

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Mary & Martha Minutes
January 8, 2017**

Opening: President, Ruth Greening called the meeting to order at 10:35AM. Church President, Larry Reed, opened the quarterly meeting with a bible reading.

Roll Call: The following people were in attendance: Ruth Greening, Bobbie Brethauer, President Larry Reed, Kathleen Soucek, Lisa Sprengeler, Willa Mae Janssen, Carrol Rankin, Shirley L. Franzen, Crystal Ruegge, and Velma Clark.

Offering: Crystal Ruegge passed an envelope for the ladies offering.

Officer Reports:

- A) Secretary: Minutes from the October 16th meeting were approved.
- B) Treasurer: Crystal Ruegge reported the current financial information: Checking Account ~ \$2,032.20 and Savings ~ \$500.42.

Special Committee Reports:

- A) Altar / Flowers & Paraments: Lisa reported that the winter arrangement, of greens, up until Lent begins the end of February. She will find a purple arrangement for Lent. Kathy Soucek offered to purchase the lilies for Easter, and Lisa Sprengler will purchase the palms for Palm Sunday.
- B) Feeding His Lambs: Julie Mueller was not present, so there was no report.
- C) Willa Mae shared that she had sent five cards during the last quarter (4 get well and one thank you).

Unfinished Business:

- A) Ruth Greening indicated she would provide a high-level report at the quarterly voter's meeting.
- B) Thank you notes, many from those who received Christmas baskets, were passed around.
- C) Ladies Activities: There is a movie night scheduled for February 10th, so the decision was made to table this function until next meeting.
- D) Hymnal inserts – Crystal Ruegge will work with Pastor Schuetze to find out where we stand on printing the new inserts, as well as work with Steve Phillips to find out how much the materials will cost for laminating the inserts. President Larry Reed will present this issue at the quarterly voters meeting next week.
- E) Hymnals: President Larry Reed indicated purchase of the new hymnals has been halted. He will check to see if further repair of the old hymnals will continue or what the plan is moving forward.
- F) The kitchen shower is almost complete. There are only two items remaining.

- G) The 2016 holiday schedule was discussed and everyone felt it worked well; however, it was recommended that no bible study or Sunday school be held in December because of the pot luck, the tree decorating, construction of the Christmas baskets for shut-ins, and practice for the children's Christmas program. A recommendation was also made to sing Christmas carols after the potluck – members could add their favorite carols to a list to be sung that day. For the holiday season for 2017, it was recommended that we have the pot luck and tree decorating the first Sunday in December (12/3/2017), followed by basket preparation the next Sunday.

New Business:

- A) Voting for new officers was held, with the following results:
- a. President – Ruth Greening
 - b. Vice-President – Ruth Claeys
 - c. Secretary – It was recommended that Jo Blakey be asked to hold this position. Willa Mae will ask her. A vote was taken to approve Jo if she agrees to take the position.
 - d. Treasurer – Cyrstal Ruegge
- B) It was approved to send ILC \$50.00 for the annual banquet.
- C) The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first Sunday in April, April 2, 2017, with the quarterly voters meeting to be held the second Sunday, April 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday). President Larry Reed will discuss and finalize the dates at the Quarterly Voters Meeting next Sunday.
- D) Mike Sprengler showed everyone the new coffee maker and demonstrated how it operates.

Adjournment: Ruth Greening adjourned the meeting at 11:25AM

Closing / Prayer: President Larry Reed closed with the benediction.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Soucek