

**First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting  
September 6, 2017 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

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

**Absent:** Audrey Norris, DeAnna Zimmer, Janet Landby, Pam Larsen

**Guest:** Sara Larson

**Call to Order**

Karen Murphy, President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

**Devotions/Prayer:**

Karen Murphy provided a devotion on Psalm 120:1 – call on the Lord in distress and he will answer you. Take hold of his hand and our fears will vanish.

**Agenda Approval:**

Motion by Ruth Quist, seconded by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the August 2, 2017 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

A thank you received from the family of Mabel Grong was shared and a Hy-Vee bill from August 5<sup>th</sup> for \$79.84 was presented for payment. Motion by Corlys Knudson, seconded by Kim Christianson, to approve payment to Hy-Vee for \$79.84 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Special Request**

Sara Larson was present and provided information on her background, involvement, and leadership in the WELCA, most recently being elected as an at-large member for the national WELCA Board of Directors. Also shared was a video from the recent national conference attended. In an effort to develop skills as an effective leader, Sara is requesting financial assistance to offset expenses for upcoming leadership classes she will be participating in. Expenses include \$250.00 for the class and \$150.00 for travel expenses (lodging/meals/mileage). Questions and comments followed and current fund balances of the women's accounts were provided as of 8/31/17 - \$593.97 in quilters; \$16,474.24 in savings; \$3,598.34 in checking. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Kim Christianson, to provide financial assistance to Sara Larson in the amount of \$400.00 to assist in covering costs of leadership development classes as presented. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Corlys Knudson, to amend the motion to include monies will be taken from the women's savings account. Motion passed unanimously.

**Kitchen Report**

Kitchen signs are ready to be put up and it was also mentioned it would be a good idea to clean the wedding closet and reorganize it.

**Funeral**

The funeral of Margaret Miller is scheduled on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Quilting**

Quilts will be displayed and for sale at the Fall Gathering on October 7<sup>th</sup> and will also be set out on Sunday with donations going to the Red Cross for hurricane victims.

### **First Lutheran Women's Ministry Program**

A draft copy of the Women's Ministry Program was distributed and reviewed. Programs will also be shared and reviewed at upcoming circle meetings. Please contact Dawn of any changes or updates. Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by Erin Moline, to approve the 2017-18 First Lutheran Women's Ministry Program as presented. Motion passed unanimously. A special thank you was given to Corlys Knudson and Dawn Planting for developing the Program.

### **Rally Sunday**

The Women are in charge of providing paper products and serving coffee for Rally Sunday. Volunteers are needed to serve coffee. Sue DeSaer, Bobbie Carmody, and Shirley Anderson-Porisch indicated they will serve coffee and Ruth Quist indicated she will set out paper products for lunch.

### **New Member Meet and Greet**

The new member meet and greet is scheduled on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Shirley Anderson-Porisch indicated she will attend on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Prairie Conference Fall Gathering**

The Prairie Conference Fall Gathering is scheduled on October 7<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran Church in Marshall. The theme is "Going Forth" with breakout sessions for WELCA officers and the keynote being "Underground Railroad" by Pastor Linda Lagergren. Since First Lutheran is hosting, volunteers are needed for registration, greeting, ushers, communion assistant, kitchen, and cleanup. The cost of registration is \$10.00 and the in-kind offering is food and paper products for the kitchen table food shelf.

### **God's Work our Hands**

God's Work our Hands is scheduled on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Fleece blankets will be made for cancer awareness and treatment. Everyone was encouraged to participate. Contact Pastor Julie for more information.

### **TLC Supper**

The Women are scheduled to provide the TLC supper on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Erin Moline will organize the meal – thank you Erin! It was the consensus of the Board to have the same menu in year's past – Tator Tot Hotdish. It was also suggested to contact Tonya regarding how many to plan for.

### **BOLD Women Weekend**

BOLD Women Weekend will be scheduled on January 27-28, 2018.

### **New Board Member Ad**

A draft ad for new board members was reviewed. Thank you, Pam, for all of your work on this project! Discussion was held on how to distribute the ad, specify what it is we do, and emphasize being project based and not "Board". Comments were made regarding how several churches are in transition and having the same experiences. Additional resources and information on board reorganization can also be found on the WELCA website.

Karen Murphy was thanked for her leadership and commitment as the President of First Lutheran Women of the ELCA. It was asked if anyone would be interested in taking the leadership role. Corlys Knudson and Dawn Planting indicated they would be willing to serve as Co-Chairs. Motion by Pam Russell, seconded by Ruth Quist, to have Corlys Knudson and Dawn Planting serve as Co-Chairs of First Lutheran Women for the 2017-18 year. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Announcements**

It was suggested to visit with Circles regarding board transitioning and also to consider increases in offerings.

The Shetek's Women's Retreat is scheduled on September 8-9, 2017 at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. The theme of the retreat is The Water of Life.

A LifeWay's Abundance event is scheduled on September 29-30, 2017 in Minneapolis.

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and the blessing – *“May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other”*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary