CMD UUWF NEWSLETTER

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Jreasurers Report

Bonnie Olson, treasurer, reported at the February 21 Board Meeting, a total of \$854.02 on hand, with \$500 in savings, a \$239.02 working balance, and \$115 designated for Clara Barton Camp donated by the Naperville Unit.

Dues have been received from Avon, Naperville, and Springfield in Illinois, and Madison and Milwaukee in Wisconsin. Dues notices have been sent to all Unitarian-Universalist churches in the CMD. It is important that we receive dues if the CMDUUWF is to continue its functions. The Allerton Institute is not self-supporting and in addition there am the expenses necessary in planning and implementing the Institute. It is not necessary to be a member of an active women's group in order to participate in the business of the District. \$1.00 paid to CMD makes you eligible to receive newsletters and to come to Allerton.

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VICE-PRESIDENT

Marietta Hunsche was selected at the February Board Meeting to serve as Vice-President. She was also appointed to handle CMD publicity for Speak-Out.

COOK BOOK

A number of new recipes for the Cook Book were received as a result of the request in the last Newsletter. The Committee and I thank you. Mayes Bell regrets that she will not be at the Allerton Institute next June; but it is hoped that Phyllis Brening, editor, and the new Cook Book will be present.

Allerton Update

"Honor Thy Womanself" has been decided upon as the theme of the 1976 Allerton Institute. This will be an expansion of the previously announced idea of "Discovering UUWF."

Plans for the Institute have advanced rapidly since the February report of the program committee. In addition to definite plans for five areas of interest which will be offered for study:

Assertion Training
Focus on Values and Goals
Self Discovery
Dealing With Life's Crises
(including aging)
Growing Up Human (avoiding
sex stereotypes).

Gertrude Lindener, minister of education of the First Unitarian Society of Madison, will conduct a worship service on the theme "It's O. K. to be You--- getting in touch with your own inner resources."

Gertrude will also assist Liza Brown and Carol Buse, leaders of the Madison Unitarian Dance Fellowship, in their presentation of a dance worship service, danced to George Crumb's "Ancient Voices of Children." The audience, led by Gertrude, will read Federico Lorca's poetry which accompanies the dance. Liza and Carol will also conduct a Dance-Motion--workshop and have suggested that they could develop with those interested a short piece for inclusion at the beginning of their Dance Service.

There will be a mailing soon, containing registration material and members will be asked to indicate their choice of one of the above topics. The

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NEW NAME?

Maves Bell has suggested that we change the name of our Newsletter to "In Touch" since she looks forward to receiving it so she can stay "In Touch" with the District. The initials I.T. would also be a catchy short. How does this strike you? This has been the only suggestion received so far. Perhaps this will be IT unless you turn up at Allerton with lots of other ideas.

VIRGINIA KNOWLES

The Board invited Virginia Perin Knowles, recipient of the CMD scholarship to Meadville, to attend the Allerton Institute in June. We regret that a prior commitment makes it impossible for her to be with us.

format calls for small groups to workin depth together for four sessions, and choices must be made now so the program committee can plan for the required number of leaders. Some leaders are still needed, and it is hoped that most, if not all, of these leaders will come from our membership so that this leadership experience can later be of benefit member alliances. to the interested in leading should so inform the chairwoman. Materials will be sent Team leadership is being enat once. couraged.

Participants in the Institute are urged to bring:

White Elephants
Any musical instrument you play
A craft to share
Your bicentennial costume even
if it has to be a three-sided
hat or a red white and blue
shirt.

The Executive Board felt it was necessary to raise the registration fee to \$5.00. Betsy Davis will again serve as registrar. It is estimated that living costs at Allerton will be approximately \$55.00. Registration material and specific details will be mailed to you shortly.

Remember promptness in registering will be most helpful!

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CHICAGO

Robin Sprietsma reports that there will be no Chicago area meeting in the spring.