

MINUTES - 1988 ANNUAL MEETING

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary was held at St. John Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on Wednesday, September 28, 1988.

The President, Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. in the church auditorium, welcoming all those present, with a special welcome to Past Presidents who were in attendance.

Opening devotions were conducted by Leshy Paynter, a fourth-year seminarian.

Opening hymn 231 - O Word of God Incarnate.

He devoted his theme to Reflections on the last words of Christ and related them to the struggles of the poor peoples of the world.

Luke 23:34 states "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."

We need to pardon those who make us victims of injustice. In John 19, Jesus committed the care of His mother to His beloved disciple John. We must realize that Jesus is always with us in our suffering.

Matthew 27:46 states "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" As believers we must reach out as supporters to those in distress.

The Rev. Judy Harris, Assistant Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, brought greetings on behalf of St. John, followed by greetings from Principal Dean, Dr. Richard Crossman. He stated there is a record attendance of 140 students attending seminary at the present time. On their behalf and that of the faculty he expressed how greatly the help of the Auxiliary is appreciated. He introduced new faculty member Rev. Paul Bosch, who teaches Worship and Spiritual Theology. He is also Dean of the Chapel, and is very much enthused in the participation of students and faculty in the newly organized Seminary Choir.

BUSINESS SECTION

1. Report of the President

The Executive Board met 4 times to conduct the business of the Auxiliary.

At our meeting here at St. John Church, Waterloo on October 28, 1987 the minutes of the last annual meeting September 23, 1987 recorded by secretary Esther Ruppenthal and our Fall promotional letter written by Chairman Margurite Hollinger were mailed to the Contact Woman or the pastor of each congregation.

Annual reports were included for congregations not represented at the annual meeting.

First Vice-President Joyce Dietrich was appointed chairman of the planning committee for this 1988 annual meeting.

At our meeting at St. Stephen Church in Kitchener on January 27, 1988 Margurite Hollinger was re-appointed to serve a second 2 year term as Promotion Chairman.

Phyllis Geiger completed two consecutive terms of office (4 years), giving dedicated service in duties assigned to her as Chairman of the Project Committee, meeting with the Principal-Dean and bringing recommendations to the Executive Board as to projects to be considered for presentation to the Annual Meeting for approval.

Aileen Hiller completing two consecutive terms of office as Vice Chairman of Project Committee was appointed Chairman of the Project Committee.

Joyce Dietrich presented tentative plans for this annual meeting September 28, 1988.

Vice Chairman of the Promotion Committee Eileen Dessler presented, on our behalf, gift certificates from Fortress Church Supply Stores to 19 seminary graduates at the senior Seminary graduation dinner in March.

Secretary Esther Ruppenthal mailed an advance notice of the 1988 Annual Meeting and programme in April to contact women or the pastor of every congregation.

Plans for the program of the annual meeting were finalized at a meeting on May 4, at St. John Church in Waterloo.

Following this meeting we received the resignation of Emily Dolbeer serving in her second year of a 2 year term of office as assistant secretary. She and her husband have decided to take up residence for 6 months of the year in Florida.

The executive board members had the pleasure of providing refreshments for the fellowship hour following the opening eucharist service in the Keffer Memorial Chapel on September 18.

At our meeting at St. John Church, Waterloo on September 21 annual meeting packets were organized.

Your gifts of beautifully handcrafted quilts are received with thanks and will be distributed to first year seminarian students in the next few weeks.

Financial assistance we give students during their Supervised Pastoral Education (SPE) is gratefully acknowledged.

Take time to read the thank you notes displayed in the fellowship hall, see the quilts, the scrap books, and Books of Honour.

We sincerely thank all contact women, for their dedication in stimulating interest in the programme and needs of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. We are grateful to Dr. Richard Crossman for his wise

counselling and support. We thank the Seminary office staff and all Executive Board members who have given dedicated service during the year.

Sincere and grateful thanks to all members and friends. God bless you all.

Mrs. Joyce Dietrich, 1st. Vice-President, who took the chair while the President, Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth gave her report, thanked the President for her fine report and for handling the administration in such an efficient manner.

2. Report of the Secretary

Mrs. Esther Ruppenthal read a resume covering the 1987 meeting. On motions of Ethel Mussar and Joyce Dietrich the secretary's report was accepted as read. Carried.

3. Report of the Treasurer

Mrs. Janice MacIntosh read the financial report as printed for the period of June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1988:

Balance on hand June 1, 1987	5,131.94
Total Receipts	15,387.86
Total Expenses	9,605.80
Bank Balance as of May 31, 1988	<u>5,782.06</u>

Mrs. MacIntosh also read the Auditor's comments. It was moved by Janice MacIntosh and seconded by Katherine Weber that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

4. Report of the Promotion Committee

Mrs. Margurite Hollinger, Chairman, urged members to take advantage of the slide presentation, "The Auxiliary, the Seminary, and You", as an excellent means of promoting the Auxiliary and its work in their congregations.

The contact women's meeting would be held at 1 p.m. and she requested that all congregations be represented to receive necessary information and brochures.

5. Report of the Project Committee for 1989

Mrs. Margaret Ludolph, assistant project chairman, presented the Project List as follows:

Gift Certificates for seminary graduates	\$ 700.00
Clinical Training Bursaries	9,000.00
Working Fund	300.00
Bursary for W.L.U. student	200.00
Redecorate chapel entrance gathering area	500.00
	<u>\$10,700.00</u>

Annual Meeting offering to be used to purchase a white chasuble (communion vestment).

It was moved by Margaret Ludolph and seconded by Florence Kudoba that the Project List be accepted as read. Carried.

Dr. Crossman gave an explanation of the purpose and appearance of the gathering area, at the chapel entrance. Evening and morning prayers are held in this area, carpeted by the green rug (on display) and 12 chairs around the edge of this area (1 chair on display). ¹⁻² led stained glass windows from Willison Hall will be mounted in the existing glass wall. The cost of mounting and restoring the windows will be approximately \$4,300.

Isabel Dotzenroth explained that we do not have sufficient funds to cover the cost of restoring and mounting the stained glass windows and encouraged individuals or groups to consider making special donations.

Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations - cheques made payable to the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and mailed to Mrs. Bernice Liddle, 15 Idlewood Drive, Kitchener Ontario, N2A 1H9.

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. Laura Sophia Weber	E.L.W. of St. Peter's, Brant Township
Mrs. Edna Elizabeth Monk	E.L.W. of St. John's, Elmwood
Mrs. Violet Remus	E.L.W. of Trinity, Walkerton
Mrs. Margaret McIntyre	E.L.W. of Trinity, Walkerton
Mrs. Elsie Marie Cook	E.L.W. of Trinity, New Hamburg
Mr. Clarence Oscar Hansen	Mrs. Martha Hansen (wife), Stratford
Mrs. Emma LuElla Johnston	Corinne LuElla Weisenburg, Ridgeway
Mrs. Katharine Laird	C. "Queenie" Weisenburg, Fort Erie
Mrs. Eva Wismer (1987)	E.L.W. of St. Paul, Cambridge

GOLDEN BOOK OF HONOUR

Mrs. Johanna Schickedanz	E.L.W. First Lutheran, Toronto
Mrs. Gertrude Meyer	E.L.W. First Lutheran, Toronto
Mrs. Toni Nanders	E.L.W. First Lutheran, Toronto
Mrs. Julie Drobný	E.L.W. First Lutheran, Toronto
Mrs. Alma Huckle	E.L.W. Trinity, Walkerton
Mrs. Sophia Hossfeld	E.L.W. Trinity, Walkerton

Thank you for your support during this past year. We hope you will continue to promote the use of these books in your congregation.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Mrs. Merle Knauf, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for 1988 - 1990.

President	Mrs. Joyce Dietrich
1st Vice President	
2nd Vice President	
Secretary	Mrs. Margurite Hollinger
Assistant Secretary	Miss Ruth Schmidt
Treasurer	Mrs. Bernice Liddle
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Kathryn Binder

Dr. Richard Crossman introduced six first-year seminarians who gave their reasons for entering seminary and their ambitions for the future.

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| Marilyn Rudy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New Hamburg- member of Wilmot Mennonite Church- studied abroad in Amsterdam- didn't want to uproot herself again so decided to study at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary- studying for the Ministry |
| Juliette Trudeau | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- influenced by a friend who was chaplain in a prison- very much involved in the work of the church, in peace, in social justice- mother of two children- has a minor in Religious Study- has a major in Sociology- studying for the Ministry |
| Lynne Hutchison | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- member of London Trinity Lutheran Church- her involvement in youth groups, both national and synodical, provided a basis for her decision to attend Waterloo Lutheran Seminary- spent the last 3 years obtaining her general arts degree at University of Western Ontario- in Divinity Programme- would like to be posted in Northern Canada or out of the country |
| Xuandong Zhu | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a Christian from China- studied Theology for 5 years in China- the Chinese church sends its students to North America- spent last winter studying English- he is studying Theology in the Lutheran Seminary and will teach this when he returns to China |

- Mark Urquhart
- blind student with a seeing-eye dog
 - feels he has been given God's calling card
 - Mennonite
 - in late 1987, he was encouraged at Freeport Hospital to enter the field of social work
 - now studying for the Ministry and would like to serve as chaplain
- Craig Rhodenizer
- born in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia
 - entered into ministry at age 15 because of youth groups
 - at age 19 or 20 he became a printer and spent his spare time working with youth groups
 - after about 1 1/2 years, his pastor encouraged him to go to Seminary
 - studying for the Ministry
 - has a minor in Sociology
 - he is married and lives in Niagara Falls

The offering, totalling \$584.65 was received by Dr. Crossman. Dr. Crossman gave the invocation prior to the luncheon.

