

**Dixboro United Methodist Women
Minutes of February 16, 2020**

Present: Jayne Worthy-Howlett, Meredith Burr, Barbara Scheffer, Carol Barnett, Dianne Kern, Nancy Durston, Nancy Trotter, Mary Turfe, Carole Buttrum, Carole DeSantis, Pat Timberlake-Turk, Shirley Koch, Chris Martin, Tammy Bargo, Helen Snedeker, Nancy King, Marilyn Pobanz, Roberta King, Kathleen Hucks.

Unison prayer and Communal reading read aloud by all.

Minutes of January 26, 2020 approved as distributed

Treasurers report: Current balance is: \$4,745.45. **Pat** prepared a handout showing balance at end of December 2019 and January 2020.

Plans for February 23rd Soup Sunday:

Pat: chili	Meredith: Iced Tea & Bread
Carole DeSantia: Sweet and Sour Cabbage	Chris: Bread
Nancy T. will bring Chowder	Carole De Santis: Corn Bread
Carol Barnett: soup	Jayne: Cookies
Jayne: Vegetarian soup	Pat: Cookies
Brent: soup	
Chris: Chicken Noodle Soup	

Jayne will put request in Sunday bulletin for soup donations.

Donations in January were: \$150. This, the February donations, and future Soup Sunday donations will go toward a new stove for the kitchen.

Plans for March 29th Soup Sunday: Finalize this planning at next DUMW meeting. Plans so far:

Dianne Kern: chocolate chip cookies
Mary Turfe: Vegetarian soup
Marilyn: Soup
Pat: Soup

Hosting District UMW Prayer Planning meeting and Brunch:

Saturday, March 7, 2020 Planning meeting at Dixboro with a lunch. 15 to 20 people from 9-11.

Light snack in AM and lunch.

We will need to be there early to set up.

Saturday, March 28, 2020 meeting at Dixboro with AM beverages, food, and lunch. 60 to 80 people from 9 to 1. Jayne will be giving a brief history of DUMW and finding out if we want to attend if we do have to register and pay.

We need to save receipts for cost out of our budget. Estimating about \$10/person for food and beverage items.

Barb will set up a meeting last week in February with the following folks to plan what we need to do:

Jayne, Meredith, Mary T., Shirley, Carol Barnett, Carole DeSantis

Potential New Mission Project for DUMW- Barb

Handout distributed about "Ypsi Writes" program that we could help with.

Also option to help with reading for children and women. Would require some training and then a time commitment but no cost involved.

If interested in addressing literacy issue (writing or reading) let Barb or Jayne know.

Roberta shared that the Outreach Team is currently exploring a Church/School partnership that may fit well with the above idea.

Mission Donations for 2020

Motion by Mary Turfe that this year 70% of all money raised during fundraising events (other than the Soup Sundays) go to the pre-designated mission and 30% go to the DUMW treasury.

Motion seconded by Dianne Kern.

After further discussion the vote was taken and motion passed.

Designation for 2020 mission donations from Easter Egg Bake Sale, Rummage Sale, Cookie Walk/Sale, will be done at the March 22 DUMW meeting. Suggestion made that we ask the District UMW what mission projects they support.

Feedback on purchase of new stove for kitchen: Pat

Pat explored issue with company in Perrysburg, OH. They offer commercial grade equipment. She found that a new Vulcan, 60" model with 6 burners, 2 ovens, griddle, gas stove with delivery and lone year limited warranty would be \$4520. Several questions were asked: Will they pick up old stove? Does it have a fan system?

Next step is to share this information with Trustees, determine if this is the model best suited for kitchen, what funds do Trustees have toward this purchase, what funds does DUMW have (donations at Soup Sundays at present)? What funds would DIVAs be able to contribute?

Pat will confer with Trustees to move this plan forward.

Prayer and Self Denial Program

This 15 to 20 minute event will occur at our next DUMW meeting on March 22, 2020

Please bring items from travels around the world to add to display table in the choir room for the program.

Readings will be done by: **Pat, Roberta, and Dianne**

Funeral Coordination:

Jayne will work with Jeanne to re-do the letter to families for planning. Suggested that they seek input from someone who has had a funeral here (Carole DeSantis, Tammy Bargo, Nancy Durston)

No final decisions made other than we need a team to work out details.

Data on costs indicate that the average DUMW cost (that is currently reimbursed by the family beyond any donation they wish to make), is between \$200 and \$250/standard funeral at DUMC for 100 people.

Next funeral/memorial is planned for May 23ed. Dorothy Durston. Visitation at 10AM. Service at 11:00 AM, and luncheon at 11:45. Jeanne and Jayne will meet prior to this date to revise the existing letter given to family members to help them know what to expect in the planning and luncheon.

Easter Egg Hunt Bake Sale:

Jayne will prepare information to be inserted in Sunday bulletin to ask for cookies and baked goods.

Rummage Sale planning:

Sale will take place week of April 20

Task Force: Jayne, Shirley, Chris Martin, Meredith, Carole DeSantis, Dianne Kern, Barbara

Other Business/Information:

Event previously known as the “Mother-Daughter Banquet” was tentatively scheduled for May 7th.

Motion by Meredith to not have the event

Second by Dianne,

Motion passed

Meredith reminded everyone that there is a very large supply of plastic “flatware” in kitchen that needs to be used before purchasing any more.

Roberta reminded everyone to let her know who would like to attend this week’s Senior Fellowship on Wednesday. Speaker is talking about addiction.

Carole DeSantis offered to “Buddy” up with anyone new to doing Fellowship Hour treats to make it a less daunting task. **Jayne and Barb** offered to “Buddy” up with new people as well. We may want to actually approach new folks and directly offer to “Buddy” up. **Jayne will** also put an announcement in bulletin to this effect.

Comments/discussion made about how to bring more of the congregation into activities besides simply making written or verbal announcements. It was noted that if individuals are called or asked directly they frequently will agree to help, but are unlikely to just respond to a written or verbal announcement. Suggestion was made that we alter our “invitation/request for help strategy” to a more personal approach. Further discussion of this can be on next month’s agenda.

Closing Reading by Dianne Kern from Proverbs**Meeting adjourned**

Next DUMW Meeting: March 22, 2020

Tentative agenda items:

1. Incorporation of Prayer and Self Denial program
2. Decision on this years’ Mission projects for fundraisers (Easter Egg Bake Sale, Rummage Sale, December Cookie Walk/Sale)
3. Feedback on new stove
4. Donations received from February Soup Sunday
5. Follow up plans for March soup Sunday provided by DUMW
6. Consideration of a “Phone calling DUMW group to enhance participation beyond written and verbal announcements”

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Scheffer