

**First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting  
February 7, 2018 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

**Present:** Karen Murphy, Ruth Quist, Shirley Bruns, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Corlys Knudson, Bobbie Carmody, Erin Moline, Pam Russell, DeAnna Zimmer

**Absent:** Dawn Planting, Kim Christianson, Sue DeSaer

**Call to Order**

Corlys Knudson, Co-President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**Agenda Approval:**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

**Devotions:**

Pam Russell provided the devotion on confidence and having a strong faith in God and with God's help you can do anything. When you replace your fears with confidence anything is possible with the Lord's help!

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the November 29, 2017 First Lutheran Women's Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

Fund balances as of 2/7/18 were reviewed with Quilting at \$593.97; Savings at \$16,085.05; and Checking at \$3,374.05. A statement was received from Hy-Vee for pickle spears which was for the Women. It was suggested to have Hy-Vee indicate on the statements/invoices what they are for, i.e. cupcakes for funerals, etc. to eliminate confusion. Thank you notes were also shared for donations given from United Community Action, Heart to Heart, students who received quilts, and Shetek Lutheran Ministries. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**Kitchen Report**

The last order of pickles came in cans vs. jars. For the next order, it will be requested to have them in jars. In the meantime, it was asked to not throw away jars that are currently in the kitchen.

**Quilting Report**

The Annual Appreciation Soup Luncheon will be served on February 19 and Esther Circle is scheduled to serve lunch on March 19.

**Funeral Committee Report**

Shirley Anderson-Porisch reported they are waiting on responses from individuals who expressed interest in helping with the funeral ministry. It was also reported three funerals were held since the last board meeting with approximately 85-100 people being served at each funeral. Discussion followed regarding what type of dishes to use when serving the luncheons. The current process is to use regular dishes; however, it becomes very labor intensive and the current dishwasher is not heating up properly. The Board was asked their thoughts on using paper plates for serving in an effort to streamline the existing process. After discussion, it was suggested to ask the family what their preference is, paper or regular plates. Shirley also reported a temple talk will be planned in the future for the annual funeral/kitchen ministry donation of \$10.00.

### **Circles**

Circles continue to meet as scheduled.

### **Council Report**

A report on the Christmas Tea and BOLD Women's Weekend was provided at the last Council meeting.

### **Synod Report**

A written report was shared from Kim on the Christmas Tea. Overall expenses totaled \$400.00 after an \$86.00 donation, and came in under the budgeted amount of \$478.00. Suggestions for next year include plan for 70 tickets, print less flyers, and continue to write the person's name on the back of each ticket. Overall the Tea went very well with a nice tribute being made to Marge Sorenson.

### **Church Wide Report**

Sara Larson shared via email information from the ELCA Task Force on women and justice and is wondering if this is something we would consider to circulate at First Lutheran and or have an open forum and group discussion on. It was suggested to invite Sara or Bruce Berg to the next Women's Board meeting to discuss further.

### **Giving Tree Project**

An email was shared from Sue DeSaer suggesting this year's Giving Tree Project run from February 24-March 25. Options for the project included New Horizon's Crisis Center, Hope Harbor, or Better Together. An electronic motion was made by Sue DeSaer, to have this year's Giving Tree Project be Better Together beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> and ending March 25<sup>th</sup>, a second was made by Shirley Anderson-Porisch. Motion passed unanimously. Sue DeSaer and Erin Moline will work together on getting the tree displayed, a temple talk scheduled, and communications placed in the bulletin and March newsletter.

### **Other**

BOLD Women Weekend went very well with great music and a great message being provided. Over 50 women participated and it was very inspirational!

The Spring Gathering of the Prairie Conference Women of the ELCA is at Sillerud Lutheran Church in Balaton on April 21, 2018. The theme is "Come Fill Your Cup". Julie Clark Lingen is the speaker. Dawn Planting will be nominated to Mission Action from 2018-2020. The Synodical Convention is scheduled on June 29-30 at Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Cloud. The Theme is "Outlaw Christians". Personal Care Kits will be collected as well as Soles' for Souls. First Lutheran will be responsible for hosting this convention in May of 2019.

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 7, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and blessing – "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other".

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary