

Grace Women of the ELCA General Meeting
October 5, 2013
9:30 am

The Grace Women of the ELCA General meeting was held at Grace Lutheran in Fellowship Hall. Leadership team members Judy Reed, Dianne Klasse, Marilyn Kiliper, Jean Dexter, Mary Martens and seven other women were present. Following a time of refreshments, provided by Leadership Team members, and fellowship, Judy welcomed those present and opened the meeting with the Women of the ELCA Mission statement and a devotion based on Proverbs 31.

Business Meeting:

No Minutes of a previous general meeting were available.

A brief, oral Treasurer's Report was given. Balance on hand is \$1321.92 with \$366.55 in the Willing Workers' Fund, leaving an available Balance of \$955.37. Jean shared that a 100 cup stainless steel coffee maker, 17 replacement cups and saucers, and a three dish condiment server have been purchased with the Lillie Bauer funeral memorial funds.

Mary presented the revised Grace Women of the ELCA Constitution for discussion and vote. It was moved and seconded to rectify the language regarding representatives at large between Article VI, Section 3 and Article VIII, Section 2, Item 2 by including the following in Article VI, Section 3, "*and representatives at large*" to read "The Leadership team is made up of the team leader, treasurer, recording secretary, at least one member from each circle, and representatives at large for a team of no less than five women." Trudy Koppen moved, Norma Erickson seconded, to approve the constitution with the above change. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary presented the following slate of officers for election, terms to begin Jan. 2014.

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| Chair: Trudy Koppen | Recording Secretary: Dianne Klasse |
| Treasurer: Jean Dexter | Representative at large: Renee Johnson |
| | Representative at large: Paulette Hedding |

Marie Bargsten moved, Marilyn Bishop seconded that there be a unanimous vote to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion passed.

It was suggested that there be two general meetings each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Judy Reed made stated this in motion form and Marilyn Bishop seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The group suggested the spring meeting be in April, 2014.

Church Women United will meet at 1:30 on October 14 at Community Church of Christ in Coalville. Macaroni and cheese is being gathered for Operation Christmas and will be taken to the Nov. 1st CWU meeting, 1:30 at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Dodge. The Church Women United Christmas Fellowship Gathering for next year, 2014, will be at Grace Lutheran, December 8 at 1:30. All were encouraged to attend.

Dianne led the women in reading the Purpose Statements of Women of the ELCA and closed with prayer.

Mary thanked all for coming and participating, as well as for the generous in kind offering for Gateway Home. She then adjourned the meeting.

Marilyn introduced Sandy Mickelson who gave a thoughtful and enjoyable reflection on patience, citing I Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

As the women left, they were encouraged to look at the Women of the ELCA and the Lutheran World Relief materials on the back table, giving special note to the poster with the world map showing the 2012 distribution of LWR kits and quilts.