

WOMEN'S MINISTRY, Board of

Via Conference Call - February 28, 2012

In Attendance: Jan Hardesty, Esther Schlichting, Dana Worthen, Christy Vogel, and Theo Gonzales. Dawn Roppel and Courtney Luhmann were unable to attend.

Prayer: Jan Hardesty opened in prayer. Each lady then shared what God was doing in their lives.

Reviewed Purpose and Mission of the Board of Women's Ministry: **The Purpose** of the Board of Women's Ministry is to encourage, empower, and equip the ladies of our local churches and our pastors' wives to be all that God uniquely created each one of them to be as Followers of Christ. **Our Mission** is to encourage, empower, and equip the ladies of local churches and our pastors' wives by providing leadership training, mentoring/coaching, newsletter/brochures, informative website, and educational materials.

Review of minutes from Annual Conference 2011 Conference and Meeting:

Jan Hardesty had sent the minutes from the previous Board meetings for members to review. No one had any questions about Old Business.

New Business:

Resources and Training Team Update: Christy Vogel gave an update on the training team and resources. She shared that the new resources that were purchased last fall (2011) were included on the Conference's website. It could be located under church resources under the drop-down menu under women's ministry. Christy shared that four ladies from the training team went to Nashville, TN for the Leadership Training in November last year. All the recorded sessions from that leadership training can also be found on the Conference's website for all churches to access for training purposes.

Christy is considering sending some ladies to this year's leadership training in November, further training for the existing leadership team and possibly other types of training. It was mentioned that some of training provided could be done regionally within the next 6 months.

Christy shared that one of the existing problems that she has is communication with some of the local churches and not having a good contact base for the local women's ministry. Some of the contact information goes into the churches' office or possibly the pastor's email box and gets lost. We felt as a Board that our pastors already have enough to do and do not want to burden them with trying to get information out to members within the women's ministry.

Pastors' wives: Jan Hardesty shared with the members of the Board some concerns that she had regarding our pastors' wives. Through surveys, emails, and phone calls – Jan shared that it may be necessary to use some of our travel expense monies to get out to the local churches to have one-on-one contact with the pastors' wives. Several pastors' wives were excited that someone from the western conference would come and visit with them. Through discussion, it appeared that Jan Hardesty and Christy Vogel had similar ideas of what was needed for this year to get information out to the local churches and more communication taking place at the local level. It was decided that Jan Hardesty and

Christy Vogel would meet in Billings, Mt during the first week in March, 2012 to work out the details for setting up meetings with the pastors' wives and leadership within the local churches.

Newsletter and Facebook Update: Dana Worthen shared with the members of the Board that she had the newsletter ready to send out within the next few days to the local churches. She will also contact Karen Walton to have it placed on the Conference website. There was a discussion about how well the newsletter and Facebook account for the Board of Women's Ministry was working out as far as getting information out to the local churches. **WHEREAS** the Board of Women's Ministry needs ways to get information out to the local churches, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Women's ministry will continue to provide the newsletter and Facebook account as ways to communicate with the local churches.

Website: Jan Hardesty shared that she had been in contact with Karen Walton from the Conference office and it was shared that if we get the information we needed on the website to her, that Karen would see that it was placed under women's ministry on the website.

Brochures: There was a discussion regarding putting out brochures. Dawn Roppel had assisted Jan Hardesty with putting together some ideas for the purpose and mission and ways to put that information together for using in a brochure. Since the Board has a purpose and mission that was decided upon at our last Annual Conference, we will look for some professional help in designing a brochure that will be simple and informative. This discussion was tabled at this time.

Review of Budget for 2012: There was a discussion on the Budget for 2012 and it was decided that what the funds were being used for this year fit into the purpose and mission of the Board of Women's Ministry.

Proposal for 2013 Budget: There was a discussion about whether this next year would be a good time to ask for a larger budget. With the extra training that is planning to be provided at the regional level and other travel expenses to visit with local churches, it was decided that it would be beneficial for the Board to seek more monies to help in the travel expenses of the training team to be able to set up training sessions and also providing information to the local churches. **WHEREAS** the Women's Board of Ministry has found the building base for the needs of women's ministry and pastors' wives over the past two years in order to meet our purpose and mission for Women's Ministry at the conference level, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Women's Board of Ministry will ask for \$6,000 for our proposed budget for 2013.

Steve Strutz had asked each chairperson to discuss the Western Conference's mission, vision and value statement with our Board as we met for Spring Boards. Jan Hardesty reviewed the questions that were presented by Steve Strutz to the members of the Board. As a Board we felt that our purpose and our mission were in line with the mission, vision and values of the Western Conference.

Christy Vogel closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Hardesty
Chair for the Board of Women's Ministry