

First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting
March 1, 2017 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall

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

Absent: Erin Moline, Audrey Norris, Kim Christianson, Janet Landby, Pam Larsen, Pam Neet

Call to Order

Karen Murphy, President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

Devotions/Prayer:

Karen provided readings from Isaiah, Psalm 16:9 and Ecclesiastics and a devotion on Peter's denial of faith and truth and how we need to have courage to stand up for faith as it will bring us inner peace.

Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Pam Russell reviewed account balances as of 2/28/17. The Quilter's balance is at \$557.97 (It was noted that \$1,360.00 in quilt sales was transferred to the Women's savings account); Women's savings at \$16,463.45; and Women's checking at \$4,005.86. A contribution was received from Bea Wewetzer for \$10,000. This money will be deposited into the Church's general fund and will be designated for the kitchen remodel project. Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, to approve the treasurer's report as of 2/28/17 as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Bills from Hy-Vee for cupcakes and a cake for funerals were also presented to the Board for payment. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by DeAnna Zimmer, to approve bills for payment as presented. Motion passed unanimously. A thank you was extended to Pam Russell for her diligent work on the budgets!

Kitchen Report

The replacement coffee pots were received. Thanks to Ruth, Karen, and Steve for unpacking and getting them ready to go. Instructions for care of the pots will be posted upstairs in the narthex and in the kitchen. To date, \$38.00 has been received in sales of the used pots.

The Council has not reviewed the Kitchen Use Checklist to date. The checklist has been resent and is under advisement.

Due to low numbers of attendance to help with the annual kitchen cleaning, a new date to clean will be scheduled after Lent season. The proposed idea of having other committees in the church assist with kitchen cleaning was presented to the Church Council president and will be discussed at the March Council Meeting.

Funeral Committee

Two funerals were held in the past month and everything went very well. A thank you was extended to Shirley Bruns and Corlys for their assistance with serving!

Quilting

Quilting continues to go great with five quilts being sent over to Parkside Elementary for families in need.

Women's Booklet

The revised 2017 Women's program booklet was reviewed. Copies will be made and given to each Circle, quilters, and will be available in the narthex. An electronic version will be emailed out with the monthly ENews and placed on the church website. Thanks to Dawn and Bobbie for their work on the booklet.

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

The tenth annual Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering – *All Anew* is scheduled on July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis. Baby and school kits will be collected. Dawn will contact Doris Dahlman regarding getting book bags for the school kits. Discussion was held on the possibility of offering scholarships for people who would like to attend. The conference committee will meet again and discuss further. It was noted a bus from South Dakota will be coming through Marshall if people would like to take it. This would be for people who are interested in attending all three days.

Spring Gathering

The Spring Gathering is scheduled on April 22nd at First English Lutheran Church in Tyler from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The theme is "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" with guest speakers Pastor Jennie, Pastor Denise, Sara Larson, and Barb Nelson. The offering collected will be ½ to the Synod; ¼ to the companion church; and ¼ to the Triennial Conference.

Synod Convention

The Synod Convention is scheduled on Saturday, May 6th, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls.

Prairie Conference

The Prairie Conference Fall Gathering is scheduled on October 7th.

Other

The next regular meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. with the blessing from Genesis 31:49 - "Let the Lord watch over us while we are separated from each other".

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary