

Minutes from the Augustana District Annual Women of the Word Fall Gathering
September 21, 2019
Peace Lutheran Church – Nevis, MN

“For Such a Time as This” – Esther 4:13 - 17

Registration and fellowship time began at 8 am with coffee and carmel rolls. Displays and mission booths that were available included: a table of Bible Study options, sensory lap quilts (Fiddle Quilts), New Hope Mission Society, and Augustana District information was near the broadcast booth. A room of Peace WOW mission work was beautifully displayed. It included: hats/mittens/scarfes, Christmas shoe boxes, britches for boys, newborn kits, baby blessings bags, activity bags, sock-tober, senior quilts, card ministry, and pillowcase dresses and boys' shorts.

Registration included: 12 congregations represented with 68 women attending. The worship service and speakers were broadcast to a group in New York (8 people) and one other remote guest.

The opening communion worship service was led by Peace's Pastor Tim Balfanz with Pastor Linda Nicklason giving the sermon. Special music was provided by Cheri Macklanburg, Carol Lueben, and Shel Buck.

A brief coffee break was taken.

Keynote speaker Pastor Sarah Carlstrom lead our morning session in the theme: "Chosen for a Time Such as This".

A delicious lunch was served by the Peace women.

The afternoon session started with special music by Carol Lueben and was led by Pastor Linda Nicklason – "Gifted for a Time Such as This".

Following a brief break we held our business meeting.

Coordinator Chris Price called the meeting to order:

M / S / P to approve the minutes from our 2018 gathering (a copy was in each registrant's packet).

M / S / P to approve the treasurer's report – we have a current balance of \$4,416.52 (treasurer's report was in each registrant's packet).

Nomination was made of Jane Evers for Vice coordinator, no other nominations were made. The open position of board member at large was left empty. The board was introduced.

M / S / P to send an AD WOW representative to the LCMC gathering in Omaha, NE. Jane Evers will be attending for us.

Thanks and an update were given by Jan Kreie for the New Hope Mission Society about how our offering will be used for the Bishara Bible College sewing project.

Wendy Magruder brought greetings from the Augustana District staff and gave an update. One highlight is the fact that 2020 will be AD's 10th anniversary. The May 1st – 2nd spring gathering will be a celebration in Hutchinson, MN.

Pastor Sarah Carlstrom extended an invitation to next year's AD WOW gathering: it will be hosted by Crossroads Lutheran Congregation, Sept. 19th, in Dawson, MN. Each packet included a bookmark reminder. The theme verse is II Corinthians 5:7 – "We walk by faith and not by sight."

The new board members were installed by Pastor Linda Nicklason. They are: Coordinator – Mia Mills (Hazel Run, Hazel Run, MN); Vice Coordinator -- Jane Evers (New Hope, Comfrey, MN); Treasurer – Bev Swenson (Christ the King, Hutchinson, MN); Secretary – Jan Kreie (Faith, Hutchinson, MN); Members at Large -- Marian Thorston (St. John's, Springfield, MN); Ex-Officio – Christine Price (Peace, Nevis, MN); and AD Board representatives Niki Pokornowski and Terri Bomar.

Chris shared word of thanks to all who planned, executed and hosted today's event.

M / S / P to adjourn.

A song was shared by a women's choir from Peace, we were blessed and sent on our way.

Evaluations were collected in the back of the sanctuary as participants left.

Submitted by:

Jan Kreie, WOW Secretary 2019

WOW Treasurer's Report – October 16, 2019

Expenses

Linda Nicklason – speaker	\$ 200.00
Sarah Carlstrom – speaker	200.00
Cheri Maclanburg – organist	125.00
Carol Luebben – soloist	50.00
Shel Buck – soloist	50.00
Kathy Thompson – Door prizes	75.73
Stacked High Deli – food (+ \$250 Thrivent grant for food)	200.00
Christine Price – consolidated bill (paper, pens, portfolios, cups, plates, cutlery, water, kisses, tablecloths, cupcakes)	361.79
Beverly Swenson – postage, envelopes	110.00
Jane Evers – LCMC convention delegate	250.00
New Hope Mission Society	1491.00
Total Expenses	\$ (3113.52)

Income

WOW Gathering registrations	1390.00
WOW Gathering offering	1491.00
Interest – (October 2018-August 2019)	.69
Total Income	\$ (2881.69)

Beginning Bank Balance	4416.52
Expenses	(3113.52)
Income	2881.69
New Balance	\$ 4184.69