ushers for the day Mrs. Velma Domander, Lydia Schatovitte, from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Toronto, Ont.
Mrs. Betty Mahler, Mrs. Theresa Ungar, of St. Johns Ev. Lutheran Church, Alymer, Ont.
- Mr. G. Kipfer for looking after the sound system
- to Ruth Stromberg, retiring secretary (5 yrs. in office)

Amount of offering 357.20

ATTENDANCE - was given by Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer
- total of 223 (16 guests)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Jean Hachborn, Honorary President, installed the newly elected officers who will serve a two year term.

Thanks and appreciation were expressed to the retiring president, Mrs. Mary Heer, by Mrs. Ernest Schaefer (Dorothy), for her dedicated service as president as well as for long and faithful service to the Auxiliary for the past sixteen years.

CLOSING DEVOTIONS were given by Seminarian Mr. Doug Kraemer, followed by Hymn # 503, "Oh Jesus I Have Promised."

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.
Coffee was served in the foyer.

Ruth Stromberg (Mrs. Norman)
Secretary