Contact Women's Meeting

A meeting of the contact women was held with the Promotion Committee Chairman, Mrs. Margurite Hollinger, at 1 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mrs. Joyce Dietrich introduced our guest soloist Mrs. Judy Lumsden, who was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Liz Steffens.

Mrs. Margurite Hollinger voiced appreciation to these two talented musicians, for the much enjoyed sing-song and solo.

Guest Speaker - Miss Carol Schlueter

Mrs. Eileen Dressler introduced Carol Schlueter, who is professor of New Testament. She is the first lady professor at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

She considers hers as a wee small voice in the seminary. As the Women's Auxiliary was part of the seminary's birth, so now she is a woman helping to carry on the work of the seminary.

"By Faith We Walk"

It was 1970 before the first woman was ordained. She spoke about the lives of three women, mentioned in the Bible, Esther, Deborah, and the Virgin Mary.

Esther risked her life to appear before the king to save her people. The Jewish community prayed and fasted for three nights. This teaches us that faith involves risking your life for a better cause.

Deborah led an army into battle and won. Ninety-nine percent of the army leaders were men. Faith is trusting that God will be with us in spite of risk and danger.

Virgin Mary - faith includes expectancy (something is going to happen). Mary had a loving and secure relationship with the rest of family and she had faith that God would help her.

This is a community of faith. We cannot walk by faith in isolation. When our faith falters we are lifted up by the faith of others. We can live life with expectancy, because we are cherished by God. We must all reach out and walk together. We are the only gospel some people will ever read and ever know.

Mrs. Mary Heer thanked Miss Schlueter.

Human Rights and the Role of the Church

Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer introduced The Rev. David Pfrimmer who is Director of the Office for Public Policy and Governmental Affairs for the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

He stated all Christians have a view of Human Rights. God has imparted in us a dignity, because God fashioned it. When Adam and Eve were in the garden, they were responsible for it and had much freedom, but they lost their freedom and were expelled from the garden, when they disobeyed God.

In many countries today, in which these people have been called to be people of God, their's is a nation that is struck by tremendous adversity, suffering and hardship. Unemployment in many areas is over 50% with high inflation. There is also the devastating impact of a war that has ravaged the country for the past 5 years in San Salvador. The brutality of the war and the repressive measures of the military and police have not only affected the physical well-being of people but will leave emotional, psychological and cultural scars on the face of the country for many years. These people have a right to freedom.

All church members can help by supplying funds and contributions to help with relief, development and knowledge.

We can speak for those who cannot speak for themselves by sending petitions to Amnesty International.

Mrs. Janice MacIntosh voiced appreciation to Rev. Pfrimmer for bringing before us a picture of peoples who have no human rights and where intervention by the church is necessary to help them.

Attendance Report

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

Georgian Bay Conference	22
Hamilton / Niagara Conference	14
Kitchener / Waterloo Conference	147
Stratford / Windsor Conference	30
Guests	15
	<u>228</u>

Announcements

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth thanked members of the programmed committee and everyone involved.

She announced ushers for the day as follows:

Mrs. Jean Weber and Mrs. Edna Lauber - St. James, New Dundee
Mrs. Zerine Hammer and Mrs. Sophia Roeder - St. James, North Easthope

Installation of Officers

Installation of the new executive board was conducted by Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer, a past President of the Auxiliary.

The Women of St. John Church have placed a citation in the Golden Book of Honour in honour of Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer who has been a member of the Auxiliary since 1947 and since 1969 has filled an office on the Executive of this organization.

Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth read the resume on the many attributes of Mrs. Schaefer and her many contributions and duties in various areas of church work. Her proficiency and tireless efforts are very much appreciated and will always be remembered.

Closing Devotions

Hymn 532 How Great Thou Art

Donald Pond, a fourth-year seminarian, informed us that on their way to Capernaum, the disciples had discussed with one another who was the greatest. And Jesus said to them, "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

Mohamed Ali said, "I am the greatest."

Ego is a strong sense of self. The search for greatness can become a millstone around our necks. True greatness comes in terms of whom we serve. God has equipped each one of us to serve.

He stressed that the Seminary and the Church owe much to the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

The singing of the Doxology brought the Annual Meeting to a close.

Esther Ruppenthal, Secretary