

First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2019 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall

Present: Karen Murphy, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Corlys Knudson, Bobbie Carmody, DeAnna Zimmer, Shirley Bruns, Ruth Quist, Kim Christianson

Absent: Dawn Planting, Erin Moline, Sue DeSaer, Pam Russell

Call to Order

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

Devotions:

Ruth Quist provided the devotion on the anticipation of Spring after Winter and to make every day like Spring, celebrating salvation, being intentional to be renewed, and to allow your heart to be filled by God's word.

Agenda Approval

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the January 2, 2019 First Lutheran Women's Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report as of 3/6/19 was reviewed with fund balances for Quilting at \$643.97; Savings at \$18,474.82; and Checking at \$3,428.86. Clarification was made on transfers made from the checking to savings for funerals. Discussion followed on annual funeral ministry donations. It was the consensus of the Board to request 2019 annual funeral donations in April. Information will be put in the April newsletter and bulletin.

BOLD Women Weekend

Many thanks were expressed for the wonderful BOLD Women's worship services held and to the people who organized the services, volunteers, and to Lori Vikesland Obler for preaching. A total of \$365.00 was collected and sent to the National Women of the ELCA.

Valentine Brunch

Due to the inclement weather, the Valentine's Day Brunch was canceled. The keynote did not charge for the event and indicated she would be willing to present another time. Ticket reimbursements were made with many individuals donating the cost of the ticket to the kitchen project. A total of \$353.50 was received.

Church Council Report

The Church Council approved scheduling a congregational meeting regarding the kitchen project. If the congregation is in favor of the project, fundraising will begin. The meeting will be scheduled in April.

Prairie Home Hospice & Community Care Charity Ball

A request was made for a donation to the annual Prairie Home Hospice and Community Care Charity Ball scheduled on April 16, 2019. In 2018, the First Lutheran Women donated \$100.00 and quilts were donated in previous years. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Karen Murphy, to donate \$100.00 to the 2019 Prairie Home Hospice Charity Ball. Motion passed unanimously.

Prairie Conference Spring Gathering

The Prairie Conference Women Spring Gathering is scheduled on April 6 at Grace First in Russell, MN. The fee to attend is \$10.00 per person. Final details for driving arrangements and attendance will be determined at the April 3 Women's board meeting. The Fall Gathering will be held on October 5 at Our Savior's in Canby, MN.

Southwest MN Women's Synodical Convention

The 32nd Southwestern MN Synodical Convention is scheduled on May 3-4, 2019 at First Lutheran Church! A publicity packet is available online at www.swmnwelca.org and will be emailed out to all women of First Lutheran Church. The theme is Embraced by the Winds of Grace with in-kind offerings of school kits for Lutheran World Relief, Christian Literature, and Hope Harbor being accepted. Katie's Cans will also be placed on dining room tables for loose change offerings (First Lutheran Women will determine conference offerings/donations at its April 3 board meeting). Speakers/entertainment include Jett Skrien, Lydia Davila – Churchwide representative, Cindy McKittrick – Hope Harbor, and Hallelujah Hooligans of Baltic SD. Conference registrations are due by April 13. Scholarships are also available for first time convention visitors with applications due April 6.

One voting member from each unit is allowed at the convention. Voting members will attend Friday and will be seated at tables and grouped by their conference. On Saturday, the voting members will be seated together towards the front of the Sanctuary and grouped by conferences. The registration fee of \$65.00 will be paid by each unit. DeAnna Zimmer volunteered to be First Lutheran's Women of the ELCA voting member.

Discussion followed on what role First Lutheran Women can provide as hosts. Suggestions included providing decorations, snacks/water, monitor the kitchen, and to wear nametags and First Lutheran apparel.

The next meeting of the FLW Board of Directors is scheduled on Wednesday, April 3 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary