

First Lutheran Church (FLC), Marshall, MN
Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors Meeting
5/4/16– 5:15 pm – First Lutheran Church

Members Present: Corlys Knudson, Bobbie Carmody, Ruth Quist, Shirley Bruns, DeAnna Zimmer, Sue DeSaer, Karen Murphy, Marissa Kunde, Pam Neet, Kim Christianson, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Erin Moline, Dawn Planting, Audrey Norris

Members Absent: Janet Landby, Pam Larsen

Call to Order

Karen Murphy, President, called the Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors' meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Devotion – Pam Neet provided the devotion honoring Moms and the innocence of children. As we grow up, we need to regain the childlike perspective we once had with our mothers and our Creator as He treasured us since the day we were born, tossing away our hurts, and comes to us with humbleness and love.

Agenda Approval

Motion by Dawn Planting, seconded by Corlys Knudson, to approve the agenda with the addition of Kitchen Use Checklist and Gift for Graduating Seniors. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 6, 2016 Board of Director's meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Financial Report

The financial report as of 4/30/16 was reviewed with current balances for checking at \$1,829.43 and savings at \$13,885.16. There was no activity in the quilter's budget. The monies received from quilt sales will be placed in the Women's savings account and will be listed as designated for the kitchen remodel project. Motion by DeAnna Zimmer, seconded by Audrey Norris, to approve the Financial Report as of 4/30/16 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

April 23rd Prairie Spring Conference Gathering

The Prairie Spring Conference Gathering was held on April 23rd at the Ruthton Community Center with approximately 65 people in attendance. The keynote was Laughter is the Best Medicine and focused on humor – taking time to think, play, read, worship, friends, love, dream, share, and laugh. The gathering also promoted the Triennial Gathering scheduled on July 13-16, 2017 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. It was also noted that First Lutheran Women will be serving coffee on October 1st at the Fall meeting in Hanley Falls.

April Church Council Report

Karen provided an update from the recent Church Council meeting which included the church's focus on hospitality and reaching out to new people; the treasurer will be implementing a new format for reporting; a new van has been purchased; kitchen work group progress; Irene Timm scholarships; new member Sunday scheduled on June 5th and June 12th; and the annual Twins game scheduled on July 27th.

Ascension Day Brunch

The Ascension Day Brunch is scheduled on May 5th at Hope Lutheran in Minneota from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Approximately seven women will be attending.

SW MN WELCA Synod Gathering:

The Southwest MN Synod Gathering is scheduled on June 17-18th at Vinge Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN. The conference will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, the 17th and 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 on Saturday, the 18th. The theme is "And the World is About to Turn" with Jerrid Sebesta, story teller, presenting on how to evoke change in people's

lives. In kind offerings will be collected with 50% given to ELCA church wide, 25% towards Phebe Hospital – Liberia – to switch to solar energy instead of electricity, and 25% to young adults in global mission. Housing options are available so make your reservations early. The cost for the gathering is \$75.00 for one or both days. Dawn Planting will be First Lutheran Women's delegate.

Quilting Update:

Dawn reported a couple of new people have joined quilting, one being a young gal (13 years old) which helped in sewing blocks together; the other being a lady who has been quilting at her church for years. Younger gals will continued to be encouraged to help over the summer. A quilt/prayer shawl will be donated to the quilt auction in June and mission quilts are currently being made and also other quilts which will be sold with donations going to the kitchen remodel project.

Silent Auction Baskets

Each Circle will be donating a basket to the Shetek Quilt Auction scheduled in late June. Baskets are due to the church office by May 18th. Deb Mitlyng will pick up and deliver. Each basket will need a card identifying them from First Lutheran.

Funeral Committee

A funeral is scheduled on May 7th with approximately 100 people expected to attend. The policy is coffee/water/cupcakes/condiments are provided for members as well as non-members by First Lutheran Women. Callers contact the membership and ask if they are able to work, make a \$5.00 donation, or provide cupcakes.

Kitchen Cleaning Report

The kitchen cleaning/inventory went well with missing items consisting of jelly roll pans and metal mixing bowls. It was also noted that we are 30 short on dinner plates. Audrey will check with Maxwell's on the cost to replace the jelly roll pans and metal mixing bowls.

Kitchen Checklist

A checklist will be developed for members who rent the kitchen/fellowship hall for events. Audrey and Shirley will continue to work on developing this checklist. Karen will bring to the Church Council and report on the concern of how the kitchen/fellowship hall is left after being utilized.

Summer Bible Study

Karen will check with Pastor Julie to see if she would be interested in heading up the summer bible studies, tentatively scheduled the 2nd Wednesday of the month over lunch, with the study being from the Gather Magazine.

Summer Retreat

Discussion was held regarding the annual Summer Retreat. Instead of hosting in July, it was suggested to coordinate the Retreat in conjunction with Shetek's Women's Retreat scheduled in September in celebration of their anniversary. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Ruth Quist, to hold the First Lutheran's Women's summer retreat in conjunction with Shetek's Annual Women's Retreat scheduled in September, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Year's Officers and Board Members

Current board members and their terms were reviewed. The Board continues to have a Vice President vacancy, which doesn't have to move up to the president role but is encouraged to do so. Dawn presented research on how to organize a unit which identifies officer roles with the rest of the unit being a board at large with no set committee assignments. Duties of the at large board members are matched up with specific jobs they like to do – i.e., church council meetings, publicity, circle person contact, Christmas Committee, conventions/gatherings. A board member would be in charge of a certain area, ask for help from the committee at large, and then report back to the President, who then holds the meeting. Dawn will send out the proposed research to the Board for

review, with specific areas of service needing to be identified, if the board chooses to implement this new policy moving forward.

Kitchen Remodel Committee

No report was provided as the committee has not met.

Additions

Gifts for Graduating Seniors

Motion by Audrey Norris, seconded by Shirley Anderson Porisch, to provide a gift to graduating seniors from First Lutheran Women. Motion passed unanimously. Gifts will be handed out at the Baccalaureate Service on May 15th.

Fundraising Ideas

In an effort to contribute to the kitchen remodel project, additional fundraising needs to be done. Ideas for fundraising included Pizza Ranch, Perkins, and a bakeless bake sale.

Other

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors is scheduled on June 1, 2016, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room. Shirley Anderson-Porisch is scheduled for the devotion and Kim Christianson is scheduled to provide the faith message.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary