

Chaires United Methodist Church Women's Meeting

Date: January 12, 2016

Members present: Margaret Boyette, Maggie Hall, Frances Chaires, Evelyn Brown, Donalee Stephenson, Marian Bennett, Melissa Byrd, Edna Matthews, Barbara Palmer, Susan Grantham, and Paula L. Davies.

Barbara Palmer opened the meeting with a devotion : Upper Room - "The Shrinking Yard." Margaret Boyette reported that Barbara will continue in her UMW position for 2016.

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed and approved as written.

Paula explained that the attachments to the minutes are with the original minutes in the notebook. Also, the complete minutes are posted on the the Chaires Web Site.

Treasurer's Report given by Frances Chaires:

Checking balance: \$2,413.98

Savings balance: \$1,355.11

Total combined checking and savings - \$4,769.09

Complete report is attached to the original minutes in the notebook.

Margaret Boyette suggested that the ladies consider putting the following proposal that was passed at the November Meeting on hold:

Frances suggested that we transfer the money from our savings account to the checking account and send \$1000.00 to the Northwest District for Missions. Maggie Hall made a motion to accept Frances' proposal and to designate \$500.00 for Wisdom Wellspring. Barbara Palmer seconded the motion. Carried.

The reason to hold on the proposal is that there are some items that are needed for the church: repair or replace the coffee pot and a good vacuum cleaner (maybe 2 cleaners, one for the carpet and one for the bare floors). Margaret asked the ladies to think about her suggestion and we will readdress the issue next month after Margaret gets more information on the coffee pot and vacuum cleaners. All ladies agreed to Margaret's suggestion.

ECHO report given by Barbara Palmer:

Took 27 food items, 7 bags of clothing, 2 electric heaters, 8 blankets and donations of \$40.00 to ECHO on January 7, 2016.

Refuge House report given by Margaret Boyette:

Mary Taylor is working on putting more bags together for the Refuse House.

OLD BUSINESS:

The UMW Christmas Party was held on December 8, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. at the church. Eighteen ladies attended. Brief minutes are in the notebook.

NEW BUSINESS:

- January 23, 2016 - Good News Music Festival will be held at the Woodville Methodist Church from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P. M. This activity will benefit the Madison Youth Ranch.
- February 12, 2016 - Valentine's Banquet at 6:30 P.M. will be held at the church. Edna Matthews will contact the Seineyard to see if they will cater the event. We will probable charge \$15.00 per person. The UMW will buy the dessert. Decorations will be done by Susan Grantham, Edna Matthews, and Paula L. Davies.
- March 5, 2016 - Seder Dinner
- March 24, 2016 - Agape Dinner
- March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday
- April 9, 2016 - Yard Sale - Edna Matthews and Donna Wheeler will co-chair the event. Church members can bring their items and store them in the Tree House. Also, people can rent a spot for \$15.00.

Nurture report given by Maggie Hall:

Complete report is attached to the original minutes in the notebook.

Prayer Requests:

Norma Wiggins, Steve Marshall, Robert Lyons, Jonathan Lyons, Warren Matthews, Paul Harrell, Don Cooper. Diane Matthews, Jeanne Robbins, and Dorothy Hutto.

Maggie closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next meeting is February 9, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Paula L. Davies