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St. Paul Lutheran Church
Mary and Martha Minutes
October 15, 2023

There were 10 women in attendance, Pastor and the St. Paul president.

The meeting was called to order. The attendance was taken and offering envelope passed around. Pastor opened the meeting with Psalm 1 and a prayer.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of July 16, 2023 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. Distributions were made for new altar artificial flower arrangements.

Committee Reports:

Altar Committee: Two new artificial arrangements were purchased - one for fall and one for spring/summer, and a new vase. It was asked if we should continue with the same Thanksgiving cornucopia altar decorations. Consensus was we should continue with it. The Thanksgiving service this year is the night before. She may put some nice bows on the artificial poinsettias we already have to dress them up a little, and get a real red poinsettia for the altar.

Feeding His Lambs: In the absence of the committee chair, her report was read by the secretary. One birthday card came back in the mail. Birthday and baptismal cards were sent.

Sunshine Committee: Three cards were sent this quarter and one call was made.

Meal Coordinator: Two ladies volunteered to co-chair this committee for the upcoming quarter.

Old Business: The kitchen inventory was done and the list of what was needed was posted in the vestibule. Only one or two items remain on the list to be purchased. For the Reformation Festival, Cheyenne said they don't need us to bring anything, but if you want to, that is fine.

New Business:

Kinship Donations: The Kinship donations are due January 2024. The amount is the same for the year. A blurb will be put in the bulletin soliciting donations.

Advent/Christmas Events Schedule: Church decorating will be on December 3rd and December 10th will be the potluck and baskets. Pastor will get us an official count of how many are needed. There was

discussion about whether we should continue with doing food baskets, since some of the recipients do not have cooking facilities available to them. It was suggested that maybe small seasonal decorative items and fleece blankets, devotional books and candy would be more appropriate. It was decided that this would be a better idea. Sunday School cards will be made, Pastor will arrange for the devotional books, the Treasurer will get the blankets and gift bags to put everything in. Items will be needed by December 10th. An item will be put in the bulletin for cash donations (instead of food).

Plantings under church sign: Tulip bulbs were planted under the church sign.

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

Next Meeting: The next Mary and Martha meeting will be **Sunday, January 14, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted:
Mary & Martha Secretary

