



Encouraging individuals to use their God-given gifts

DCVM Meeting April 2, 2009
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
4100 Lyndale Ave. So,
Minneapolis
9:30-12:00 p.m.

DCVM Member Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2009

Meeting opened at 9:45 a.m. with opening prayer and devotion by Lauren Wendt; she used "Angel Cards" that prompted us with single words and Bible verses to reflect on our ministries.

Business meeting:

- 1) We welcomed guest Sandy Krebsbach from Mary Mother of the Church in Burnsville.
- 2) Reports:
 - a. Chair (Kathi Gallup): Nothing to report.
 - b. Secretary (Laurel Jacobson): Barb Orzechowski, who used to share the job with Laurel, is now the Website coordinator.
 - c. Education (Dorothea Doty): Not present; in Dubai visiting her daughter!
 - d. MAVA (Pat Keyes): May 18-20 conference in Rochester. @ \$300 to attend all three days. Check out the new MAVA website at mavanetwork.org; stay in touch with it for updates and tips!
 - e. Publicity (OPEN):
 - f. At-Large (Gail Yost): Not present.
- 3) Publicity Task Force: Discussed how to disperse information to church volunteer coordinator. (Synod newsletters, published ads, each MAVA/DCVM member encouraged to talk with four area churches during the summer and invite them to the Oct. meeting)
- 4) 2009 meeting schedule (Kathi gave handout).
- 5) MAVA Conference, May 18-20, Rochester (see notes above).
- 6) Resources: Nothing.
- 7) Other: Nothing.

Break: Refreshments, networking.

Speaker: Joshua Wright, Author, "Projects With a Purpose." In his book, Josh seeks to encourage Christian leaders to embrace the importance of a wisely-stewarded, God-centered ministry. "Projects With a Purpose" lays out practical tools to help build healthy ministries in churches and Christian organizations. Wright offers ways to help define a ministry, analyze relevant solutions, measure stewardship, implement plans, and sustain the ministry's results.

Closing devotion: Laurel Jacobson read from "To Bless the Space Between Us," a book of blessings by John O'Donohue.

Next Membership Meeting: July 9, 9:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. *Potluck and sharing of gift inventories.*

Submitted by Laurel Jacobson.