

ECW MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

Present:

Connie Chamberlin, President
Viv Welch, Secretary
Susan Early
Twyla Hinton

Jean Moss
Audrey Westbrook
Brennis Whaley
Beth Woods

I. Opening Prayer:

Connie Chamberlin called the meeting to order and all recited the ECW prayer.

II. Approval Minutes:

A. **February 2015** – Beth Woods moved that the February 2015 Minutes be accepted with one correction noted. Susan Early seconded. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report:

1. Viv Welch presented the Treasurer's Report for Ann Philen. There is a checking balance of \$5,377.61 and a savings account balance of \$300.48.
2. The Pancake Supper netted \$116.00.
3. Proceeds from the raffle baskets (June – February) were \$401.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. Fundraising:

1. **Band Uniforms** – The first batch of band uniforms (will be) completed Sunday afternoon (98 pair).
2. **Gift Baskets:**
 - a. Beth Woods will coordinate the gift basket for next month. The theme will be "birding."
3. **Jewelry/Gift Items:**
 - a. PENDING - Brenda Ferguson will speak to Ray Farrel about building a display case for the Jewelry/Gift Items.
4. **Yard Sale/Thrift Shop/Collections:**
 - a. We have begun collecting items for a spring yard sale.
 - b. Susan Early will coordinate and will be available to receive items for storage.
 - c. The lock on the ECW Shed is not working properly. The lock mechanism on the door is not fitting properly into the strike plate on the frame.
 - d. Chuck Barnett will see what is needed for the shed lock.
 - e. A committee has been appointed by the vestry to investigate the possibility of opening a thrift store for St. Monica's. The committee is currently interviewing church members to determine whether this is something they want to do. The questions being asked are:
 - i. What do you think about a thrift store at St. Monica's?
 - ii. What would that look like to you?
 - iii. Would you consider volunteering?
 - f. These questions were asked of the women present.

- i. Twyla Hinton commented about a Methodist Church thrift store that recently had problems with being able to afford its rented space and paid employee. It also had problems with some of the volunteers stealing from them. She cautioned that St. Monica's would need to consider this. She also said that the Salvation Army Thrift Store had similar problems.
- ii. Audrey Westbrook commented that she thought a St. Monica's thrift store is a good idea and that Thee House seemed like the most logical choice for the location.
- iii. There was some discussion about having a yard sale in conjunction with a grand opening of the thrift store.

B. Education:

1. Five Wishes – 15 people attended the Five Wishes planning session which Nurse Sally coordinated.

C. Newcomers Dinner:

1. There were eight guests who attended the Newcomers Dinner on February 14.

D. Officers:

1. Officers were elected last month. They are Connie Chamberlin, President; Brenda Ferguson, Vice President; Ann Philen, Treasurer; Viv Welch, Secretary

V. New Business:

A. Members who are absent from church:

1. We need to call to check on members who are absent from church.
2. Twyla will call Darby.

B. Easter Sunday Activities:

1. There will be a brunch after Easter services.
2. Connie will take an inventory this week of any frozen food left over from the Silent Auction.
3. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex next week.
4. Jackie Wright is coordinating the Egg Hunt.
 - a. Volunteers are needed to hide eggs which must be done BEFORE the 10:00 service.
 - b. It was suggested that some of the older kids hide eggs for the younger ones.

C. Spring Day Away:

1. The Diocesan ECW Spring Day Away will be on April 18 at Nativity in Dothan, AL. The cost is \$20.
 - a. We will be carpooling to Dothan for this event.
 - b. If you are interested, please see Connie so we can get our registrations in on time.

D. Tablecloths:

1. Beth Woods moved that the ECW buy a new set of white, mid-length tablecloths (the same material as the green and black ones), both round and rectangular. Viv Welch seconded. Motion carried.
 - a. Beth will shop for the tablecloths.

E. Buffet for the Narthex:

1. Beth Woods moved that the ECW purchase a buffet for storage in the narthex pending vestry approval. Susan Early seconded. Following some discussion, the motion carried.

F. Chasuble for Fr. Anthony:

1. Connie Chamberlin brought it to the attention of the ECW that Fr. Anthony needs a new chasuble. This was tabled pending more research.

VI. Closing Prayer:

Viv Welch closed the meeting with prayer. Dodie Matlock will offer a closing prayer for the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned.