

**First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting  
October 4, 2017 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

**Present:** Karen Murphy, Ruth Quist, Shirley Bruns, Dawn Planting, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Corlys Knudson, Bobbie Carmody, Kim Christianson, Sue DeSaer, Erin Moline, Pam Russell, DeAnna Zimmer

**Absent:** Audrey Norris, Janet Landby, Pam Larsen

**Call to Order**

Dawn Planting, Co-President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

**Agenda Approval:**

Motion by Karen Murphy, seconded by DeAnna Zimmer, to approve the agenda with the addition of Kitchen Purchase under Kitchen Report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Devotions/Prayer:**

Shirley Anderson-Porisch commented on the beautiful funeral service for Marge Sorenson and shared the program/obituary with the Board. Blessed be Marge's memory and for her 25 years of service coordinating funeral lunches. Also shared were bible verses – Psalm 23; James 1:2-4; and 1 Peter 1:16 which reference facing trials in this world – death/terrorism, etc. and how faith produces perseverance when we suffer grief.

**Secretary's Report**

Motion by Ruth Quist, seconded by Sue DeSaer, to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Current balances as of 9/30/17 were reviewed with Quilters at \$593.97; Savings at \$16,076.38; and Checking at \$3,607.53. Invoices were paid to Variety Foods for paper products and to Hy-Vee for cupcakes out of the general checking account. Also reviewed were designated and undesignated amounts for all funds. A proposed budget was prepared listing revenues and expenditures from October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018 and also by quarters. It was recommended the Board review the format and bring back suggestions or changes. It was also noted according to the First Lutheran Women bylaws, the treasurer is able to pay for any invoices under \$100.00 without Board approval. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Erin Moline, to approve the treasurer's report as of 9/30/17 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Kitchen Report**

Kitchen cleaning tasks will be presented to the Church Council at their next meeting.

A Kitchen Update Committee is being formed with volunteers being needed to serve. The purpose of the committee is to establish a vision and determine needs and wants. Dawn Planting and Corlys Knudson volunteered to serve. A suggestion was made to also ask Denise Dulas and Kathy Brandt to serve on the committee. If anyone else would like to serve, or know of anyone else who would be willing to serve, please contact Corlys or Dawn.

Kitchen Purchase – Shirley Anderson-Porisch indicated she purchased slotted spoons (2 with long handles and (4) with short handles and turned the receipt into the treasurer for payment in the amount of \$10.00. Shirley also rearranged the cupboard where bowls are stored and shared there is not a need to purchase additional bowls and also mentioned the wedding closet is still in need of being cleaned out.

### **Quilting**

Quilting is going great. A selection of quilts will be put out on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Gathering and Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with 100% of the proceeds going to the Lutheran disaster relief fund. Checks should be made out to Lutheran Disaster Response and indicate on the memo line U.S. Hurricane Response.

### **Funeral**

Funerals are scheduled on October 8<sup>th</sup> for Duane Warnke; October 9<sup>th</sup> for Warren Saetre; and on October 20<sup>th</sup> for Margaret Miller.

### **Circles**

Christian Care lists will be distributed to circle leaders for members who are 85 and older.

### **Church Council Report**

A report from the recent council meeting was provided and included updates on Rally Day; the parking lot project is complete with necessary funds being received; the MAP profile will begin soon; the balance of the wedding fund was moved to the technical fund; Rosie Sorum is being recognized for 48 years of service as an organist; youth fundraisers are scheduled; Belgian Waffle Sunday is scheduled; nursery staff needs; and God's Work Our Hands is scheduled on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Prairie Conference Report**

Karen reported the conference invested monies for people to attend the Triennial and the budget is currently very slim.

### **Synod Report**

Kim shared the Fall News and Notes from the SW MN Synodical WELCA. Areas reviewed included the upcoming 31<sup>st</sup> SW MN Synod Convention is scheduled on June 29-30 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud; food packaging events will be held throughout 2018 at various locations in SW MN. The Phoebe Hospital Project has been finished with a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled in November with fundraising for the Curran Hospital and Nursing School being the next challenge; In-kind offerings for 2018 will be personal care kits and in 2019 the focus will be school kits; and First Lutheran was asked to consider hosting the 2019 convention in June of 2019.

### **Rally Day**

Comments were shared regarding coffee service provided on Rally Day. A limited number of people took coffee before and after the service and there seemed to be some confusion on lunch being served in the parking lot and who was going to provide juice. Shirley indicated she will follow up with Kitsi and provide a written summary regarding coffee service.

### **Christmas Gathering**

The Annual Christmas Gathering is scheduled on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00-12:00 p.m. Kim indicated she would be willing to chair the planning committee. Other board members (Shirley A.P., Sue, DeAnna, Bobbie) also indicated they would be willing to serve on the planning committee.

### **New Business**

**TLC Meal** – The Board is scheduled to serve the TLC Supper on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Tator Tot Hotdish, ice cream, dinner rolls, and milk will be served. A suggestion was made to also provide fruit and/or vegetables. It was the consensus of the Board to provide apples. Karen, Dawn, DeAnna, Shirley A.P., Corlys, Erin, and Sue indicated they will be able to help serve and will be at the church at 5:00 p.m.

**Heart to Heart/Giving Tree** – Due to the recent requests being made of the congregation for the parking lot project, a suggestion was made to consider moving the Giving Tree to March but keep the Heart to Heart project as scheduled. Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by Kim Christensen, to move the Giving Tree Project to March as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Sue, DeAnna, and Erin will coordinate the Heart to Heart project with

setup to take place in early November.

**Conference Gathering – October 7<sup>th</sup>** – First Lutheran will be hosting the Prairie Conference Gathering on October 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 a.m. with 50-60 people expected to attend. Pastor Linda Lagergren is the scheduled speaker on the Underground Railroad. Registration cost is \$10.00. First Lutheran is responsible for providing coffee and lunch which will be soups, breads, apples, jellyrolls. The following people volunteered to help the day of: Registration – Ruth/Karen; Ushers/Greeters– Kim/Pam/Bobbie/Shirley A.P.; Kitchen – Shirley A.P./Dawn/Corlys/Karen/Kim; Communion Assistant – Ruth. Cleaning of rooms will take place on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and set up will take place on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Reorganization** – It was suggested to form a committee to develop a proposal for re-organizing of the women's group. Shirley shared a time and talent form which could be incorporated with the church time and talent list. Pam will bring forth this form to the Stewardship Committee to discuss. Pam was thanked for her work and initiative in developing the help wanted ad for new board members.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 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