

LWML & WOW MINUTES
MONDAY, March 4, 2013

Meeting was opened with prayer by Barb Karowich.

In attendance:

Trudy Buelow, Karen Calleja, Lois Drake Patsy Domingo, Joanna Eiwen, Gudi French,
Ruth Germeroth, Linda Hollman, Kathy Kangas, Barb Karowich, Dianna Krupinski,
Sandy Keil, Barbara Pearlman, and Dianne Sherman

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – The “Walk for Warmth” on Saturday, February 20th was a success taking in \$50,000. Women of the Year Tickets are available from Lori Wiltenburg at a cost of \$22.00 to be held in Sterling Heights on Tuesday, March 19th – Sandy Keil is our Woman of the Year. A Seder Meal is being held on Wednesday, March 20th. Tickets are available at no cost but there will be a Free Will Offering. If you have tickets that you are unable to use, please return them as there is a capacity limit.

LWML Barbara Pearlman reported that \$142.03 was the current amount received for the Mite Boxes this past month. To date the amount collected for 2013 is \$405.87. The Women's Quarterly subscriptions are due by March 15th at a cost of \$5.00. If you are interested you can submit your payment to Barbara directly. WOW requested Barbara to order an additional six (6) copies for distribution and WOW will cover the \$30.00 costs. Barbara also brought up the topic of the LWML Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, PA June 27 – 30, 2013. Three of our members have signed up to attend the Convention. LWML is sponsoring a Face Book Page “Tea Party” every Saturday for the month of March. You may wish to include on your calendar the LWML Spring Rally which will be held on Monday, April 29, 2013 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Wayne, Michigan. Past LWML President (1979-1983) Helen Gienapp passed away on February 28th in Berkley, Michigan.

QUILTERS OF PIECE – Dianne Sherman reminded us of the times they meet and invited all to join.

QUILTERS –Dianna Krupinski reported to date they have 66 quilts completed. Their goal is 213 for shipping by October 15th.

HEALTH KITS - No Report

HOMEBOUND - Discussion was lead by Lois Drake and it was agreed that we would again deliver Easter Lilly Plants following Easter Sunday using the plants from church. Lois will have greeting cards available to deliver along with the plants.

CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION, SATURDAY, MARCH 16 We urge as many of us who can help to be there. The congregation will also be invited to assist with this project as well.

BAKE SALE, PALM SUNDAY, March 24 Trudy Buelow and Karen Calleja have the sign up sheets out there and signs posted advertising the Bake Sale. If you can help in any way, please let Trudy or Karen know.

WOMEN OF FAITH EVENT, MONDAY APRIL 29 This project is progressing quite nicely. We have decorations, a meal, entertainment and a speaker lined up. Instructions and invitations are being worked on so that they will be ready at the Bake Sale. Maureen Osborne and Mary McGrath will work the crowd on Palm Sunday (during the Bake Sale) for our kick off of "Bloom Where You Are Planted" and will also have on display sample centerpieces.

SPRING TRUNK SALE Dianne Sherman reminded us of this event which will be held on Saturday, May 18th and is looking into who will receive our profits this year. Don't forget to put this date on your calendar.

RETREAT PLANNING FOR 2014 Karen Calleja, Kathy Kangas and Barb Karowich attended a one day retreat at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Eastpointe on Saturday, March 2nd with the purpose of checking out a one day retreat. All three of us were impressed and suggest that we seriously consider trying this next year. The retreat started with coffee, bagels and fresh fruit. We then met in the sanctuary with singing religious songs which words were printed in the retreat booklet. The Host, Karen Dolan, welcomed all of us and reviewed the program for the day with the group. The guest speaker Julie Barnhill's theme was Scandalous Grace & Radical Forgiveness. She did two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The morning session was touching on her topic but in the afternoon session she really brought it altogether putting it in perspective and directly tying it up with Bible references. Pastor Rennie Kaufmann and his daughter Esther were the musical entertainment with a session in the morning and one in the afternoon. The ladies group from St. Thomas presented a book review of approximately 6 books and had a book nook from which these books and other books could be purchased along with a few other items as well. They split the lunch hour to two one half hours. One group had lunch while the other group browsed through the book nook. This seemed to work out quite well as there were no lines to wait in. A light box type lunch was on the tables when we went in for our one half hour lunch. When we finished the tables were cleaned and set up for the second group to come in. In the afternoon retreat session an elderly woman got up and prayed. Her prayers were deeply from the heart and she included several topics individually such as the youth, women, families, elderly, service men and women in general, etc. After several questions and discussion, the ladies attending our WOW meeting agreed that we should try this type of retreat for our 2014 retreat.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION None

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Barb Karowich
WOW Chairperson

NEXT MEETING – Monday, April 1, 2013
6:30 pm Fellowship & Refreshments – Dianne Sherman
7:00 pm Meeting