

**First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting
June 7, 2017 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

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

Absent: Shirley Bruns, Kim Christianson, Audrey Norris, Erin Moline, Janet Landby, Pam Larsen

Call to Order

Karen Murphy, President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Devotions/Prayer:

Karen provided a devotion on how in every difficulty God can help us; kindness; taking time to pray; and the story of Mary and Martha.

Agenda Approval

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the May 3rd, 2017 meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report as of 5/31/17 was reviewed with account balances for quilters at \$588.97; Women's savings at \$16,467.60; and Women's checking at \$3,793.45. Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by DeAnna Zimmer, to approve the treasurer's report as of 5/31/17 as presented. Motion passed unanimously. The following bill was presented for payment - \$104.30 from Variety Foods (gloves, foam plates). Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by Dawn Planting, to approve the bill from Variety Foods for payment as presented. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that follow-up will be made with the Church Council regarding the status of separating out monies in the church's general fund for donations First Lutheran Women received and designated for kitchen improvements.

Kitchen Report

Kitchen Use Checklist posters have been laminated and are ready to be posted in the kitchen. Other kitchen signage will also be updated and posted by area. Information regarding the new and updated signage will be placed in the bulletin. The monthly cleaning schedule continues to be developed and will be shared once completed.

Funeral Committee

The funeral for Bonnie Hill was held with approximately 62 being served. It was noted the (ELL-John) serving group is small and more people are needed. Dawn Planting mentioned she would be willing to volunteer. Thanks Dawn!

Quilting

Quilting is going very well and a quilt was sent to Shetek for their annual auction. Esther's Circle also donated two gift baskets.

Triennial Gathering

An update on the Gathering was provided. An informational email regarding the details of the event will be sent out to attendees.

Information was also shared on coloring devotions being made available to conference attendees. A suggestion was made to provide these devotions to all women in the congregation whether they were attending the Gathering or not. Motion by Corlys Knudson, seconded by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, to ask Becky to make copies (20) of each of the color devotions on a weekly basis for a total of five weeks. Women will be encouraged to take a copy in order to reflect and prepare for the Triennial Gathering. Motion passed unanimously. Copies of the devotions will be placed in the Narthex and will also be sent out via email.

Discussion was held regarding the Triennial Gathering offering and what should be considered to give. Suggestions included kits and/or a monetary offering. Motion by Sue DeSaer, seconded by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, to provide a \$200.00 monetary donation to the 10th Annual Triennial Gathering from First Lutheran Women. Motion passed unanimously. Donations will be split between ongoing churchwide ministries and the solar power project for the Phoebe Hospital in Liberia. It was also the consensus of the Board to assemble Days for Girls Hygiene Kits as an in-kind offering. Donations of items, complete kits, or monetary donations to purchase supplies can be made through July 2nd. Information regarding the kits and supplies needed will be put in the bulletin. Thanks to Dawn for organizing this project!

Synod Convention

The Synod Convention was held on Saturday, May 6th, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. The speaker's message was keeping our eyes focused on Jesus and the power of prayer.

Ascension Day Brunch

Approximately 10 people attended the Ascension Day Brunch on Thursday, May 25th at Hope Lutheran in Minneota. The guest Speaker was Pastor Jennifer Thul from Danebod Lutheran Church of Tyler with the message being spreading God's word.

Old Business

Donation to Shetek Quilt Auction

Discussion was held regarding past monetary donations given to the Shetek Quilt Auction. Motion by Ruth Quist, seconded by Pam Russell, to send a monetary gift donation of \$100.00 to the 31st Annual Shetek Quilt Auction. Motion passed unanimously.

Summer Bible Study

A Summer Bible Study is scheduled on Wednesday, August 9th. The location has been reserved with Pastor Julie leading the study. For those who attend and do not have the Gathering Magazine, copies will be provided. The study will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 3:00 p.m. Shirley volunteered to work with Jeff at Hy-Vee on providing lunch.

Want Ad for New Board Members

A draft help wanted ad for new board members was reviewed. Suggested changes were provided. Pam will make revisions and bring back to the Board for review at the next meeting. Thanks to Pam for all of her work on this project!

New Business

Morningside Heights Bingo

First Lutheran Women did not participate in Bingo last year and do not need to this year, unless contacted.

Other

Kim made contact with the individual who speaks on the Lefse Catechism. It was the consensus of the Board to have Kim confirm with him to present at the December 2nd Christmas Program.

The First Lutheran Women Board of Directors will not have a regular Board meeting in July, but will gather on July 5th at 5:15 p.m. to assemble kits and continue work on the help wanted ad for new board members.

The next regular meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

Motion by Pam Russell, seconded by Ruth Quist, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 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