

**First Lutheran Church (FLC), Marshall, MN
Women of First Lutheran General Meeting
4/12/15– 9:30 a.m. – First Lutheran Church**

Present: Marissa Kunde, Dorothy Krogen, Diane Wright, Delores Holm, Jan Mann, Ardella Quarnstrom, Dorothy Barck, Carole Halverson, Marlene Gannott, Audrey Norris, Shirley Bruns, Diane Halgerson, Vicki Lamprecht, Norma Raske, Ruth Quist, Kim Christensen, La Oeltjenbruns, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Bobbie Carmody, Pastor Julie McCain

Call to Order

Shirley Anderson-Porisch called the First Lutheran Women's General Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. A thank you was extended to Esther's Circle for supplying the coffee and refreshments.

Revision of Women's Constitution

Recommended revisions to the existing Women's Constitution were distributed and reviewed. Suggestions included:

- Change WELCA to **First Lutheran Woman** for entire document.
- No other changes suggested for PREAMBLE; Article I – NAME; Article II – STATEMENT OF PURPOSE; Article III – COMPOSITION and PARTICIPATION; Article IV – BOARDS and OFFICERS; Article VI – FINANCE.
- Suggested change for **Article V -- MEETINGS:**
General Meeting: **A quorum shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%)** – instead of at least 15 members – of those attending each General Meeting and voting.
General Board:
 1. Special meetings and/or **voting may be accomplished via technology.**
- Suggested change for **Article VII -- POLICIES**
Kitchen
 1. People who operate equipment (especially coffeemakers, dishwasher, range) in the First Lutheran kitchen should be aware of correct and safe use procedures.
 2. Equipment cannot be removed from the First Lutheran kitchen **except when there is a special circumstance or request made to the General Board.** Discussion and comments followed. It was suggested to not advertise this policy but just to address when special circumstances arise; to create a sign out sheet to track where the items went along with the date they were checked out and returned; requests can be denied; and have First Lutheran Church labeled on items.
- Suggested change for Article **VIII -- AMENDMENTS**
This constitution may be amended at the General Board Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting after proposed amendments have been presented at a General Meeting. INSTEAD OF: This constitution may be amended at any general meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting; provided the proposed amendment has been presented at the previous meeting. Comments followed on the definition of a general meeting. Due to the change in the women's work force, General Meetings are now conducted on Sunday's instead of during the week. Other forms of general meetings may include Circles and Quilting.

Motion by La Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Marissa Kunde, to approve the proposed amendments to the First Lutheran Women's Constitution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Other

Shirley provided an update on the upcoming Prairie Conference Spring Gathering scheduled at First Lutheran Church on April 24th. Lunch will be served and the Praise Team comprised of Jim and Kim Christianson will provide the music. In-kind offerings are also being collected.

Summer Bible study options are being considered. Watch for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary