

**ECW MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

Present:

Connie Chamberlin, President
Viv Welch, Secretary
Ann Philen, Treasurer
Brenda Ferguson
Twyla Hinton

Elizabeth MacWhinnie
Dodie Matlock
Jean Moss
Rusty Sellers
Beth Woods
Jackie Wright

I. Opening Prayer:

Connie Chamberlin called the meeting to order at 11:15 am and all recited the ECW prayer.

II. Approval Minutes:

- A. **August 24** – Ann Philen moved that the August 24 Minutes be accepted as presented. Dodie Matlock seconded. Motion passed.
- B. **November 16** – Ann Philen moved that the September Minutes be accepted as presented. Dodie Matlock seconded. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report:

- 1. Ann Philen presented the Treasurer's Report. There is a checking balance of \$4,970.61 and a savings account balance of \$300.48.
- 2. The December 2014 yard sale netted \$1,342.15 (additional expenses were incurred for cost of biscuits leaving approximately \$1,300)
- 3. Proceeds from the January raffle basket were \$86.
- 4. Ann asked that if you request reimbursement, please provide her with a receipt or a signed, detailed description on paper. This is in accordance with the audit.
- 5. Beth Woods moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Dodie Matlock Seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. Fundraising:

1. Yard/Craft Sale Recap:

- a. After some discussion, Viv Welch moved that the ECW have a Spring Yard Sale on May 2, 2015 with an alternate date of May 9, 2015 AND that the proceeds be given to the St. Monica's Episcopal Church general fund. Jackie Wright seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Susan Early will chair the Spring Yard Sale.
- c. Fr. Anthony was asked to share with the ECW his vision of a St. Monica's Thrift Store. He hopes to form a three-person, diverse committee to investigate the possibility. He gave examples from Church of the Advent Lillian and St. Stephen's, Brewton. Thee House could be converted with considerations for relocating the church office and the very important Sisterhood of Quilters Ministry. Several other ideas were discussed.

2. Gift Baskets:

- a. Connie Chamberlin prepared a Gardening theme gift basket for February

- b. Ann Philen will prepare an Easter theme basket for March. If you have something to add to the basket, please give it to Ann in advance.
3. **Jewelry/Gift Items:**
 - a. Brenda Ferguson will speak to Ray Farrel about building a display case for the Jewelry/Gift Items.
4. **Yard Sale:**
 - a. Discussed above.
5. **Coats for the Needy:**
 - a. It was agreed that we will have a Coats for the Needy distribution in conjunction with the November Beans and Rice Ministry.
 - b. Beth will initiate the call tree to tell members to start collecting coats, jackets and warm clothes.
 - c. Connie mentioned that she would like to start collecting fresh fruit and produce on the last week of the month to give away with the beans and rice.

B. Bylaw Revisions:

1. The Bylaws were approved at a previous meeting.

C. Education:

1. **The Five Wishes** program will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 4:30 pm.
2. Connie Chamberlin will get bottled water and we will serve coffee.
3. ******Someone needs to contact John Velaski to request to borrow the projector for the presentation.*

V. New Business:

A. Newcomers' Dinner:

1. The Newcomers' Dinner will be Saturday, February 14 at 6 pm. Connie Chamberlin is in charge, vestry will serve and it will have a Valentine's theme.

B. Nursery:

1. With new members coming, volunteers are needed for the nursery. Volunteers must be up to date on Safeguarding God's Children training.

C. Election of Officers:

1. After much discussion, Dodie Matlock moved that ECW Officers for 2015 be: Connie Chamberlin – President, Brenda Ferguson – Vice President, Ann Philen – Treasurer, Viv Welch – Secretary. Rusty Sellers seconded. Motion Passed

D. Pancake Supper:

1. Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 17 beginning at 5 pm.
2. It was suggested that people be directed to park out front and enter through the Narthex and Nave.
3. It was further suggested that the vestry prepare and have available information about Holy Week Services. (Brenda Ferguson will prepare a handout with Viv Welch's assistance.)
4. Jackie Wright asked for volunteers to pick up meat from her on Sunday, February 15 to prepare in advance. Brenda Ferguson volunteered.

E. Hemming Band Uniforms:

1. Twyla Hinton explained that Workman Middle School has ordered 240 pairs of band pants and is in need of someone to hem them.
2. Ann Philen moved that Twyla Hinton request more information (check with Beth Woods) such as the date needed, whether they would be pinned already and the price they expect to pay (\$5/pair). Beth Woods seconded. Motion passed.
3. It was discussed to ask another church to assist with hemming half of them at a cost of \$5 per pair to be split between the two churches.

F. ECW Meetings:

1. Connie Chamberlin moved that the ECW Meetings for 2015 be held on the First Sunday every month. Dodie Matlock seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Closing Prayer:

Viv Welch volunteered to close with prayer. Dodie Matlock will offer a closing prayer for the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

Dodie Matlock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jackie Wright seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35.