

First Lutheran Church (FLC), Marshall, MN
Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors Meeting
1/6/16– 5:15 pm – First Lutheran Church

Members Present: Audrey Norris, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Sue DeSaer, Corlys Knudson, Karen Murphy, Bobbie Carmody, Pam Larsen, Ruth Quist, Marissa Kunde, Shirley Bruns, DeAnna Zimmer, Janet Landby

Members Absent: Erin Moline, Dawn Planting Kim Christianson, Pam Neet

Call to Order:

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

Devotion – Ruth Quist provided the devotion on the new year and resolutions made and broken and trying to live up to them, to be a better person, stronger, seeking new beginnings and moments and longing for peace and comfort. But, we need to remember that hope for the future and to change things in our lives and the strength to become who we want to be doesn't come because of the new year, it comes everyday of our lives through Christ Jesus, our blessed Redeemer, who gives us new life through the resurrection and faith. We need to let God take control and let Him make the change for us through His diving will and His design of our lives.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by Corlys Knudson, seconded by Pam Larsen, to approve the agenda with the addition of Hospice Charity Ball donation. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the December 2, 2015 Board of Director's meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. A thank you was extended to Erin Moline for taking them in Bobbie's absence.

Financial Report:

The financial report as of 12/31/15 was reviewed with current balances for checking at \$1,483.86, Quilter's checking at \$547.97, and savings at \$13,883.78. It was noted that approximately \$790.00 was generated on ticket sales for the Women's Christmas luncheon with a net of approximately \$400.00 being made after expenses (this is an estimate as some bills were still outstanding). It was also reported that \$350.00 was collected for Heart to Heart donations and \$180.00 for House of Hope (some checks were mailed directly to House of Hope so this amount may have been more). A suggestion was made to have people mark checks/cash that are given to the Women to identify the purpose of the money – funeral donation, etc. It was also suggested to have a separate line item in the budget for donations in an effort to clearly identify what is received. A reminder will also be given to the pastors when they meet with families, to give them the option for donations to First Lutheran Women. Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, to reimburse Audrey Norris and Dawn Planting for expenses incurred for the anti-fatigue mats and Christmas luncheon. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Ruth Quist, seconded by Audrey Norris, to approve the financial report as of 12/31/15 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Faith Messages:

Board members were encouraged to sign up for a month to provide the faith message. Karen Murphy is scheduled in January.

Quilting Ladies Lunches:

The Women's Board is scheduled to serve the quilters in the month of January. Soup, salad, and pie were served on the January 4th. The next luncheon is scheduled on January 18th and volunteers are needed to provide the lunch. Serving time is approximately 2:00 p.m. Bobbie and Janet volunteered to bring bars. Audrey, Corlys, and

Karen volunteered to serve. A suggestion was made to date and label food items brought in to assist in knowing when to throw out or use by.

Prairie Home Hospice Charity Ball Donation

Discussion was held regarding the consideration of making a donation to the annual Prairie Home Hospice Charity Ball. Last year, the quilter's gave a \$100.00 donation which Hospice was very appreciative of and are asking if we would be willing to donate again this year. If so, donations are due by February 1st. Motion by Corlys Knudson, seconded by Audrey Norris, to donate \$100.00 to the annual Prairie Home Hospice Charity Ball. Discussion followed regarding annual charity donations, the amount of funds available for donations, the purpose of First Lutheran Women, and duplication of giving to the same agencies within the church. Due to concerns, expressed, President Murphy asked Corlys to reconsider the motion and table it to next month after more investigation into funds and suggestions for annual charity giving contributions are finalized. Motion was tabled to the March/April board of directors meeting to give the charity committee time to research and discuss what and who to give to.

BOLD Women's Weekend

BOLD Women's Weekend is scheduled on January 30-31, 2016. A template used to schedule volunteers to serve that weekend was provided. President Murphy asked for assistance in planning as she will not be able to attend. Shirley Bruns and DeAnna Zimmer volunteered to take the lead in planning the weekend. Melanie Peterson, Church Council President, agreed to provide the sermon. Suggestions were made to have the quilters set up a display in the narthex and to have all women stand up and be recognized altogether at each service.

Announcements:

Thank you's were read from Ken Wager for the prayer shawl and from the Bartz and Violet Johnson families for kindness and compassion shown to their families.

The Annual Shetek Quilt Auction fundraiser is scheduled on June 24-25, 2016. Discussion was held regarding possible donations. It was noted that donations do not have to be a quilt, it can be any hand crafted item, gift baskets, etc. It was suggested to ask each Circle for their input and have each of them make a donation, if possible, by April 1st.

A question was asked by the custodian, if an anti-fatigue mat was going to be purchased for in front of the dishwasher. It was suggested to have property/management consider ordering this and not the Women.

The annual kitchen cleaning will be held after Easter.

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors is scheduled on February 3, 2016, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

Motion by Pam Larsen, seconded by Sue DeSaer, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary