

**WELCA Meeting** 9.24 2023 make available agenda, booklet for each person present

**Call to Order** Sarah **Devotions** Carol Volunteer for 10.15 meeting: Sarah

**Read minutes** Motions to accept: Sandy 2nd: Kathie, Minutes and other announcements will be shared via email with all members or hand delivered to those w/o email; contact info for all members will be shared in January or February 2024

**Treasurer's Report** Melinda **Discussion** Balance \$2335 after paying for freezer and refrigerator, and will be taking in 2 funerals

**Reports of Officers or Committees** Sunshine committee- Sherri S, Theresa, Linda, Kelly, Kerry, Dawn minutes shared that "the goal is to be nurturing, encouraging and caring by supporting and acknowledging events in our member's and other's lives." Cards will be sent by committee members for those in care centers and at home, birthdays, those on prayer list and for sympathy, birthdays. Funds for stamps will be raised by a basket at fellowship (Kerry).

\*School kits were packed on 9.10. Suzanne Schumann will deliver them!

\*Fellowship Hall décor storage is in pantry

\*Altar Guild- list in binder in sacristy; anyone else interested in joining? New addition- preparer will help replenish empty trays during service Continue signing up by the month

\*Linda shared information regarding a celebration for Pastor on October 8.

**Old Business** \*Guidelines for WELCA serving a non-church event discussion in initial stages (see attached) Sandy shared discussion from council. The contract for building usage is being revised to include a building usage fee and a damage deposit in addition to the custodial fee. Any food not served by WELCA according to their established meal plan will not be served by WELCA, but must be prepared and served by a professional caterer. Private parties will serve their own meal. Secretary Megan is the only person who will give permission to use the building as she manages the master calendar. For more information on this matter please see Megan.

\*Final lefse prep is Monday; thanks to those who have helped!

\*Blood drive help -Margot Kerry and Kathie will help with registrations throughout the day

**New Business** \*Bazaar planning for October 7 we have plenty of bags

need baked goods, pies (take pie tins & boxes) canned goods, produce, theme baskets, sewing projects, craft projects, knitting, crocheting... NEW-Vintage items! (20+ years) Melinda will provide \$100 for the quilt raffle to Margot and \$300 including quarters for the cashier

\*Leave fellowship tables set with condiments unless the funeral workers have cleared them;

\*Erin and Lydia were consulted about Safe-Serve guidelines for serving salads at funerals. As long as the salads are kept refrigerated (39 degrees) until serving and kept out for one hour the food is safe.

\*Children's Worship bags – [Pam will form a committee to update the bags](#)

\*Carol will submit an entry to the Conference Newsletter by October 5

\*Kelly talk to the Worship Committee about Thank Service-November; WELCA help as needed.

**Announcements/Correspondence** Future meetings for 2023: October 15, November 12,

December 10; **Volunteer at Community Food Pantry** [see attached article about general food](#)

[bank needs, see newsletter for current local needs](#); **Quilters met August 28 & 29, Bible Study met September 13 at 1:30 at church, at church September 20 6:30 and will meet October 11 a.m. and p.m., Create for Bazaar on October 7, Share baskets; news updating progress of our sponsored missionary in training, Lizzy G.**

**Next Meeting date:** \_\_\_10.15\_\_\_ after church; then November 12, December 10

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT SARAH WITH ANY QUESTIONS, OR INFORMATION TO SHARE AT ANY MEETING** 😊 [four4gbp@charter.net](mailto:four4gbp@charter.net)

**Close with Lord's Prayer**

**Women Present:** Sarah C., Margot N., Laurie E., Melinda S., Toni S., Kerry S., Linda J., Pam L., Sandy C., Kathie W., Suzanne Schumann, Carol J., Kelly N., Mary Lou R.

### **Sunshine team minutes August 27**

- Meet and greet Sherri opened with prayer
- Open discussion on how we want to "do our ministry"
- Sherri shared a poster she made for the congregation to know who we are and what our mission is about "our goal is to be nurturing, encouraging and caring by supporting and acknowledging events in our members and others lives"
- Sherri will contact Megan to put information in the newsletter and get some sort of phone number and addresses we need for nursing home residents etc
- Decided that we would split up the categories to divide the work
- Sherri- veterans and nursing home residents.
- Kerry- birthdays Dawn- shut-ins
- Linda and Theresa- prayer list/ sympathy Jill will help where needed.

Other discussions on other things/topics that could possibly bring sunshine and spread joy to others.

- Meetings will be setup as needed Sherri closed in prayer

### WELCA Guide Suggestions for Serving a Non-Conventional Funeral or Event

We take our directive from Pastor Angela and the current Guidelines for Building Use administered and managed by Secretary Megan.

We are not an event center. We are a ministry with volunteer workers who supply food per our meal policy. Our \$300 fee covers use of kitchen facilities/equipment.

Our meal policy in place is meat sandwiches on buns, salads, cheese tray, pickle slices, bars, beverages.

Family may provide bars or snacks for visitation, not WELCA, however WELCA does provide up to 24 small waters for family. There will be no available use of the kitchen for visitation as it will be used by WELCA to serve the meal on the day of the funeral.

In reference to health laws, any food catered and served from the kitchen must be by professionally licensed preparers.

A building use fee to cover utilities and property would accommodate members, non-members, charitable organizations

A refundable damage deposit would cover alterations to the space that need to be corrected. No taping, stapling, additional nails or tacks to walls or wood surfaces.

**General Food Bank Needs:** Here are some things learned from those in need:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.