

Centennial United Women in Faith Executive Board Meeting September 2, 2025 - 1:00 p.m. Centennial UMC

Present: Diane Anderson, Bonnie Bougie, Janet Folsom, Mim Heggerston, Mary Hopkins, Anita Mayfield, Bev Montain, Laurie Resch, Peggy Rhodes, Pauline Richards, Pat Torgrimson

Call to Order: Laurie called the meeting to order at 1:08.

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

Agenda: The date of the October Unit meeting in the calendar section of the agenda was corrected to October 9.

Devotions: Laurie read from *Jesus Calling*. Although our world is changing rapidly, the words, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10) continue to remind us to communicate with God.

Prayer Guide: Mary read the Reflection and Prayer for this week, August 31-September 6. She also told us that Leslie Hobson, the longest-serving Minnesota Deaconess, has a birthday this week.

Secretary's Report: Minutes will be filed as written. Pauline reported that Alyssa Saleem received an Emma Norton Scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: Total income for August was \$20.00. There were no disbursements. Available checking: \$5,410.23. Restricted checking: \$1,672.81. Restricted CD: \$2,254.64. Total assets: \$9,337.68.

Old / New Business

Books for a Buck: Janet reported that sales are going well, and she found some games in the donation box, which will be offered in an upcoming sale.

Program Resources and Reading Program: The next meeting will be October 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge. Connie Scott, Conference Resource Manager and Lending Librarian, will lead a Zoom book discussion on *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng September 8. Connie's email address is connielulu55@msn.com. Pauline suggested that the book *Our Missing Hearts* might be good for a Unit discussion, as it is available as a Book Club in a Bag. Part of the UWFaith Reading Program asks participants to read *Response* magazine. The September-October issue has a long article on Emma Norton and Restoring Waters.

Unit Welcome Potluck: We will meet for a potluck September 4, with a gathering at 5:30. Martha/Mary is in charge of food, set up, decorations, etc. Mary Hopkins will report on Mission u. Laurie has devotions.

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. (Location confirmed following the meeting.) Sarah Circle will host, with Pat providing devotions.

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

Alley Shoppe: Collection October 4 and 5 from 8:30-10:30. Pauline needs more vehicles for delivery. She will confirm the drop-off location.

Shred Right: October 4, 8:30-10:30. Janet reported that volunteers have been confirmed. The event is being advertised on Facebook, and flyers have been readied. The event will be advertised in the slides preceding worship at SAP. Diane reported that our first year of hosting the event was 2022, and since then we have saved more than seven tons of paper from landfills and donated \$4,800.

Bake Sale: We are awaiting word from the Roseville String Ensemble / Community Carol Sing to know if we can have a bake sale in conjunction with their event December 7.

Christmas Brunch: Bev will contact possible children/youth musical groups for our meeting December 6. If they are not available, she may contact Barbershop Harmony. Ruth Circle is in charge of the brunch. The possibility of changing the event to a tea was suggested, but members felt it might be better as a replacement for the evening Summer Shower Ice Cream event.

Pecan Sale: Pauline and Peggy will order 9 cases of pecans, and pre-orders will begin later this month.

Circle Updates:

Martha/Mary: Discussion and possible decision on viability of the circle.

Ruth: Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Linden Court September 18. Shawna Nelsen-Wills will speak on Emma Norton

Sarah: Meeting at 9:30 September 16 in Linden Court. Welcome and program book.

Joys and Concerns were shared.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55.

Next meeting: October 7 at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bougie, Secretary

Dates to Remember:

September 4 – Unit Welcome Potluck and Mission u Study; Martha/Mary Circle in charge

September 20 – Aurora Sky District Fall Gathering at Fridley UMC, 9:00-2:30

October 4 – ShredRight 8:30-10:30

October 4-5 – Alley Shoppe Collection 8:30-10:30

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