

First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2017 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall

Present: Corlys Knudson, Ruth Quist, Karen Murphy, Bobbie Carmody, Shirley Bruns, Pam Russell, DeAnna Zimmer, Dawn Planting, Erin Moline, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Kim Christianson

Absent: Sue DeSaer, Audrey Norris, 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 a devotion on waking each morning and waiting for the Lord to lead us through the day.

Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report as of 3/31/17 was reviewed and accepted as presented with account balances for quilters at \$557.97; Women's savings at \$16,464.33; and Women's checking at \$3,810.89. Donations for funerals continue to be received. A reminder will be put in the bulletin for those who have not yet made a donation. Karen presented the Spring Gathering donation to the Board for payment. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Corlys Knudson, to raise the donation from \$75.00-\$100.00 for the Prairie Conference Spring Gathering. Motion passed unanimously.

Kitchen Report

The Council approved the Kitchen Use Checklist and suggested adding more contact information and a reminder to not leave any food after use. The proposed concept of having other church committees assist with kitchen cleaning was also discussed at Council. A representative of each committee will bring back the proposed concept to their respective committees for further discussion.

Due to a request for additional spatulas, Karen purchased new small steel, small plastic, and small rounded spatulas, and will submit a bill for reimbursement.

The coffee pots continue to have a slow drip so people will need to be careful when pouring. Thanks again to Ruth for all of her work on this project!

A new kitchen cleaning date will be scheduled in May.

Funeral Committee

Annual donations continue to be received and no funerals were held.

Quilting

Quilting is going strong and the quilt room was cleaned out.

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

Saturday attendance at the upcoming Triennial Gathering will be promoted at First Lutheran. A flyer with more information is being developed and will be made available. Busing has been secured with SW Tours with the mode of transportation able to be changed a couple of days prior based on number of attendees. The cost for busing is \$25.00/person. Pick-ups will also be made at Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls and in Gaylord. It was noted busing out of South Dakota is for all three days. Registration for the conference is on your own with on-site registration also being accepted. Quilt kits will be collected for the in-kind gift as well as gift cards, hygiene items, socks, underwear, and white t-shirts for women, children, teens, and men. Thanks to Kim Christianson for all of her work on organizing transportation and promoting this event!

It was also shared the SW MN Synodical Women of the ELCA, "The Communicator" is online. To receive a digital copy of the quarterly newsletter, visit <http://eepurl.com/cGaXjX>. If you have issues with signing up, please email swmnwelca@gmail.com. It was also mentioned the SW MN Synod Women of the ELCA website is up and running and that individual church units are also encouraged to provide current officer listings so mailings can be sent and received.

Spring Gathering

The Spring Gathering is scheduled on April 22nd at First English Lutheran Church in Tyler from 8:00 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. Approximately 5 will be attending from the Board. Information will be put in the bulletin and/or shared on the projection screens if others from the congregation are interested in attending. No registration is required.

Fall Gathering

The Board was asked to consider if they would be interested in having First Lutheran host the Prairie Conference Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 7th. First Lutheran Women would be responsible for providing the space and lunch with another congregation being responsible for coffee and morning refreshments. It was the consensus of the Board to have First Lutheran host the Annual Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 7th as presented.

Synod Convention

The Synod Convention is scheduled on Saturday, May 6th, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. The guest speaker is Lenae Bulthuis, writer of the Back Porch. In-kind offerings will be Baby Care Kits, School Kits, and Christian literature. Displays for kit collection will be set up in May in the Narthex.

Other

A Mission Assessment Profile is being conducted at First Lutheran Church via online and will also be made available by paper.

Treasurer Pam Russell requested the Board to consider moving First Lutheran Women bank accounts to another financial institution. The main reason for moving accounts is effective April 1, 2017 Wells Fargo no longer has coin-counting machines, which affects First Lutheran Women greatly as a majority of deposits include pennies and/or other coins. Discussion followed. Motion by Corlys Knudson, seconded by Ruth Quist, to move First Lutheran bank accounts from Wells Fargo to Bremer Bank as follows:

Simple Business Checking - # 2449547104
First Lutheran Church Quilters

Business Market Rate Savings - # 6937822887
First Lutheran Church

Simple Business Checking - # 2449547096
First Lutheran Church WELCA General Fund

A hand vote was conducted with 10 members voting in favor and one abstaining. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Kim Christianson, to name the following individuals as authorized signers on First Lutheran Women bank accounts:

1. Quilters Checking Account – Pam Russell, Dawn Planting, Bobbie Carmody
2. General Savings Account – Pam Russell, Karen Murphy, Corlys Knudson
3. General Checking Account – Pam Russell, Karen Murphy, Corlys Knudson

Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

Motion by DeAnna Zimmer, seconded by Ruth Quist, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and blessing - "*May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other*".

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary