**Dixboro United Women in Faith (DUWF)**

(AKA Dixboro United Methodist Women [DUMW])

**Minutes of March 5, 2023**

**Present:** Jayne Worthy-Howlett, Carole Buttrum, Carole DeSantis, Marian Robinson, Nan LaLonde, Mary Ellen Miller, Pat Turk, Rev. Jeanne, Meredith Burr, Chris Martin, Barbara Scheffer

**Unison Prayer and Communal Reading** lead by Jayne.

**Minutes of January 22, 2023, approved as distributed.**

**Treasurer’s report**: Current balance as of February, 2023 is $8224.66

$1000 pledge to the District UWF will be send tomorrow.

Note: Jayne is now treasurer for the Heritage District UWF

**Correspondence received:** Jayne shared the notes received and will keep with her notebook.

Thank you note received from Warm the Children, recipients of the 2022 Rummage Sale

A request received from SOS for additional $ or diapers for their Diaper Pantry. They were recipients of

the proceeds from the 2021 Cookie Walk. No decision on moving forward with request.

**Feedback on the Potluck for Bishop Bard and his wife, February 12, 2023:**

Well attended and participation of food donations from all church members. Jayne expressed thank you to all who helped with set-up, food, and clean up.

**Upcoming DUWF Fellowship Hour Events:**

Rev. Jeanne or Rev. Mary will always do the opening prayer AND remind folks about taking donations

for the current mission project for this year’s Fellowship Hour events. However, Rev. Jeanne will be out of town on March 19 so Barb or Jayne will do it this event.

**March 19, 2023** ***Soup Sunday***- Coordinator- Barb Scheffer

Bringing soup: Marian, Karen, Carol Barnett, Jayne, Carole DeSantis, Chris, Barb

Bread: Meredith

Dessert: Barb, Jayne, Carole DeSantis

Set up planned for 1:00 on Saturday, March 18, Jayne will ask Brent to have the

men set up tables on Wednesday, March 15.

Barb will do the opening prayer and remind everyone of the donations going to

Michigan Foster Care Closet as noted on the flyers on the tables.

April, 2023 Skip due to Easter season

**May 7, 2023 *Salad Sunday***-Coordinator- Carole DeSantis with Carole Buttrum and Chris

June 25, 2023 Cancelled due to whole church planning for farewell to Rev. Hagley.

July ? Jayne will check with Karen Bolz to see if she and Jim would be willing to do the

Hot Dog and Corn on the Cob picnic as they did last year.

**Rummage Sale:**

Dates placed on church calendar for Friday, June 23, 9-6, and Saturday, June 24, 9-12, as well as the week reserved for set up. This time period (Friday and Saturday) matches the Annual Summer Sale at the Dixboro General Store and it worked extremely well last year.

Concerns raised about Kiwanis not picking up anymore after Rummage Sales. Suggestion to contact Volunteers of America in Saline, 800-552-1515 for pick-up of “left overs”.

Major concerns if we continue this event:

* The need for more helpers especially during “clean-up”
* Not to accept large pieces of furniture, exercise equipment, or picture frames
* Avoid taking anything that cannot be carried by one person

After much discussion, motion made to not do the Rummage Sale this year. Seconded and voted on. Did not pass. Thus, plans are to start planning.

Task Force created with the following volunteers: Jayne, Carole DeSantis, Mary Ellen, Carole Buttrum, Carol Barnett, Barb

**Eggstravaganza Planning by Fellowship/Hospitality Team- Patty Burns, Chair**

Event will be Saturday, April 8, 2023. Group was not interested in doing a bake sale but willing to contribute to the bake goods planned by the Fellowship/Hospitality Team.

Jayne presented information to do a corresponding fundraising at the event with selling seed packets.

Meredith reminded us we could sell the leftover book pillows from last year.

Motion made, seconded and approved to sell seed packets along with the book pillow bags and have the proceeds added to the Fellowship Hall events fundraising for the Michigan Foster Care Closet mission project.

Jayne presented a potential mission project called, “Lunches with Love”, part of Food Gatherers. She explained the project. Motion made, seconded, and approved to do 50 lunch bags, asking for help from the congregation. Jayne will explore pricing of the specific items requested be in the bags.

Plan to have a table at the Eggstravaganza with information about the UWF mission project clearly displayed. Barb will make posters.

**Deep Cleaning of the Kitchen and bathroom floors**

Barb shared the plan for the church paying ServPro to do the deep cleaning and will coordinate with Kathleen regarding the use of the kitchen on Wednesdays by the Rustic Italian Cooking chef (a non-credit hour class offered by Washtenaw Community College.

Items in the kitchen will need to be removed so cleaning can be done. Current plan is to have help from congregation to remove things prior to cleaning, discard things not being used or save for Rummage Sale, and clean items before putting any back into the kitchen.

Carole Buttrum offered to coordinate the cleaning of items to be put back into the kitchen.

**Other Business:**

1. Discussion of the day of the UWF meetings in the future. This time works best for members who still working . Younger women have not been participating on either daytime or after service. Suggestion that we hire a childcare sitter to increase possibility of them participating.
2. Carole DeSantis suggested we consider doing an Interdenominational event with other local churches, perhaps a service and luncheon. Jeanne will explore this idea with Leadership Council as it is a bigger project than just UWF.

**Closing reading from Marian Robinson**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Barbara Scheffer, DUWF/DUMW Secretary**

**Next DUWF Meeting: Sunday, April 30, 2023, 11:45 in Fellowship Hall**