

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church, Wexford, PA

5:00 P.M., 22 present

Potluck Dinner, CORE Presentation, Silent Auction

The potluck dinner began at 5:05 p.m. after members had set up their auction items and prepared their covered dishes. Dessert and beverages were provided by the chapter. At 6:00 p.m., our speaker from The Center for Organ Recovery and Education, Lisa Upsher, Community Outreach Coordinator, was introduced by Terry Klein. Lisa had a Power Point presentation and answered questions from members. Her presentation was followed by a short presentation from Janie Walsh, a kidney/pancreas transplant recipient and Melissa Costantino's neighbor, who told us of her journey through the transplant experience. CORE had been a big part of her experience, too. Both speakers encouraged us to become organ donors and to encourage others to follow suit, since waiting lists are so long for people who need organs, tissues, etc.

The business meeting began at 6:55 p.m. President Melody Hannegan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Terry Klein noted that our speakers had been a great source of inspiration, so not much more needed to be said. Melody then spoke about our loss of Areta Kalogeras. Darlene Farrell and Diane Goff also spoke of their personal memories of Areta. We had a moment of silence in her memory.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved as printed in the January newsletter, with no additions or corrections. The Executive Board met in January, and the minutes from that meeting will be printed in a future newsletter. Barb Schmid read the Treasurer's Report in Marg Foster's absence. The balance on hand is \$2546.20. Peg Maser reported that she had sent a thank you note to Caitlin Driscoll, our December speaker, and a sympathy card to Areta's family.

Melody led the discussion of the candidates for membership. Five names were submitted for consideration: Shari McGill and Jill Millard of Shaler Area School District and Fran Bogos, Pam Ross, and Nancy Weixel of North Allegheny School District. Terry Klein moved that we accept all five candidates, and Karen Klingman seconded the motion. In a voice vote, we agreed to ask the five women to join our chapter in May.

Paulette Hemmings read information about the Bi-Chapter Meeting on March 7 at McCormick and Schmick's on the South Side. The invitation/response form will be included in this newsletter. Ride-sharing will be offered.

Under Projects, Phyllis Jenny handled the Silent Auction throughout the evening. After some lively bidding, many lovely items now have new homes, and \$169.00 was raised for Schools for Africa. Peg Maser then discussed the Jared Boxes which were available in the back of the room. She read a letter from the State Jared Box organization thanking us for last year's donation to Children's Hospital. It was noted that the hardest categories to fill are 11 and above and 2 and under. Karen Klingman and Jessie Friedrich had purchased several bags of items already, and that was distributed among the boxes to start. Labels and suggestions for items were included.

And members were asked to sign a list indicating which box/boxes they had taken. They need to be returned by the May meeting, or call Peg Maser or Karen Ulrich for pick-up. For the Pete the Cat Chair Project, the Executive Board decided to make it a raffle since logistics and responsibilities for taking it to various libraries were complex. Tickets for members to print out will be included in this newsletter. Each member's goal is \$30 worth (Tickets are 1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5.) Money/tickets are due at the May meeting, when the raffle will be held.

Items for the tool box for the Handywoman basket for the State convention in June were listed and members were to sign up for items to contribute. These, too, are due at the May meeting.

Karen Klingman won the raffle basket. We sang the Delta Kappa Song to end the meeting at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich