

Subject: FCW Meeting notes (4/10/2023 gathering)

Unfinished Business: Carry over item from 2/13/2023 meeting:

Please Ladies, we need a person to step up and write a draft document about 'who we are and what we do and stand for' as referenced (below) and was included in the February meeting notes:

"As discussed, inviting women to these meetings is essential in order to remain active in the immediate future. However, the future format of gatherings must be identified, coupled with a document of 'who we are and what we do and stand for' to share with an invitation."

Meeting Notes: April 10, 2023 Gathering

Attendees: Amanda Dougherty, Shirley Burtnett, Teeter Mauldin, Hollie Hastings, Judy West, Lisa Hightower, Pam Barlow, Beverly Drazul **Thank you to Judy for providing refreshments! 😊**

Opening Devotion:

"How to Intentionally Plan for Rest" Author: Jordan Sears

(A small handout was provided on Proverbs 16:1-3)

Topic/Discussions:

- **Should FCW meet year around?**
 - The decision was made to meet throughout the summer. We recognize that not everyone will be able to attend meetings during all summer months when on vacation, etc. Those who are able to attend will continue to gather and enjoy the fellowship and continue to view lessons from Liz Curtis Higgs.

- **Pam Barlow presented topic:** Is there interest/should FCW hold a Christmas in July Event on a Saturday to help raise awareness of our gatherings, and especially in an effort to expand its membership?
 - More discussion/planning will be necessary and addressed at our May 8th gathering.
- **Pam Barlow presented topic:** May 8th gathering suggestion to be a "**Sensational Salads**" Dinner, followed by meeting and video. (This Spring venue is a change from covered dish; we will gather in building #6 at 5:00PM and see how this dinner change up/logistics workout.)
 - Attendees have signed up to bring and share a salad
- **"Bored to Distraction" video**
 - Potiphar's Wife (lesson #2) from Liz Curtis Higgs was viewed, followed by discussion questions the author asks her audience.

Treasurer Update:

Amanda has reviewed the Sarah Vaser checking account and has in her possession, 2 checks.

1. One for deposit from **Trades of Hope** for ~ \$94.00 which will be deposited in our current checking account at Main Street bank this week.
2. A \$250.00 check made out to "**Food Brings Hope**" in January, 2023, was returned from Post Office for "insufficient address". Amanda will further pursue correct mailing address with this ministry and forward as 'Food Brings Hope' organization indicates.

Important, please read through all bullet points below..

New Finance Logistics for First Church Women:

- The Sarah Vaser checking account will be closed at **Main Street Bank** in May/June timeframe, once the remaining outstanding check (Food Brings Hope) is presented to the bank.
- Funds in the Sarah Vaser checking account will be moved into a "Restricted Fund" account at the church; (account number designated by Kathy Smith, Financial Administrator at First Church). The Restricted Fund will be titled: "**First Church Women**"

- Amanda Dougherty will write a final check from existing Main Street account to First Church and work with Kathy Smith, Financial Administrator, on this money transfer into FCW's Restricted Fund account.
- All future donations to First Church Women account (as decided on 4/10/2023 meeting) will be managed out of the newly created Restricted Fund.
- When FCW decide to send monies to a particular ministry, FCW treasurer, will request via email, for Kathy to send specified dollar amount to ministry.

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- Please note, a second person is needed as Co-Treasurer to work with Kathy during occasions when Amanda is away.
- Going forward (once Main Street checking account is closed) any **personal donation checks** should be made out to First Church and given via church envelope. Please indicate a notation on check/envelope to post to "First Church Women" and it will be credited to our "Restricted Fund".
- Kathy Smith will provide on request via email, a "First Church Women" statement when requested by Amanda or **Co-Treasurer** to be shared with all FCW going forward.
- If you have questions surrounding this new process for record keeping of FCW funds/donations, please type your questions/concerns and email to Bev Drazul. All questions will be collected and sent in one email to Kathy. Her response and clarification(s) will be shared with all FCW.

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 8th, **5:00PM** (A dinner salad gathering followed by business topics and Lesson #3-Lot's wife)

Have a great week, Bev