

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

**Present:** Corlys Knudson, Ruth Quist, Karen Murphy, Bobbie Carmody, Shirley Bruns, Pam Russell, DeAnna Zimmer, Erin Moline, Dawn Planting, Audrey Norris

**Absent:** Sue DeSaer, Kim Christianson, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, 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 5:15 p.m.

**Devotions/Prayer:**

Karen provided the devotion on Psalm 138:7 – Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. As we go through disappointments and trouble in life, God brings us through them and patches it into something good.

**Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the January 4, 2017 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pam Russell reviewed account balances as of 1/31/17. The Quilter's balance is at \$1,872.97; Women's savings at \$15,103.45; and Women's checking at \$3,698.02. Quilt sales received from 12/14/16 to 1/31/17 totaled \$1,340.00 and \$2,142.00 has been collected for the 2017 Funeral Ministry donation. Motion by Ruth Quist, seconded by DeAnna Zimmer, to approve the treasurer's report as of 1/31/17 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOLD Women Weekend**

BOLD Women's Weekend was held on January 28 & 29, 2017. Thanks to Shirley Bruns and DeAnna Zimmer for organizing! The weekend went very well. Sara Larson did an excellent job with the sermon and wonderful music was provided. Corlys read a note received from Shirley Anderson Porisch who celebrated BOLD women weekend in California where women walked up and gave a special BOLD offering. It was suggested to consider giving a special offering like this for future BOLD Women Weekends at First Lutheran Church.

**Kitchen Report**

Due to the issue of leaking lids on the new thermal coffee pots, the pots are going to be returned to the vendor who will then ship out replacement pots. The pots are under warranty for a year so returning them is not an issue. The sale of the old pots will not take place until we receive the new pots. An idea was shared to collect a food shelf offering to help receive dollars to possibly offset the costs of the new pots.

The Annual Kitchen Cleaning will be held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. Discussion followed regarding having all church committees help in the cleaning process by assigning a task each month to a committee. The Women would create a schedule of assignments. It was the consensus of the Board to present this new kitchen cleaning concept to the Church Council. Thanks to Dawn Planting who agreed to present this to the Council.

### **Funeral Committee**

No funerals have been held.

### **Quilting**

Quilting has been going great with mission quilts currently being made. It was noted \$1,400 of quilt sales was applied to the kitchen remodel project. It was suggested to look at the old sewing machines to see if they work.

### **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. Several people have expressed interest in attending the whole conference. Interest has also been expressed for attending one day. The cost for one-day registration is \$175.00. If enough people commit to attend one day (probably Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>), a car pool will be organized to drive up and back. More information will be sent out via Enews, the bulletin, temple talks, and the Parish Visitor. People should contact Corlys, Ruth, or Pam with more questions. Discussion followed on the possibility of FLW paying for a portion of the registration fee. This will be discussed at the March board meeting.

### **Women's Booklet**

The Women's booklet has not been updated for the current year due to the pending discussions on reorganization of First Lutheran Women. It was suggested to update the booklet as best we can and provide dates from January through the end of the year. Bobbie volunteered to update the booklet and print copies to have available.

### **Reorganization and New Board Members**

Karen indicated she is willing to continue to serve as President. Discussions will be held to determine if First Lutheran Women want to continue to be a part of the WELCA or become a separate committee of the church. Possible reorganization models will be presented for consideration at a future board meeting.

### **Other**

Dawn asked the Board if the Women should consider offering more monthly opportunities to women. This idea will be considered and discussed at a later meeting.

The next regular meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and the blessing "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other".

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary