

Chaires United Methodist Church Women's Meeting

Date: May 12, 2015

Members present: Margaret Boyette, Maggie Hall, Cathy Lee, Jean Ingram, Dorothy Hutto, Mary Taylor, Barbara Palmer, Susan Grantham, Frances Chaires, Evelyn Brown, Donalee Stephenson, Gail Dampier, Marian Bennett, Verlie LaBounty, Edna Matthews, and Paula L. Davies.

Barbara Palmer opened the meeting with a devotion: "God Is Our Rock" from the Upper Room.

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

Treasurer's Report given by Francis Chaires:

Checking balance: \$3,186.63

Savings balance: \$1,354.60

Complete report is attached to the minutes.

ECHO report given by Barbara Palmer:

Delivered - 44 food items, 3 bags of clothing, and \$50.00 in donations on May 7, 2015.

Refuge House report given by Mary Taylor:

Needs motel supplies, socks, and mouth wash. Has \$55.00 in cash. Will be putting more bags together soon to deliver to the Refuge House.

OLD BUSINESS:

Susan Grantham reported we served food to the Chaires Elementary School Staff on April 24, 2015. Had a lot more baked goods this year. Teachers liked the box of school supplies and commented on the need for pencils at the end of the school year. Teachers and staff were very pleased with all of the "goodies". Edna Matthews and Paula Davies helped with the event.

Susan Grantham reported that Homecoming will be May 17, 2015. Edna Matthews reported that Rev. Jim Divine will deliver the sermon and Fred Andrews will present the special music. Also, 24 invitations were mailed. Rick Davies did the invitations (copy attached to minutes). A brief history of Chaires UMC will be placed at each place setting (copy attached). The bouquets of Spring Flowers for the tables will also

be used for the Altar flowers. Ladies were reminded to bring extra food for the dinner after the service.

Margaret Boyette has purchase 8 round tablecloths from Sam's (2 for \$20.97). She will wash them and they will be ready for Homecoming on Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS:

Father's Day is June 21, 2015. The ladies voted to give \$150.00 to the Children's Home in Honor of the Fathers.

We have a graduating Senior from Florida High, Dylan Grubb. Margaret Boyette reported that he needs a computer bag. Since he has several Bibles, the ladies voted to give him a \$75.00 Best Buy Gift Certificate. Kathy Lee will get the gift certificate and present it to him in church.

Edna Matthews talked about the gift bags that we give to visitors. Two suggestions were made:

1. Have the ladies put a few bags together after each UMW Meeting
2. The possibility of another person taking over the task to relieve Edna

No decision was made. This matter will be readdressed at the next meeting.

Edna also asked the ladies to write the names of young people on a sheet of paper so we can pray for them. So many young people have problems and need prayer.

Nurture report given by Maggie Hall:

See attached report

Prayer Requests:

Rev. Bill Petersen, Ian Taylor, Boots Regis, Dorothy Hutto, Wayne Hubbard, Korben Crum, Donna Oxendine, and the family of Roxie Hayes.

Maggie closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next meeting is June 9, 2015. This will be our annual Salad Supper.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula L. Davies