

**First Lutheran Church (FLC), Marshall, MN**  
**Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors Meeting**  
**8/3/16– 5:15 pm – First Lutheran Church**

**Members Present:** Corlys Knudson, Bobbie Carmody, Shirley Bruns, Sue DeSaer, Karen Murphy, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Dawn Planting, Audrey Norris, Pam Larsen, Ruth Quist, Marissa Kunde

**Members Absent:** Janet Landby, DeAnna Zimmer, Pam Neet, Kim Christianson, Erin Moline

**Call to Order:**

Karen Murphy, President, called the Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors' meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Thank you notes received were shared and an update on Shetek's Quilt Auction was provide with all items donated being purchased. The gift baskets were well received! A thank you note and gift certificate was also presented to Karen Murphy for her service as President of First Lutheran Women this past year. Thank you Karen! Dawn Planting requested if a prayer shawl is needed, and she does not know the person, to email the Board first to see if anyone knows the individual and then they can deliver the prayer shawl to them.

**Devotion:**

Karen Murphy provided the devotion and shared poems on humor.

**Agenda Approval:**

The agenda was approved and accepted as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the June 1, 2016 Board of Director's meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

**Financial Report:**

The financial report as of 7/31/16 was reviewed with the checking balance totaling \$1,804.67; savings totaling \$13,886.21; and quilters totaling \$1,742.97. Motion by Pam Larsen, seconded by Dawn Planting, to approve the financial report as of 7/31/16 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Summer Bible Study:**

The summer bible study sessions have had low attendance. Due to this, the August 10<sup>th</sup> session will be canceled.

**Rally Day:**

Rally Day is scheduled on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Discussion was held regarding plans for coffee and water service. Motion by Corlys Knudson, seconded by Marissa Kunde, to have First Lutheran Women deter coffee and water service to the Outreach Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

**SW MN WELCA Synod Gathering Report:**

The Southwest MN Synod Gathering was held on June 17-18<sup>th</sup> at Vinge Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN. Kim Christianson was elected to the Board as a member at-large; Dawn Planting was elected as an alternate voting delegate to the Triennial Conference; and Sara Larson, new member of First Lutheran, is a member of the Synod Board. The conference theme for the Triennial Conference is "All a New".

**Shetek Retreats:**

In place of a Summer Retreat, the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors is offering women the opportunity to attend Shetek's Women's Retreat scheduled on September 9-10, 2016. Information will be sent out via email and will be put in the weekly bulletin. The keynote is Trudy Hartman and Bailey Fossum. A Senior Retreat is also scheduled on August 26-28<sup>th</sup> at Shetek.

### **Prairie Conference WELCA Fall Gathering:**

The Prairie Conference WELCA Fall Gathering is scheduled on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in Hanley Falls. First Lutheran is scheduled to serve morning refreshments.

### **Funeral Committee Report:**

Shirley Anderson-Porisch reported approximately 50 people were served at the last funeral. Discussion was held regarding donations, if donations received covers costs, and if families can't cover the cost. Shirley indicated her and Kim will visit with the pastors to review the funeral policies and procedures. Challenges continue with finding workers for funerals and also getting in contact with people to ask them to serve or make a cash donation. A suggestion was made to notify the prayer chain group when someone passes to assist with the communication process.

### **Quilting Report:**

Dawn reported two individuals have joined the quilter's group and bring lots of experience; a \$200.00 donation was received from Thrivent for the purchase of backings for quilts; three boxes of quilts have been sent to Lutheran World Relief; the start-up of an evening quilter's group is being considered; and 12 people were in attendance at the quilter's reunion, which was a fun and enjoyable day filled with trivia and sharing of photos.

### **Kitchen Report:**

The Kitchen Remodel Committee has not met. A question was asked if anyone knew where the original plans of the existing kitchen were located. It was suggested to contact Ron Halgerson or Jane.

The kitchen usage checklist was reviewed. Suggestions were made to include language on washing towels and returning them within the same week and to also wipe off tables and chairs as necessary. Copies of the checklist will be given to Becky in the church office to obtain signatures and will be posted throughout the kitchen. Motion by Corlys Knudson, seconded by Sue DeSaer, to accept the dining room/kitchen area checklist with suggested revisions as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

No issues have been reported since reminders were posted to empty pots and to keep things clean. It was also reported that missing items (bowls/cookie sheets) have been replaced and small serving spatulas are needed.

### **Planning for Next Year:**

Various models for board reorganization were shared. Board members were encouraged to visit and discuss with others. The Team Model was reviewed. This model matches duties with individual talents. Discussions will continue on board models and how First Lutheran Women want to proceed. The struggle to get people to commit and serve on committees and boards seems to be a common theme amongst many agencies and organizations, not just churches.

Current board membership and terms were reviewed. Members whose terms are up in 2016 will be asked to continue to serve through December, 2016 or until the transition of a new board reorganization model is complete.

### **Other:**

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors is scheduled on September 7, 2016, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with a devotion provided by Karen Murphy on God's will, putting Him first, and He will direct you!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary