

## **Women of Trinity's January Board Meeting Report to Church Council**

It was reported that we received a thank you note from West Shore Meals on Wheels for a donation of \$100 and an honor certificate made out to Trinity Lutheran Church from Church World Services for the donation of \$2805 from the congregation for blankets around the world. Our Special Concerns Committee spear-headed this drive.

Connie Dollase, Vice President, reported on the preparation for the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA Convention being held at Trinity June 26 and 27, 2009. Pastor Easton will serve as Chaplin and the Bishop may be conducting a service on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We need to find some accommodations in people's homes for out-of-town attendees since hotels are booked and very expensive because the Carlisle Car Show is also being held this weekend.

Jane Hess, Treasurer, reported that although half of our fiscal year has passed, collections received from our meetings have only met one third of our yearly budget.

New business included the recruiting of a nominating committee for the selection of officers and committee chairs for elections to be held in May; hosting the Garden of Eatin' at least two times during the year - the Esther Circle volunteered to host sometime this spring; and the donation of some homemade prayer shawls to the silent auction for the Mardi Gras.

There was much discussion about financing the Lilies and Poinsettias that we give to the shut-ins. Formerly the Worship Committee paid for these flowers. They are no longer able to do this so it was decided that we will absorb the cost of these flowers as we feel the shut-ins need the support of the congregation that these flowers represent.

The committees reported:

WOT is invited to attend the Lutheran Men in Mission Conference May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There was only one request for a 24 hour prayer vigil in past month.

Hopefully the Vicar will be the guest speaker at our May General Meeting.

Joan Gamber will be collecting Memberships for Frey Village in February.

About 20 people were prayed for in the Intercessory Prayer group.

Prayer shawls are now being sent with the alter flowers delivery.

Mel Robertson reported on the wonderful Christmas Party held for 50 of the neediest homeless children in the Harrisburg School District. Trinity took hats, gloves and scarves that were collected by the congregation with the extra being given to other homeless children in the school district. An anonymous donor from Trinity took 50 Build-A-Bear kits for the children.

Beckie Brunner reported that 51 poinsettias and cookies were given to shut-ins early in December.

Welfare sent 16 cards in December.

Circle attendance was down with only 44 attending in early January.

Submitted by Pat Eby, President