

**First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting  
May 2, 2018 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

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

**Absent:** Erin Moline, Shirley Bruns, Pam Russell

**Guests:** Audrey Norris

**Call to Order**

Dawn Planting, Co-President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. A warm welcome was extended to special guest Audrey Norris.

**Devotions:**

Corlys Knudson provided the devotion on how we are all a part of the body of Christ and need to be in Jesus. We need to lean on one another and build each other up through kindness, which mirrors the sacrificial love Jesus has for us. There is much strength found in many and weakness in one.

**Agenda Approval:**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the April 4, 2018 First Lutheran Women's Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report as of 4/30/18 was reviewed with fund balances for Quilting at \$493.97; Savings at \$16,089.76; and Checking at \$4,302.13. Motion by Karen Murphy, seconded by Kim Christianson, to approve the Treasurer's report as of April 30, 2018 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Kitchen Report**

Comments were made regarding the need to form a committee for the kitchen remodel project. Discussions have taken place at the Executive Committee regarding the use of the kitchen and how it should be remodeled. To continue discussions regarding the project, it is being recommended that a First Lutheran Women Kitchen Committee be formed to get the remodel process started. It was also noted to be respectful of the donations received for the project as monies were donated specifically for this purpose. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact Dawn.

**Quilting Report**

The quilters are scheduled to meet on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Funeral Committee Report**

No funerals were recently held and it was noted funeral donations should be placed in the offering plate or church office.

**Circles**

Circle studies are wrapping up for the year. It was suggested to ask members of each circle if they plan on continuing to attend next Fall.

### **Council Report**

Dawn provided a report from the recent Council meeting with an update being made on the call process with consideration being made to hire an interim; organ needs and repairs and a special drive being done for funding; the Stewardship Committee is working on new ways to encourage members to be good stewards; and the purchase of AEDs/defibrillators. The Council will be purchasing one and the recommendation is to have 2. Discussion was held if FLW would consider purchasing the 2<sup>nd</sup> AED. It was the consensus of the Board to wait at this time.

### **Prairie Conference Report**

The Prairie Conference Spring Gathering was held on April 21 in Balaton with nine women attending. The keynote speaker was very inspirational and motivational. It was suggested to possibly have her for the Christmas Tea. Other items of business included Dawn Planting became a Board member, Karen Murphy will continue as Treasurer, and information on the Shetek Quilt Auction and Women's Retreat will be posted in the Narthex.

### **Church Wide Report**

Board members were encouraged to visit the Churchwide and Southwest Synod websites. Sara Larson is now writing for the Churchwide site. The churchwide website is [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org).

### **Synodical Convention**

Registrations are now being accepted online or by mail for the Synodical Convention scheduled on June 29-30 at Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Cloud. Conference and registration information will be placed in the Narthex, the monthly newsletter, bulletin, monthly ENews, and a temple talk will be given. The cost to attend is \$80 for two days and \$50 for one day with scholarships available to those who have not attended in the past. The in-kind offering will be Soles 4 Souls along with white socks and lip balm for the Veterans Home in St. Cloud. Thanks to the youth for making the giant shoe collection box! Discussion was held regarding the monetary donation to be given. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Ruth Quist, to give a \$150.00 monetary donation to the Convention. Motion passed unanimously. A voting delegate for the convention also needs to be selected. It was the consensus of the Board to select Shirley Anderson-Porisch as the FLW voting delegate, with registration for the convention being paid by FLW.

### **Recruitment**

Current board members were asked to write up a specific job description of what they do for the Board prior to the next meeting in June. Once the information is compiled, needs will be addressed, and it will be determined how we will proceed in the future. A suggestion was made to bring a guest to an upcoming board meeting and to also have each board member bring 3 names to consider for potential new membership.

### **Constitution**

It was suggested to review and update the existing FLW Constitution and Bylaws. A small committee (Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Corlys Knudson, Bobbie Carmody) will meet and review over the Summer.

### **Other**

Discussion was held regarding purchasing gifts for high school graduates. Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by DeAnna Zimmer, to give two pocket crosses to the graduates, one to keep for themselves and one to share with someone else. Motion passed unanimously. Ruth Quist will contact the individual who makes the crosses, Shirley A.P. will select a saying to be printed on the cross, and Dawn will get bags to place the crosses in. The gift will be given to graduates at the Baccalaureate service on May 27. A suggestion for a saying is "No matter what happens in life, remember to bring it to the cross. He is always with you."

Board members were asked to think of summer bible study opportunities. One possible idea is Shalom Hill. Dawn will contact them and see what days are available.

Dawn shared Prayers for Tuesdays at Two, encouraging all to keep praying always and whenever – morning, noon, and night, and especially on Tuesday at two o'clock.

The Ascension Day Brunch is scheduled in Minneota on May 10. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex. Please encourage people to attend.

Audrey Norris was thanked and presented with a gift card for her many years of service and dedication to the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors.

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 6, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 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