

**Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors Meeting
September 7, 2016 – First Lutheran Church, Marshall**

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

Absent: Janet Landby, DeAnna Zimmer, Pam Neet, Erin Moline

Guest: Sara Larson

Call to Order

Karen Murphy, President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. A special thank you was extended to board members whose terms are expiring and introductions were made.

Agenda Approval

Motion by Shirley Anderson-Porisch, seconded by Ruth Quist, to approve the agenda with the addition of giving tree project, election of treasurer, and kitchen checklist. Motion passed unanimously.

Devotion

The devotion was read from Christ in our Home on who then can be saved and what we have to do to inherit eternal life. We cannot do enough or satisfy the commandments, but anything is possible with God, and what He can do in Christ Jesus as God is in the saving business.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the August 3, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Balances of the checking, savings, and quilters accounts were shared with general checking at \$1,760.42; savings at \$13,886.21; and quilters at \$1,714.97. A thank you was extended to Marissa Kunde for her years of service on the Board. Bills were brought forward from Variety Foods, Nugget Brand, Hy-Vee, and a funeral (due to challenges for the family to cover the cost) for approval. Motion by Shirley Bruns, seconded by Dawn Planting, to approve payment of bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously. A thank you was also shared from the Women of the ELCA for First Lutheran Women's recent donation of 103.00.

Kitchen Report

Audrey reported paper products have been ordered for the fall and that both sliced and speared pickles are available to use. Please let Audrey know if anything else is needed for the kitchen.

The kitchen checklist has been finalized and will be brought forth to the Council for approval. Shirley A.P. will meet with Pastor Scott and Pastor Julie prior to bringing it to the Council.

Funeral Committee Report

Kim and Shirley A.P. will schedule a meeting with Pastor Scott and Pastor Julie to discuss the process used for funerals. Current challenges include calling and finding workers.

Quilting Report

Dollars from Thrivent continue to be used for quilts. Kim volunteered to deliver quilts to Lutheran World Relief in St. Paul.

Publicity/Yearly Booklet

The yearly First Lutheran Women's booklet is currently being revised and updated. Thanks to Dawn for her work on this project.

Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday is scheduled on September 11th. All church committees were assigned a responsibility for the event. The Women are responsible for coffee/water/juice before the service and after and also need to provide cups, napkins, plates for lunch. Shirley A.P., Pam R., Dawn, and Karen volunteered to serve.

Shetek Retreat

The Shetek Women's Retreat is scheduled on September 9-10 and the WELCA Retreat is scheduled on September 16-17 at Shetek. Dawn will check with Becky to see if anyone expressed interest in attending the Women's Retreat.

Quilters Lunch

First Lutheran Women are scheduled to serve at quilting on September 12th and September 19th. Audrey and Sue volunteered to help on the 12th; Karen, Ruth, and Bobbie volunteered on the 19th.

Prairie Conference

The Prairie Conference is scheduled on October 1, 2016 in Hanley Falls. First Lutheran is scheduled to serve morning coffee, juice, refreshments, and provide paper products. It was the consensus of the Board to order muffins from Hy-Vee. Karen will call Hy-Vee and order for 65. The theme of the conference is "Life Can Be a Rainbow – Living in a World of Color". The in kind offering is food shelf items and the cost of registration is \$10.00. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the conference concludes at noon with lunch.

God's Work Our Hands

The church wide project God's Work Our Hands is scheduled on October 9th immediately following the second service. More information will be brought forward at the next board meeting.

TLC Meal

The Women are scheduled to serve the TLC meal on October 26th. Details of what to serve, etc. will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Board Recognition and Thank You

Motion by Shirley Anderson Porisch, seconded by Sue DeSaer, nominating Pam Russell as Treasurer and cast a unanimously ballot for Pam to serve as Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously. Thanks were extended to Pam for volunteering to serve and also to board members whose terms are up.

Board Organization Planning for Next Year

Discussion was held regarding board organization specifically finding a vice president/president; duties of the board based on people's interests; template agendas to send out with minutes each month; recruitment of new members; and forming a nomination committee. Motion by Corlys Knudson, second

by Audrey Norris to meet on September 28th to continue discussions on developing a board reorganization plan. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. in the movie room. Board members are encouraged to talk with individual Circles to gather ideas and suggestions.

Giving Tree Project

Discussion was held regarding the timing of the Giving Tree Project and ideas of what organization to give to. Suggestions included the Refuge (through Western Community Action), Hospice House, and public transportation. This item will be tabled and acted upon at the October board meeting.

Other

A list of 39 individual names who qualify for Christian Care will be divided among the three Circle groups. Birthday and Christmas cards are sent to these individuals who are 85 and over.

Faith Messages – Ruth is scheduled for October, 2016. A sign-up sheet for 2017 was passed around and people were encouraged to sign up.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary