



Wisconsin Federation of
Lutheran Altar Guilds
52nd Annual Meeting – April 20, 2013
. John's Lutheran Church – North Prairie, WI

Started the day with registration, refreshments and tours of the church.

We were all welcomed by St. John's Altar Guild.

Judy informed us at that time that Pastor Schroeder would be unable to attend the meeting today. She also put forward a vote on the bylaws about the membership of the WFLAG. There were three options that she purposed to the members present in a hand out. The way that it was revised now is to read, "Any Altar Guild of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod may be members of the organization." This was passed by a two-thirds vote. Judy also made the members aware of the elections that were to take place that there was no interest in the presidency and treasurer. And there was a motion to move the voting to after lunch.

Worship Service with Holy Communion. Pastor Torkelson presided over the service. His sermon was on John 21:1-19. The message talked about the service that the Altar Guilds do. He had a good knowledge because he was the sacristan at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. "It doesn't matter what we serve our sacraments in could be wooden bowls but what matters is the Words spoken." He also talked about the Chalice at Concordia Seminary and how there are jewels on it. Pastor said that we are more valuable than all the jewels and gold in the world.

After the worship service we went right into banner making with our Guest Speaker Mary Beth Woodkey. Talked about using heat and bond, making templates, and making different patterns. She suggested that we not use slag, slogans to keep it from multiple meanings. "Banners are offered up to the Glory of God."

After our awesome lunch we conducted our business meeting and open forum with questions and answers, and show and tell of banners from various churches. We started with an introduction of the WFLAG officers. Treasurer Gail Siewert would be able to serve another two year term. President Judy Weber has served two – two year terms and by the bylaws really would not be able to serve again. She stated she had a volunteer come forward and this helped out the situation that we were in. Judy informed the members that the volunteer was Benjamin Seidler. We asked if there was anybody else that was interested. There was no other interest and a vote was taken and a new president was elected. Benjamin came forward and talked about how he is involved in the church. Gail was voted back in as treasurer. Ben will be installed at a later date. Minutes were read from the 51st meeting by Secretary Linda Seidler. Motion was made and seconded and was approved. Treasures Report was given by Treasurer Gail Siewert. Motion was made and seconded and was approved as read. Judy then talked about the website. She asked how many groups have gone to the website and found it useful. She then gave out the web address to the members. www.wflag.org. On this site one will be able to see newsletters, meeting minutes, officers, organization history, and links to helpful sites.

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There is a cost of \$150 to keep up the website. Suggestion was made to maybe find a less expensive way to keep the website up to date. People would like to see more things on the website like pictures of patterns and finished banners.

At today's meeting there were 20 churches represented.

President Judy Weber then asked if it was alright to give today's collection to NWD and SWD for their missions. This would be anything that they really have a need for and we would like to know where they selected to use it for.

Talked about maybe having a central location in the state for easier traveling. This idea did not have much interest. People like to go to other churches to see these churches and the way they have things set up.

Also talked about the communication problems by email and mailings. The WFLAG Board would take a harder look at this.

Books that came out during the meeting were: Creative Communications For the Parish, published in Fenton, MO. And the other book was Praise Banners from TN.

Show and Tell from the churches that came to the meeting.

President Judy Weber closed with Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
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