

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2016

Jane Whisler opened the meeting with prayer. She went over the agenda. I read the minutes of the April 24th meeting. A motion to approve them was made and passed.

In follow up to last month's vote to use our portion of the funds from the April 30th bake sale, Carolyn Higgins said Sam's has metal picnic tables for about \$100. She even offered to pick it/them up. Since our proceeds from the bake sale were small, Bliss Peterson said she thought it was okay to spend \$100 but not \$200 for two tables. It was decided that Carolyn will purchase and transport a picnic table from Sam's.

Desi Doucet learned at the ECW Camp Mikell Retreat that the camp needs a stove and estimated its cost at maybe \$8,000. She said they are asking the ECW groups from churches for \$500 each. There was discussion about whether donating funds from our bank account balance was appropriate based on our understanding of how Father Paul said ECW funds are to be used. Using them for the larger ECW may be appropriate.

NEW BUSINESS

We talked about going to the Atlanta History Center on Saturday, June 11th. The regular cost is \$16.50, and it is \$13.00 for seniors. It was pointed out that the Worship Committee meets at 9:00 a.m. that day.

Bliss stated that our new priest Gretchen's ordination will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, June 25th.

Desi suggested the pottery place at Shallowford and Sandy Plains called "All Fired Up". There was good support for going there after lunch at Marlowe's following church on Sunday, June 26th. After some discussion about offering child care, Bliss asked what if we approved up to \$200 for childcare for our two summer events. A motion was made to approve up to \$400 total for this, and it was seconded and passed. Bliss made a motion to provide up to \$50 for lunch and snacks for the children in childcare while we are at the pottery place, and it was seconded and passed.

Next we talked about the Open Hearts Project where ECA will be helping homeless children on seven Wednesdays this summer from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lainey Gaines said there are 86 possible children and 34 possible adults as the moms may attend with their children. She asked if ECW would be in charge of activities for the moms, and we discussed various activities such as manicures and pedicures and haircuts. We may also bring in self-care items they could use. Lainey is checking to see if dentists will donate toothpaste and toothbrushes. This led to talk of adding service to fellowship for our ECW purpose.

I offered to check with my Falcon Woods HOA about having a pool party for our July event. Bliss said she can check with Windsor Oaks if my pool doesn't work out.

Someone asked about a trip on the TVA Railroad, and Bliss will check on it.

Betty Ann Phair had a booklet from the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, having visited it recently and asked if we were still going there before the Chihuly exhibit is over on October 30th. She said there is a \$22 + tax entry fee, no senior discount, no group discount, but a \$2 discount for military. Docents are available for groups of 20 or more. Jane suggested tabling this for the August meeting, which is scheduled for August 7th.

Bliss checked on the ECW bank balance and said it is \$3,863.59. She did not know if that included the bake sale funds. Before expenses, the proceeds from that sale were \$475 and were split with the St. Martha's Guild.

Bliss made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Van Vlack