

**Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors Meeting
November 2, 2016 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

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

Absent: Dawn Planting, Audrey Norris, Janet Landby, Pam Larsen, Pam Neet, Erin Moline

Call to Order

Karen Murphy, President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

Devotion

Corlys shared a devotion on Martin Luther King, his thesis, his passion about the bible (reading it and helping families learn it), and his writing of 36 hymns.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the October 5th, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. Thank you to Audrey for taking minutes in Bobbie's absence!

Treasurer's Report

Balances of the checking, savings, and quilters accounts were shared with general checking at \$2,168.99; savings at \$15,101.93; and quilters at \$530.97. It was noted a transfer of \$1,195 was made from the Quilter's checking to the Women's savings. Motion by Corlys Knudson, seconded by Sue DeSaer, to approve the treasurer's report as of 10/31/16 as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Bills were brought forward from Variety Foods and Hy-Vee. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Ruth Quist, to approve the Hy-Vee bill for \$293.94 as presented. Motion passed unanimously. The payment of the Variety Food bill will be held until pending credits are reflected on the invoice.

TLC Supper Report

The TLC Supper served on October 28th went very well with 110-120 being served. Thank you Erin for organizing!

Giving Trees

The Giving Tree for the Crisis Nursery Program - New Horizon's Crisis Center has been set up. Items can be placed in the narthex by the tree and monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or given to the church office. Thank you to Pam and Sue for organizing! Pam also mentioned monies are available for non-profits and can be applied for from Thrivent to assist with funding projects and activities. A meeting will be scheduled to learn more about this by November 30th.

The Heart to Heart tree will be set up once information is received on campaign dates, etc.

Christmas Tea

The Annual Christmas Tea is scheduled on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The theme is "A Cup of Christmas Tea" with Portia Martinson providing the keynote presentation. If anyone has an extra tea pot to use for decorations, please give to Corlys. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Quilting Report

Thirteen quilts were delivered to Lutheran World Relief in St. Paul. Thanks to Kim for delivering them!

Kitchen Report

An example of a new thermo coffee pot from Hardware Hank for possible purchase was presented to the Board. Approximately 40 pots would need to be ordered to supply the kitchen. Ideas of how to possibly fund the purchase of the pots were shared and included having the congregation donate a pot and possibly work in collaboration with the Workshop and Music Committee (Brian Kruse). The approximate cost of a pot is \$10.00/each. Motion by Kim Christianson, seconded by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, to have the kitchen committee pursue the purchasing of 40 new coffee pots and develop a plan on how to recover the cost. Motion passed unanimously.

Funeral Committee Report

A thank you was extended to board members for their response and participation in the electronic funeral ministry voting process. Temple talks will begin on November 9th with envelopes being distributed to the congregation for collection of donations. Discussion was held regarding where the monies collected should flow through – the Women’s account or the general church account. If the church account, it can be a tax deduction for members. It was suggested to have members identify on their check “funeral donation” in the memo line and to make checks out to First Lutheran Church so it can be claimed as a tax deduction. It was noted, letters will be sent out to current callers thanking them for their service and encouraging them to serve in the assigned alphabetical group listings. A thank you was extended to Corlys for agreeing to help serve during the winter months due to current funeral committee members being gone during that time.

Old Business

An update on the need for donations for the church furnace project was provided. The need is not as great as it is for furnace repairs and not boiler replacement. The discussion on making a donation to this project from First Lutheran Women will be tabled until after the Church Council meets.

The new kitchen checklist form has not been brought to the Council due to other items taking precedence but will be taken soon.

Information on the Heart to Heart Giving Tree will be provided in the bulletin, newsletter, and the tree will be set up once dates of the drive are established.

New Business

Nominating Committee – discussions will need to continue on forming a nominating committee to recruit new board members.

BOLD Women Weekend is scheduled on January 28-29, 2017. Thank you to Shirley Bruns and DeAnna Zimmer for organizing this event.

General Meetings - The purpose of holding general meetings was discussed with sharing of information to women in the congregation being the main purpose. It was suggested to share this information in the monthly newsletter. Information to be included in the newsletter should be given to Shirley A-P no later than the 15th of each month.

Faith Messages - Due to the difficulty in getting volunteers to write monthly messages, it was suggested to change the FLW E-News to First Lutheran Women News, which will include a short devotion and First Lutheran Women news. This information will be sent electronically to all women in the congregation. Shirley A-P and Bobbie will work together on this new communication process, which will begin in December.

Other

The First Lutheran Women's Board will not meet in December. The next regular meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and a blessing – *“May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other”*.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary

