

President Ginny Clark opened the meeting held in the Church Parlor, by reading our UMW Purpose, followed by prayer.

Congratulations were extended to Viola Coffin who will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 7. Beulah Latta read notes of appreciation from Mrs. Aurelia Dukes and Mrs. Betty Bernsten, residents of Methodist Retirement Community, for walker pockets given them by Sew Vols. Mrs. Dukes also made a financial contribution of \$15.00.

BUSINESS:

Ginny announced the three Durham District Mission studies for 1997. The first one will be held at Mt. Sylvan UMC on May 3 on China/Hong Kong; the second at Trinity UMC on June 7 on John Wesley; and the third at Oxford UMC on July 12 on Living in a Multi-cultural Society. Flyers were provided for Circle Chairs to inform their members.

Treasurer Marty O'Sullivan's report reflected a balance on hand of \$3551.36. The amount of \$1235.18 has been paid to Conference treasurer for first quarter payment on our pledge.

The following suggestions were discussed as possible projects for raising funds for our missions:

Fall Festival
Soup Sale
Bake Sale
Sunday Congregational Lunch
Attic Sale/Trash and Treasures
Dinner Theatre/Talent Show
Christmas Room
Paring Knife Sale
Benefit Bridge
Silent Auction
Individual Financial Contributions
Tasters Luncheon/Cook Book

After lengthy discussion, the following motions were offered:

1. Ann Wilson moved that we suggest individual monetary contributions from UMW members, as one of the fund raisers for missions. Motion was seconded and approved.
2. Cathy Shepherd moved that we have a soup/bake sale (to go) in the Fall of 1997. Elizabeth Luck seconded, motion passed.
3. Ann Wilson motioned that Ginny pursue the purchase and sale of paring knives. Motion was seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 12 - Durham District Day A-Part - 10:00 a.m., Mt. Methel UMC
May 31 - Duke Memorial UMW general meeting at 11:00 a.m., followed by luncheon. Dr. Reginald Ponder from Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc. will be featured speaker.

The following members were in attendance: Pat Coman, Laura Cleaves, Reid Burton, Viola Coffin, Edith Johnson, Martha Brown, Elizabeth Luck, Hilda Coble, Ann Wilson, Mildred Teer, Cathy Shepherd, Priscilla Shepherd, Joyce Musselwhite, Doris Bridges and Beulah Latta.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Beulah Latta

Beulah Latta, Recording Secretary

