

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

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

Absent: Erin Moline, Pam Russell

Call to Order

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

Devotions:

Ruth Quist provided the devotion on John 6:12 and how God gathers the pieces of our lives and stitches them together just like in a quilt, it is quilted with love, and has many pieces. With God's handiwork, our life is not limited to just one square, it's a pattern of variety.

Agenda Approval:

Sara Larson was not able to attend and will be rescheduled to the April 4th board meeting to present on the Social Statement on Women and Justice. Kim indicated she will email the statement out to the board members for review. Information was also shared on Live Generously, Live Happier: Lessons from the Generosity Project scheduled on March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the SMSU Conference Center. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the February 7, 2018 First Lutheran Women's Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report as of 2/28/18 was reviewed with fund balances for Quilting at \$593.97; Savings at \$16,087.02; and Checking at \$3,487.72. The report was accepted as presented.

Kitchen Report

The dishwasher has been fixed by Warner Electric.

Quilting Report

The next date for quilting is scheduled on March 19th. A monetary donation will be given to the Annual Hospice Ball since all quilts haven been given away.

Funeral Committee Report

Envelopes for annual funeral donations have been placed in a basket in the Narthex. Communications regarding the donation have been placed in the Parish Visitor, bulletins, and will also be included in the monthly First Lutheran Women ENews. It was also suggested to have Becky send out an email to the whole congregation.

Circles

Circles continue to meet as scheduled.

Council Report

A report from the February 13th Church Council meeting/retreat was provided and included the process of calling a new pastor with Kathryn Skogland from the Synod office meeting with the congregation to discuss the process and congregational needs. A report from the Women was provided at the council meeting by Corlys on BOLD Women

Weekend, the Giving Tree Project, Social & Justice Statement, and the upcoming Spring Gathering.

Prairie Conference Report

The Prairie Conference Spring Gathering is scheduled on April 21st at Sillerud Lutheran in Balaton. Corlys indicated she is planning to attend and will take others. The theme is “Come Fill Your Cup” and Julie Clark Lingen is scheduled as the keynote speaker. Dawn Planting will also be nominated at this time to Mission Action from 2018-2020. More information regarding the Gathering will be provided at the April 4th Board meeting and will also be included in the April First Lutheran Women ENews.

Synod Report

The Synodical Convention is scheduled on June 29-30 at Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Cloud. The theme of the convention is “Outlaw Christians” with personal care kits being collected along with Soles’ for Souls – any shoe will be accepted along with new white socks which will be given to shelters. First Lutheran is scheduled to host this event in 2019 on May 3-4 and are encouraging attendance at the June event in St. Cloud. The next Triennial is in Arizona in 2020.

Church Wide Report

Sara Larson is scheduled to present to the Board in April to discuss the draft social statement on women and justice.

Giving Tree Project

Discussion was held on the Better Together food packaging events that are scheduled in July in the communities of Marshall, Morris, and Montevideo. Each event stays in the communities that are sponsoring them. Kim indicated she will gather more information on the events scheduled and will forward to Sue. Information was also shared on other food events that are available in the Marshall community, including Food 4 Kids. It was suggested to table the Giving Tree project discussion to the April board meeting until more information can be provided. A thank you was extended to Sue DeSaer for all of her research on this project.

Other

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 4, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by DeAnna Zimmer, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 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