MINUTES - 1985 ANNUAL MEETING

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The ~~72nd~~ annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary was held at St. John Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on Wednesday, September 25, 1985.

The president, Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the church auditorium, welcoming all those present, including two women from Morrisburg, and the past presidents.

Mrs. Helen Chapman, program chairman, stressed the day was planned to provide information and christian fellowship. Assisting her on the committee were: Mrs. Esther Ruppenthal, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, and Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, ex-officio.

Dr. Richard Crossman, Dean of the Seminary, welcomed the women on behalf of the seminary. He thanked us for all the support, and said that our prayers must have been answered, because there is a deeper sense of community in the seminary. He said in the new church the auxiliary will be even more important. He likened the women to the sunshine in the garden - a warm glow that shines behind us.

Opening devotions were conducted by Mrs. Barbara Bowman Weatherall, a senior seminarian. She used Revelation 21 as her theme, dealing with newness, with the text "Behold I make all things new". She said newness is transformation - God is here in our world. "What newness is God making in our life?"

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Report of the President Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, President, reported that the Executive Board met 5 times to carry on the business of the Auxiliary.

   She expressed appreciation for the 24 quilts which will be distributed to the first year seminarians. Twelve quilts were brought to the annual meeting from: St. Matthew, Hanover, 1 quilt; Mt. Zion, Waterloo, 1 quilt; Faith, Hamilton, 1 quilt; St. Paul, Guelph, 1 quilt; Trinity, New Hamburg, 1 quilt; Bethany, Woodstock, 1 quilt; St. Peter, Zurich, 3 quilts; St. John, Aylmer, 1 quilt; St. Peter, Williamsford and St. James, Sullivan Twp., 1 quilt; St. John, Waterloo, 1 quilt. Gift certificates were presented in the spring by Ethel Gastmeier to 11 seminary graduates and 1 part-time student.

   On December 11, 1984, the auxiliary members provided a reception following the installations of Dr. Richard Crossman, The Rev. Arnold Weigel, and The Rev. J. Neil Alexander.

   On September 15, the members of the Executive served refreshments to the seminarians following the first chapel service of the new academic year.

   The president has the privilege of serving on the 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee for Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, sponsored by the Seminary Board of Governors.

Report of the President - cont'd

The resignation of the Vice-Chairman of the Promotion Committee, Mrs. Pat Doerbecker for health reasons, was accepted with regret at the September 17 executive meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Ethel Gastmeier for her service as Promotion Chairman, and all the contact women. She also thanked all the Auxiliary ladies for their time and financial support, Dr. Crossman for his wise counselling, the Seminary office staff, and Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, Past-president.

2. Report of the Secretary Mrs. Barbara Romahn read a resume covering the 1984 annual meeting.

3. Report of the Treasurer Mrs. Janice MacIntosh read the financial report as printed for the period of June 1, 1984 to May 31, 1985:

Balance on hand June 1, 1984	3,678.23
Total receipts	9,524.56
Total expenses	9,017.27
Bank balance as of May 31, 1985	4,185.52

Mrs. MacIntosh also read the Auditor's comments. Mrs. MacIntosh moved adoption of the audited financial report. CARRIED.

4. Report of the Promotion Committee

This year during 5 consecutive months, memos were printed in the Canada Lutheran regarding our 1985 projects, clinical training, Memorial books, slide presentation and this year's annual meeting.

During the year, mailing lists were brought up to date. Three congregations requested the slide presentation.

5. Report of the Project Committee Mrs. Phyllis Geiger presented the Project List as follows: for 1986

Gift Certificates for Seminary Graduates	510.00
Clinical Training for Seminarians	6,000.00
Working fund	200.00
Discretionary fund	100.00
Replacing of seminary baptismal font	500.00
Bursary for W.L.U. student	200.00
	$7,510.00

Mrs. Geiger moved the adoption of this project total, which was seconded and carried.

6. Report of the Golden Book of Honour and Memorial Book

The President, reported for Mrs. Evelyn Vogt the following entries:

Memorial Book	Given by
Mrs. Emma Henkel	L.C.W. St. Mark, Chesley
Mrs. Irene Hammer	L.C.W. Trinity, New Hamburg
Mrs. Victoria Eichler	L,C.W. Trinity, New Hamburg

Golden Book of Honour	Given by
Mrs. Muriel Genzer	L.C.W. Trinity, Fort Erie
Mrs. Edna Hoffman	L.C.W. St. James, Baden
Mrs. Martha Neukamm	L.C.W. St. John, Aylmer
Miss Ruth Otterbein	Ruth Group, L.C.W. St. Matthew, Kitchener
Mrs. Martha Cronmiller Ziegel	Rev. Vern and Bette Cronmiller
Mrs. Amy Teschke	L.C.W. St. Paul, Guelph
Mrs. Laura Smith	L.C.W. St. Paul, Guelph
Mrs. Caroline Hansen	L.C.W. Zion, Stratford
Mrs. Alma Stephan	L.C.W. St. Paul, Guelph
Miss Addie Lanz	Deborah Group, L.C.W. St. Matthew, Kitchener
Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer	L.C.W. St. John, Waterloo
Mrs. Ella Baker	Rev. & Mrs. Earl Haase, Grace, Hamilton

Letter from Mr. Fred Stahlschmidt.

Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer read a letter from the son of Mrs. Stahlschmidt, first president of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Women's Auxiliary, explaining how she became the first president of the Women's Auxiliary. The letter will be placed in the archives.

Presentation of Communion Vessels

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth and Mrs. Joyce Dietrich presented a set of earthenware communion vessels to Dean Crossman, on behalf of the auxiliary. The set was designed, handcrafted, and donated by Middleton Pottery, and is to be used in the seminary.

Introduction of New Seminarians

Dr. Richard Crossman introduced six first-year seminarians, and with him, they formed a panel to answer several questions, about why they came, where they were last year, and where they hope to be a year after graduation. The new seminarians were:

Teruko Enomoto - a girl from Japan, who is the youngest woman minister in Japan. She is a former Buddhist, and is now a United Church of Christ pastor in Japan. She wants to return to Japan to share the gospel, and came to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary to learn pastoral counselling.

Donald Pond - This is a second career, after working ten years at Lutheran Life Insurance. He wants to serve as a parish pastor, and has been a part-time student for a few years.

Leshy Paynter - Leshy is from South Africa. He is from a Roman Catholic family, attended catholic seminary, and has studied in England to receive a B.Sc. in Mathematics. He has recently studied at Dalhousie University in Halifax, and wants to return to South Africa to help heal the wounds in the country, caused by the political upheaval.

Christine Selbstaedt - Christine is from Calgary, Alberta, and studied ecology at the University of Calgary, She wanted to become a veterinarian, and is an outdoors person, but has always been concerned about people. She will pursue a campus ministry or parish ministry.

Rick Pryce - Rick has been a Youth Staffer for Eastern Canada Synod, and several years ago had a brush with cancer. He attended a Christian college, then served with the U.S. armed forces. He hopes to have a career in the parish ministry.

Tory Biernacki - Tory has a B.Ed. degree. She came to seminary to learn about God, and wants to teach at a Lutheran or Christian school.

Explanation of Special Offering

Dr. Crossman suggested that the special offering received this year be used to purchase a "cope" for the seminary. He explained that a "cope" is a garment worn by officiating pastors at a special service when holy communion is not celebrated. Dr. Crossman received the offering of $432.45, with a prayer of thanks, and gave the invocation prior to lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the singing of hymn #433 - The Church of Christ in Every Age. Mrs. Jean Hachborn, past president, unveiled a portrait of Dean Crossman, to be hung in the portrait gallery of the seminary chapel. Dr. Crossman commented that of the new first-year sminary students, 24 are full time and 13 are part time, making a total of 127 students.

Guest Speaker - The Rev. William Stauffer

In her introduction, Mrs. Mary Heer told the Auxiliary Rev. Stauffer had been born and raised in Kitchener. He studied Honors History at Waterloo Lutheran College, then entered seminary, and interned at Mt. Zion, Waterloo. He was ordained in 1969.

Rev. Stauffer explained that the Office for public policy is a new office, so he wanted to answer the question "Why do we have an office for Public Policy?". One of the reasons is to advocate in the name of the church those who have a special concern. There are so many people hurt in society, and God's people are commanded to create a just society.

He then asked the question "What business does the church have in politics?". His answer to this question was that government is one of the orders of creation ordained by God, so churches should support government. We are commanded and equipped to hold powers accountable to the way we deal with people. The church can monitor behaviour of government, and create a public awareness of issues.

Guest Speaker - cont'd

The next question was "What do you do?". The issues he is mainly concerned with are women's issues, immigration, family farm, plant closings, unemployment, and the death penalty. Right now he is involved in correcting injustice, mainly women's issues. His office is to help government deal with the issues. Rev. Stauffer then answered several questions from the audience.

Mrs. Joyce Dietrich thanked Rev. Stauffer.

Special Music

Music for the afternoon was a medley of songs by baritone, Mr. Gary Brandstadt, a Social Worker at the Rotary Children's Centre. He was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier.

Travelogue

Highlights of the pre-assembly youth gathering and Lutheran World Assembly in Budapest, Hungary in 1984 were presented by three seminarian students, Christine Grahlman, Sarma Eglite, and Matthew Diegel. They gave a slide presentation and commentary about the conference and taught one of the songs they had learned. This was the first Lutheran conference neld in a communist country, and these students were three of only nine Canadians chosen to attend.

Attendance Report

Mrs. Esther Ruppenthal reported the attendance for the day as follows:

Central District	14
Eastern District	2
Western District	58
Southern District	131
	205
Guests	18
Total	223

Number of churches represented - 37

Serving as ushers for the day were:

Doris Tuttle)
Shirley Lahn) St. Peter, Brant Township

Jean Stephens)
Kim Little) Transfiguration, Hamilton

Closing Devotions

Closing devotions were conducted by Pastor Bill Shafer, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Kitchener. He used the "Lord's Prayer" as his theme, and did a paraphrase of it, using a format of questions answered by seminarian David Whynot playing the role of God.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. followed by coffee.

Mrs. Barbara Romahn, Secretary