

First Lutheran Church (FLC), Marshall, MN
Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors Meeting
11/4/15– 5:15 pm – First Lutheran Church

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

Members Absent: Shirley Bruns, DeAnna Zimmer, Janet Landby, Kim Christianson, Pam Neet

Guest: Pastor Julie McCain

Call to Order:

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

Devotion – Dawn Planting provided the devotion on being blessed with family, friends, church and our holy hands which welcome, comfort, shelter, pray, encourage, refresh, and remind all whom they touch are precious and holy too.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Corlys Knudson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the October 7, 2015 Board of Director's meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Financial Report:

The financial report as of 10/30/15 was accepted as presented with current balances for checking at \$359.76, Quilter's checking at \$547.97, and savings at \$13,883.08. A suggestion was made regarding memorials received that are not earmarked for a specific area, be given to the Women, to apply towards future costs of funeral lunch expenses for families that are not able to make a donation. Also noted was Erin Molin needed to be reimbursed for expenses (\$72.92) she incurred for the TLC Supper held on October 28th.

Committee Reports:

- **Bingo** at Morningside Heights was held on October 13th with approximately 4-5 women assisting residents with Bingo.
- The **TLC Supper** held on October 28th went very well with 125 people served, which is an increase from last year.
- A **General Meeting** was held on November 1st with approximately 12 people in attendance. Areas discussed included upcoming activities and the continuation of monthly faith messages. A thank you was extended to Connie Kimpling from Esther's Circle for providing the refreshments.
- **Giving Trees** have been set up in the Narthex. A thank you was extended to Sue DeSaer for the setup of the giving tree and temple talks provided at services. Monies raised will be given to House of Hope. The Heart to Heart Tree is also set up. Shirley Anderson-Porisch indicated she has an angel that she will donate for the tree.
- The **Annual Women's Christmas Luncheon** is scheduled on Saturday, December 5th. The Planning Committee met and reported a lunch will be served beginning at noon with women from First Lutheran Church and St. Stephen's being invited. Jett Skrein is scheduled to be the main speaker and will provide a magic show with the theme of the luncheon being "Christmas Magic". Special music will also be provided. Scalloped Potatoes and Ham will be served (family style) with a salad and dessert. The fellowship hall will be setup so all can see and hear. Ticket sellers are needed between services with tickets being distributed to board members to also sell. The cost of the lunch will be \$10.00/person with approximately 80-100 people expected to attend.
- The **Birthday Party for Jesus** may be held in January due to the month of December being so busy.

Old Business

Bible Study Help for Circles – it was asked if people are in need of help planning a lesson. Due to the Gather Magazine having a leader guide, no help is necessary.

Faith Messages – Feedback was received at the Women's General Meeting and also Circles with the consensus being people do read and enjoy receiving the monthly faith messages and would like to see them continued. Because of this, more volunteers are needed to write them. A sign-up sheet will be distributed at the December meeting. A reminder was made that a person doesn't have to write their own, that it can be a devotion that one has heard or read that can be passed along and shared.

- It was noted Sandy Jerzak, keynote speaker at the Spring meeting, did not cash the check given to her for presenting. A special thank you was extended to Sandy for her kindness.

New Business

Tickets for Christmas Luncheon – Tickets will be mailed to each board member to sell. A sign-up sheet for selling in between services was also distributed.

Anti-Fatigue Mats for Kitchen – Discussion was held regarding the new anti-fatigue mat purchased for the kitchen. Feedback on the mat has been very positive with ladies feeling it does make a difference as feet did not hurt as much and they didn't get as tired. The cost of the mat was \$57.00 with the question of should more be purchased being raised. Motion by Ruth Quist, seconded by Dawn Planting, to purchase three additional anti-fatigue mats for the kitchen. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Pam Larsen, to reimburse Audrey Norris for the mat already purchased and currently being used in the kitchen. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

-- Karen Murphy distributed information from the Communicator on mission growth, mission community, and mission action activities.

-- Corlys Knudson will provide the devotion at the December board meeting.

-- Nominations are being taken for SW MN voting members to the Church-wide Triennial Convention to be held in Minneapolis, MN on July 11-13, 2017. Nomination forms are due December 1, 2015. If interested, please let Karen know.

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors is scheduled on December 2, 2015, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

Motion by Dawn Planting, seconded by Sue DeSaer, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary