

Centennial United Women in Faith Executive Board Meeting October 7, 2025 - 1:00 p.m. Centennial UMC

Present: Bonnie Bougie, Mim Heggerston, Mary Hopkins, Nancy Jacob, Anita Mayfield, Laurie Resch, Peggy Rhodes, Pauline Richards, Pat Torgrimson

Call to Order: Laurie called the meeting to order at 1:13.

UWF Purpose: The Board read the United Women in Faith Purpose together.

Thank you: Laurie thanked the members for all their accomplishments and their work on church events in the past month.

Agenda: Pecans and the Spring Luncheon were added to the agenda.

Devotions: Nancy read a devotion on the transitional season of fall. No matter what season it is, God is with us and is ever faithful.

Prayer Guide: Mary read the Reflection from September 29, which tells us that "God gives all of us the ability to try new things each day. Trust! Have Faith!"

Secretary's Report: Minutes will be filed as written.

Treasurer's Report: Total income for September was \$290.00. Disbursements were \$30.00. Available checking: \$5,445.23. Restricted checking: \$1,897.81. Restricted CD: \$2,254.64. Total assets: \$9,597.68. Peggy reported that she has received a \$100 Gift to Mission in memory of Jo Slifer, and another \$125 memorial in her name. The Gift to Mission will be forwarded to the District, but as more memorial money is expected, we will wait to allocate Jo's memorial funds. Bonnie moved that the \$2,364 received for ShredRight be donated to Emma Norton. Laurie seconded the motion; motion was approved.

Old / New Business

Books for a Buck: Janet reported via email that sales in September totaled \$65. The price of puzzles was raised to \$2.00, and puzzle sales were brisk. Some games have recently been donated, and they were also sold for \$2.00. The book team now has seven members.

Project Home / Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul: Diane reported via email that Rachel Morey is requesting donations that focus on the essential needs for the communities they serve, including dish soap, sponges, disinfectant wipes, laundry soap, paper towels, cleaning spray, hand soap, toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, shower curtains and rings, mop/Swiffer. In response to these needs, Nancy moved that the 2025 funds budgeted to the Walker Care Fund and Walker Give a Little Gift be donated instead to Project Home. Pat seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pauline moved that the Walker Care Fund and Walker Give a Little Gift Fund be removed from future budgets and be replaced with Project Home. Mim seconded the motion. Motion carried. Social Action chairs will act as liaisons to Project Home in the future. Walker Representative positions will be eliminated in 2026.

Program Resources and Reading Program: The next meeting will be October 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge. The next Conference Zoom book discussion will be November 10.

Unit Welcome Potluck: The meeting was well-attended and Mary's presentation was excellent.

October 9 Unit Meeting: MICAH will present a program entitled "We Are Your Neighbors," a panel discussion on Solutions for Homelessness, at 7:00 p.m. at the Roseville campus. Sarah Circle will host, with Pat providing devotions.

Pecan Sale: Pauline and Peggy ordered 9 cases of pecans. Pre-orders will continue at church through October 26.

Nominations: Mim reported that the committee will meet October 14.

Alley Shoppe: Pauline reported that 175 bags were delivered to Alley Shoppe in four vans and one car. She recommended that next year collection be only Saturday and that the time be extended by one-half to one hour. Carol Johnson and Deb Wright will take over as coordinators next year. Pauline's complete report is attached at the end of the minutes.

Shred Right: 99 cars and two walk-ups brought paper to be shredded. \$2,364 was collected and will be donated to Emma Norton, as noted in the motion under Treasurer's Report.

Bake Sale: Conversation continues; no final decisions have been made.

Christmas Brunch: Ruth Circle will host. The program will be classical and Christmas music by classical pianist Mary Goetz and classical guitarist Gene Swanson. The program will last about 45 minutes.

Spring Luncheon: Pat requested that we try to think of program ideas beyond music and authors. Give possible ideas to Pat, and we will discuss them in the future.

Circle Updates:

Martha/Mary: In transition.

Sarah: Meeting from 9:30-11:00 October 21 in Linden Court. Program will come from the Program book.

Joys and Concerns were shared.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

Next meeting: November 4 at 1:00. Randee Allen has devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bougie, Secretary

Dates to Remember:

October 9 – Unit Meeting: MICAH: "We Are Your Neighbors," a panel discussion on Solutions for Homelessness. Sarah Circle in charge

October 11 – MN Conference UWF Annual Meeting and Leadership Training, Alexandria UMC

October 27 – United Women in Faith Reading Group

December 6 - Christmas Brunch – Ruth Circle in charge

ALLEY SHOPPE – October 4-5, 2025 – REPORT

-Advertisements in the church/UWF for January – June were brief “SAVE THE DATE”

-For June, July, August, and for the four Sundays before the Collection a longer more detailed announcement in the church bulletin

-eNotes included the above as they were printed for these times.

-DAY OF COLLECTION

-Vehicles: PaulineR – Van BonnieB – Van Carol J -Van

 Peggy R – Van Debbie W – Car (Pat T – did not use – was back-up)

-Volunteers – Saturday: Pauline R, Carol J, Debbie W

Sunday: Pauline R, Carol J, Debbie W, Pat T, Peggy R, Bonnie B, Tracy F

Saturday - Three vans and partial car were collected

Sunday – additional collected for 4 Vans and 1 Car

Pam the director of Alley Shoppe helped unload along with another person. She counted bags and gave count for more than one of large bags/boxes.

Count collected: 175

RECOMMENDATIONS:

For 2026 the Alley Shoppe Collection be only on Saturday along with ShredRight.

The hours be extended to: 8:30 -11:00 am OR 8:30 – 11:30 am. The rational for dropping Sunday collection is for the previous two years we have collected little. An exception is this year just as ready to leave parking lot after closing hour a vehicle arrived with six boxes!

Next year there will be two new coordinators.

Thanks for the privilege to serve in this capacity.

Pauline Richards