

**First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting
November 28, 2018 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

Present: Karen Murphy, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Corlys Knudson, Bobbie Carmody, Dawn Planting, Sue DeSaer, Kim Christianson, DeAnna Zimmer, Shirley Bruns, Ruth Quist

Absent: Pam Russell, Erin Moline

Call to Order

Dawn Planting, Co-President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The First Lutheran Women Mission Statement was recited.

Devotions:

Karen Murphy provided the devotion on remembering that God is always with us and taking time in prayer will bless our families and calm our worries. An ALC (American Lutheran Church) Women's Poem was also shared – blessed are we to be varied; stitched together and bound together through faith in Jesus Christ.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the November 7, 2018 First Lutheran Women's Board Meeting were reviewed. It was noted that for the Christmas Tea, the speaker will be paid an additional \$50.00 for the afternoon session for a total of \$300.00. Motion by Karen Murphy, seconded by Kim Christianson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report as of 11/30/18 was reviewed with fund balances for Quilting at \$643.97; Savings at \$16,109.58; and Checking at \$5,042.89. Motion by Ruth Quist, seconded by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, to approve the treasurer's report as of 11/30/18 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Kitchen Report

Ruth indicated that we are not ordering from Variety Foods any longer but from Reinhart Foods, which do not deliver. A reminder was also made to please let Ruth know when products are running low. Kim shared she received a product guide from WELCA groups for coffee and other products that could be ordered. Kim will do price checks and comparisons and will also check with Corlys's daughter, options that she has available.

It was reported that certain committees did not clean the kitchen this past year as scheduled. Council was informed of this. It was decided FLW would clean the kitchen this Spring for the upcoming convention and then other church committees will be scheduled June through December. It was suggested to publicize the schedule and send out reminders through church communications to the committees.

A kitchen planning committee meeting is scheduled on December 2 at 7:30 p.m. The ground work has been completed and now actual plans need to be developed.

Quilting Report

The quilters will not meet in January, February, or March. The Annual Soup Luncheon is scheduled on December 3 with two soups, dessert, and crackers being provided for approximately 12 people.

Funeral Committee Report

Volunteer groups for funerals have been filled and one funeral is scheduled.

Old Business

Heart to Heart donations are due December 9-10 and will be distributed on December 16-17; families of all the Saints have been notified of donations made.

New Business

First Lutheran Women are scheduled to serve the TLC meal on December 12. Tator Tot hot dish, finger rolls, and ice cream cups will be served. Board members were encouraged to help serve/clean up if their schedule allows.

BOLD Women's Weekend is scheduled on January 26-27, 2019 with Dr. Lori Vikesland Obler providing the sermon. Sara Larson has agreed to provide information in the Parish Visitor and temple talks on BOLD Women and the thank offering. It was noted there is plenty of envelopes and boxes to be used for the thank offering. Marlene Nordby has agreed to assist in coordinating volunteers and will do that via email. Communications will be sent out after Christmas. Shirley Bruns and Marlene Nordby will organize the volunteers and Kim Christianson and Shirley Anderson-Porisch will coordinate the thank offering process.

The SW MN Synodical WELCA Convention is scheduled on May 3-4, 2019 at First Lutheran Church. The theme is Embraced by the Winds of Grace. On Friday, May 3, business meetings will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. with an evening meal and entertainment being provided by Jeff Skrien. On May 4, sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will consist of worship, speakers, workshops, and displays with the convention concluding at approximately 4:00 p.m. First Lutheran Women's role for the convention is host. It was suggested to form a small committee to prepare for the convention – kitchen cleaning preparation, scheduling youth to help load the free will offering, and coordinating truck transportation to Lutheran World Relief for the free will offering. Please contact Kim Christianson with names of individuals she could contact who work in the trucking business.

Discussion was held when FLW Board meetings should be scheduled. It was the consensus of the Board to continue meeting the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

The Christmas Tea/Gathering is scheduled on December 1 beginning at 10:00 a.m. To date, 45 tickets have been sold. Kim will coordinate with Erika from Main Stay the food count for scones/quiches prior to the 1st. Corlys will confirm with the presenter. If the weather is an issue, the speaker indicated she can reschedule to February over Valentine's day. Shirley Anderson-Porisch will order the fruit from Hy-Vee. A determination to cancel due to weather will be made by the afternoon on Friday, November 30. Set up/decorating/fruit cup prep is scheduled on Friday, November 30 around 3:00 p.m. and at 8:00 am on December 1. Total count to plan for is 60-65 people.

The next meeting of the FLW Board of Directors is scheduled on Wednesday, January 2 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary