

**First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 4, 2018 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

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

**Absent:** Erin Moline, Shirley Bruns, DeAnna Zimmer

**Guests:** Pastor Bruce Berg, Sara Larson

**Call to Order**

Corlys Knudson, Co-President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. A warm welcome was extended to guests Bruce Berg and Sara Larson.

**Devotions:**

Pastor Bruce Berg provided the devotion on Doubting Thomas who needed to see proof of the risen Messiah before believing and was fortunate to get that proof by seeing and touching Jesus' side and hands. We don't get the advantage of being able to see and touch Jesus, so have to rely on scripture to believe what the Gospel has written.

**ELCA Statement on Women and Justice**

Pastor Bruce Berg provided a presentation on the Women and Justice Statement and Task Force. Areas reviewed included the purpose of a social statement; history of how the task force was formed; the task force led process; how to become involved; study resources; draft comment period; process builders; and task force membership. Individuals and/or congregations are encouraged to review the draft social statement and provide feedback/comments by September 30, 2018. The Task Force will meet in October to consider feedback and in January 2019 will finalize the proposed social statement. In February 2019 it will be published online and reviewed by conference bishops and in August, 2019 it will be brought to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to consider for adoption.

**Agenda Approval:**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the March 7, 2018 First Lutheran Women's Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by Kim Christianson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report as of 3/31/18 was reviewed with fund balances for Quilting at \$493.97; Savings at \$16,089.76; and Checking at \$4,062.32. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Karen Murphy, to approve the Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2018 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Kitchen Report**

Placemats, gloves, and paper plates were purchased to use for funerals. Families will be asked preference of paper vs. regular plates to be used for serving.

**Quilting Report**

Due to the weather, the quilters have not been able to meet. Discussion is being held regarding the possibility of not meeting in January, February, March or else meet weekly. The Quilters also made a donation of \$100.00 to the Hospice Charity Ball.

### **Funeral Committee Report**

A funeral is scheduled on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Circles**

Circles continue to meet as scheduled.

### **Council Report**

Corlys attended the March 12 Council Meeting and reported out on the Prairie Conference Spring Gathering scheduled on April 21 and the Synodical Convention scheduled in June.

### **Prairie Conference Report**

The Prairie Conference Spring Gathering is scheduled on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Sillerud Lutheran in Balaton. Please contact Corlys if you are interested in attending and carpooling. The cost to attend is \$10.00. Discussion was held regarding the in-kind offering. Items being collected are for Shetek Lutheran Ministries and include puzzles, games, reams of paper, dry erase markers, regular markers, box fans, bath towels, and money for planning Spring flowers at Shetek. Kim volunteered to set up a table in the Narthex for items to be collected and information will also be placed in the bulletin.

### **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". Scholarships are available to those who have not attended in previous years with registrations being accepted online. In-kind offerings include personal care kits and Soles' for Souls - any shoe will be accepted along with new white socks which will be given to shelters. It was suggested to visit with individual Circles to see if they would like to contribute to the offering and Sara Larson indicated her confirmation class will make a shoe box to place the items in. More information regarding the Convention and in-kind offering will be placed in a future bulletin.

### **Church Wide Report**

First Lutheran Women are so thankful for Sara Larson and her representation to the Churchwide Executive Board. The next Churchwide meeting is scheduled on April 21.

### **Giving Tree Project**

Sue provided an update on Better Together Events scheduled on June 8 in Redwood Falls and July 10 in Montevideo. The event scheduled in Marshall has been canceled. It was asked of the Board if they would like to sponsor the June 8 event in Redwood Falls either through monetary donations or have people work 2-hour shifts. Another possible suggestion was to have the Giving Tree project be the in-kind offering for the June Synodical Convention. It was the consensus of the Board to have the annual Giving Tree Project be coordinating the in-kind offering for the June Synodical Convention in St. Cloud. Sara Larson's confirmation class will make the shoe box for the shoe collection and advertising for collection of the in kind offering will begin in May.

### **Other**

Discussion was held regarding purchasing a gift for Audrey Norris for her years of service on the Board. Motion by Dawn Planting, seconded by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, to purchase a \$25.00 gift certificate from Southwest Tour and Travel for Audrey Norris. Motion passed unanimously. Audrey will be invited to the May 2 board meeting and will be presented with the gift with salads/dessert being provided. It was also suggested to put a slide show together of Audrey and project on the screens prior to worship.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 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