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St. Paul Lutheran Church
Mary ad Martha Minutes
January 22, 2023

There were 8 women in attendance, also Pastor and the St. Paul president.

The meeting was called to order. Pastor opened the meeting with Psalm 133. The attendance was taken and the offering envelope passed around.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of October 16, 2022 were presented. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given.

Committee Reports:

Altar Committee: Palm leaves for the pews for Palm Sunday will be purchased, and a real Easter lily for the center of the altar for Easter Sunday. There was discussion on whether to purchase a new, seasonal (spring or summer) artificial arrangement. There was a motion made to purchase the new artificial arrangement. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Feeding His Lambs: Five Christmas card and one birthday card were sent last quarter. Valentine cards will be sent in February.

Sunshine Committee: Six cards were sent last quarter. She will send one to previous members after their recent car accident.

Meal Coordinator: Thanks were given for the help given to the committee for the Reformation dinner. There were two volunteers for the next quarter.

Old Business:

Christmas Baskets: A thank you card was received for the Christmas Baskets. It was discussed and decided that we would send Easter cards to the seven shut-ins. The Treasurer said she has a box of cards at home that she can donate. The Sunshine coordinator will send them out before Holy Week.

Kitchen Shower: The shower was completed last year and we have everything we need for now.

Invisible Sunday School: It was reported that so far the program is working well. But from now on, she thinks it would be a time saver if she made up a whole year's worth all at once, then she can put out several different ones at a time and in keeping with the church season. Pastor will put it in the bulletin when there is a new batch that will be on display.

New Business:

Project Kinship: We have a new seminary student to sponsor. There was a motion made and seconded that the Treasurer will send money for this year to support this student. Motion passed unanimously. She reported that a surplus was received in donations. There was discussion on what to do with the surplus. A motion was made and seconded that the surplus go to the general Kinship fund.

I.L.C. Banquet: A motion was made and seconded that we send money to I.L.C. for the banquet.

Care Baskets for High School/College Students: There are three St. Paul members attending school away from home this year. It was moved and seconded that we send three care baskets to our students around the middle of February. Motion passed unanimously. The Treasurer will make the arrangements to have them delivered.

Election of Officers for 2023: It was moved and seconded that the 2023 slate of officers be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Palm Sunday: The men will again serve Palm Sunday brunch, which is April 2nd.

Landscaping in Spring: The Secretary volunteered to come up with a planting plan some time in April for new perennials to be planted. Pastor will put a blurb in the bulletin after Valentine's Day for donations to the flower landscaping fund.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer.

Future Meetings: The future meetings for 2023 will be April 16, July 16 and October 15, subject to change.

Other Business: The St. Paul President said that Redeemer is hosting Reformation this year and the three congregations are considering that the time of the service be changed from an afternoon service to 11:00 a.m. This will make it easier for the hosting congregation and others who plan to travel to attend. This will be on a trial basis. This will be discussed further at St. Paul's Voters Meeting next Sunday. The voters will also discuss if the Mission Festival time can be changed also, and if it can be earlier in the year – say the spring or summer.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved unanimously. Pastor closed with a prayer. The next Mary and Martha meeting will be **Sunday, April 16, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted:
Mary & Martha Secretary