

President Ginny Clark opened the meeting with group singing "Amazing Grace", followed by a responsive litany and prayer. Beulah Latta introduced Rev. Elgardo Colon-Emeric who was recently appointed to organize a ministry for Hispanics in the Durham-RTP area. He gave us a profile on the Hispanic population. His mission is to form a Christian community where Hispanics can praise God in their native tongues and to raise awareness among English speaking congregations.

Edith Johnson, Membership Chair, introduced the following new members; Kitty Jones, Cathleen Colon-Emeric, Kay Jones, Olga Dean, Cathy Wilkins, Janet Smith, Betty Brunson.

Business:

Minutes of the May 31 general meeting were approved as distributed. Treasurer Marty O'Sullivan gave the following report:

Checking account balance	\$2028.35
Paid toward 1997 Conference pledge of \$3600	\$2815.53

We have met all seven categories to qualify as a Seven Star Unit, thanks to special efforts of Methodist Retirement Home group. The paring knife sales project is going well. Supplies have been paid for and all current and future sales represent a profit. Six of ten dozen have been sold. As of this date, no cash donations to Ways and Means have been received.

Our soup and bake sale will take place on November 1 and 2. Soup will be prepared on November 1 and it, along with baked goods, will be sold after the 11:00 a.m. service on November 2. Sign-up sheets were circulated for helpers and contributions.

Mary Lee Bailey gave the following statistical report on membership:

Total at end of 1996	239
Lost members	15
New members	12
Current total	236

Judy Coman, with the assistance of Marty O'Sullivan and Reid Burton, is chairing the Nominating Committee to obtain officers for 1998-99.

Dates to remember:

- October 11 - UMW Annual Conference at Methodist College in Fayetteville
- October 25 - Methodist Retirement Home Annual Bazaar
- November 1, 2 - Soup and bake sale
- December 7 - Christmas celebration - installation of new officers and awarding of mission recognition pins

Approximately 40 members and guests were present. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. A delicious lunch was served by Dorris and Harry Rodenhizer.

Next general meeting - December 7, 1997.

Beulah Latta  
Beulah Latta, Recording Secretary

