

Minutes of the Meeting of The Grace Place Ladies Circle

Monday, April 15, 2013

7:00 pm – 8:45 pm

Attendees: Sherry O’Gorman, Deborah Scarboro, Linda Watson, Nadine Watson, Mary Waters, Janell Squires, Susan Carter, Cindy Fowler, Lynn Dees and Dottie Short

- Meeting was hosted by Janell Squires & held at the church.
- The meeting was called to order by Janell Squires who filled in for President, Martha Roberts.
- The food was blessed & a Max Lucado Spring devotional was read by Janell Squires.
- The minutes from the last meeting were read & approved.
- Treasurer, Mary Waters, reported that there is \$1239.22 in The Ladies Circle account.
- Lynn Dees asked for special prayer for her daughter, Erin Shawver.

Old Business

- **Service Project.** (Amity House) Cindy Fowler volunteered to make some type flyer to be distributed with the church bulletin in hopes of receiving donations. More questions were asked about the exact needs of this group.
- **Christian Women’s Conferences.** Cindy Fowler asked if there was an interest on the group’s part in attending any of the conferences from the flyers that were distributed at last month’s meeting. The general consensus was that Cindy would remind us of upcoming events & then we could decide whether to go as a group or individually. The option of watching a simulcast was also discussed.

New Business

- **May Ladies Circle:** The May meeting will be our annual Mother’s Day dinner at the Frederica House on St. Simons. Due to schedule conflicts for several attendees the dinner will be held on Monday, May 20th at 7 p.m. All women of the church are invited.
- **Volunteer Work:** Mary Waters made the suggestion that we consider volunteering as a group to serve meals at the Manna House.
- **Bible Study Nursery:** Susan Carter stated that she can no longer be the nursery back up person for Felecia Johnson during morning bible study due to physical problems. There was discussion of making a rotation sign up list of volunteers for this. Mary Waters and Linda Watson said they could help. Susan also said that the Youth Program needs new ideas.
- **Newsletter:** The church newsletter is ready for distribution. Sherry O’Gorman will distribute it Sunday, 4/21/13 in Cindy Fowler’s absence. Cindy also needs addresses, email or physical, for potential recipients of the newsletter.
- **Visitor & Special Services Cards:** Mailing cards to church service visitors & special services was discussed. Mary Waters and Susan Carter said they think they have some that were used in the past.
- **Women’s Bible Study Group:** Dottie Short presented a letter to the group about starting a bible study group for women. (The letter is page 2 of the minutes) She also shared some printed bible study material to purchase by Joyce Meyer that she would like to use for the first study round. Cindy Fowler, Mary Waters, Lynn Dees, Linda Watson & Nadine Watson expressed an interest in this.

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

For some time now I have felt led in the direction of a Woman's Bible Study group. At first I thought I would find a local group & attend to see what I thought but after praying about this I think God wants me to start one for our church. While I feel terribly inadequate for such a task I keep getting the same answer when I pray: "Just do it. Nothing but good will come out of this." So with that being said I printed some suggested materials for the 1st round of study. I would like to do this weekly on Tuesdays or Thursdays, whatever day would work best for the group as a whole, 11 a.m.- 12, at The Grace Place. We could possibly meet at the Public Library or the Strike Zone as well, I have not checked on that yet. (But it would need to be the same place every time.) If there is an interest in a woman's study group, then after this study I would like another person to hold the next round, i.e. find the material & direct the study group for that period. We can also designate a finish date for each study period based on the materials used. I would also like to ask that the materials be paid for from the Ladies Circle funds...we can set a reasonable amount to spend each time for budget purposes. Please let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

Dottie Short