

Subject: Minutes from February 12 First Church Women Meeting

It was great to see everyone! Following are the minutes from the meeting.

- The meeting opened at 6:30 with refreshments provided by Rhodella. (Thank you, Rhodella!) Two new guests were welcomed: Lynn Vass and Jody Valente.
- Opening devotions were shared by Judy West, a reading from a daily devotion entitled "Transcendant". The reading mentioned that we all need to learn to love ourselves. A quotation from Henry Drummond was shared which was quite interesting: "You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments when you really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love". Verses with the word "love" were then distributed to all and shared aloud.
- RightNow Media and its many studies were briefly reviewed to show the wonderful availability of study materials for personal study, as well as a way to review the videos if a meeting is missed. Denise Gilman offered a brief tutorial to download the app to either phone or computer.
- Episode 9 of Liz Curtis Higgs' "Bad Women of the Bible" was played. This episode was regarding "Michal" which is discussed in the Bible from 1Samuel 18:20 to 2 Samuel 6:23. Liz notes that many of her followers did not consider Michal to be a "bad girl of the Bible". Liz explained that Michal turned her back on God when she criticized and despised David as he danced naked in his worship to God in front of others. Liz also stressed how we can't be taken back.
- Pam Barlow routed the signup sheet for refreshments and devotions. Thanks to those who have signed up for devotions and refreshments. The months of May and December have been left blank intentionally, as those are months when we may be holding a special celebration.
- Financial Report:
 - Our current balance is \$1,374.05. We need to refill our coffers so we may meet special needs as they arise. We no longer have a separate account but are now a separate line item on the budget. It is possible to donate either electronically or by using the line which reads "other" on the offering envelope and writing "First Church Women" on that line. Pam Barlow brought some offering envelopes as an example and for any who wanted to use them.
 - A deposit was made from Spring, Pam Barlow's daughter, who donated \$86.30 (10% of her sales) from the visit made by First Church Women to Trades of Hope.
 - A vote was taken and the decision was made to donate \$100 to the church to assist with Eary Dayton's memorial luncheon.
 - A suggestion was made to hold a spaghetti luncheon as a Community Outreach fundraiser. This would need to be reviewed to see what other fundraisers might be happening in each month. Denise Gilman will check to see if there is currently a fundraiser scheduled for May.
- Pam Barlow reviewed the activities of 2023.

- Possible future activities discussed:
 - Tarpon Springs: The Tabernacle
 - Biblical History Center in LaGrange, GA (7 hour trip)
 - Bunco night, *where the money* may go into the kitty (as a fundraiser)
- At the next meeting, please be prepared to bring up ideas for fundraisers, activities, and/or speakers. It will also be necessary to set up a committee for upcoming activities and to have volunteers willing to take minutes.
- Refreshments for March will be prepared by Kathy Hunter
- Devotions to be given by Teeter Mauldin.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday March 12th.

Bev, Pam, and Lisa