

First Lutheran Women of the ELCA Board of Directors Meeting September 5, 2018-First Lutheran Church, Marshall

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

Absent: Kim Christianson, Bobbie Carmody, Shirley Bruns

Call to Order: Dawn Planting, Co-President, called the First Lutheran Women's Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 5:18 PM.

Agenda approval: The agenda was accepted as presented with the addition of preparations for the WELCA convention to be held here at First Lutheran in May.

Devotions: Corlys Knudson provided the devotion.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the June 6, 2018 First Lutheran Women's board Meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. Motion by Ruth, seconded by Deanna, to approve, passed. Ruth will take meeting notes in Bobbie's absence.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report as of June-August 2018 was reviewed with fund balances for Quilting at \$593.97; Savings at \$16,101.06 and Checking at \$5,027.46. A draft of the proposed budget for 10/1/18-9/30/19 was presented with Revenue at \$4,400.00, Expenses at \$3,180.00 for a total revenue over/under expense of \$1,220.00: to be discussed at our next meeting as it needs to be presented one month in advance. Dawn presented the bill of \$40 from Shalom Hills Farm for our Summer Bible Study on July 25. Motion Corlys, seconded Pam, to reimburse Dawn. Motion by Sue, seconded by Karen, to approve treasurer's report, passed.

Kitchen Report: The use of plastic plates seems to be working well.

Quilting Report: The quilters are considering not meeting in the months of January, February and March due to weather concerns.

Funeral Committee Report: Shirley brought up the 3 funerals since our last meeting.

Council Report: Dawn reported that the council has approved the hiring of Sara Larson as Lay Minister. She will be installed at the services on Sept. 12, 15 and 16. Dawn reminded the council that there were committees that had not done their cleaning. Dawn spoke to the council about the idea of monthly church cleaning days in preparation for the WELCA convention to be held here at First Lutheran in May. We would like to have the narthex, meeting rooms, etc. be a clean and welcoming place. There will be a planning meeting on September 30 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall to talk about the kitchen update. Ron Halgerson will be there. The meeting is open to anyone. Input is needed, so we are encouraged to attend!

Old business:

Shirley brought up the Summer Bible Study at Shalom Hills Farm and how much we all appreciated our time there: excellent studies, tour of the farm and facilities, wonderful lunch, etc. She proposed that we send them an extra \$60 in addition to the \$40 we paid them. Motion by Shirley, seconded by Karen, to send \$60 to Shalom Hills Farm in appreciation for the good day we had there. Discussion and passed unanimously. Shirley will send the money and a note to Shalom Hills Farm.

Serve Quilting: Sept. 10: Shirley and Karen, Sept. 17: Corlys

Rally Day: Sept. 9 They will be serving waffles. We will not be helping with coffee this year, but please offer to help through Kitsi.

Serving TLC: Helpers needed for October 10 at 5:15, serving with prayer shawl and quilters groups. They will be serving mac and cheese and hot dogs. Karen, Deanna, Pam and Sue volunteered to help.

Prairie Conference Fall Gathering: October 6 at Danebod Lutheran Church in Tyler. We will post in newsletter, on screens and in the e-news. Will check if church van can be used and if needed, car pool.

Christmas Gathering on Dec. 1: Julie Clark Lingen will be the speaker for a fee of \$250. She will speak on how we are all like various kinds of coffees. Shirley will check into the possibility of getting coffee mugs for the attendees. Dawn has arranged for her to also speak at Boulder Estates at 1:30 that day and will take care of those plans. It was discussed that we should schedule our Dec. board meeting a week earlier than usual in order to finish plans for the Christmas Tea. Motion by Ruth, seconded Shirley, FLW Board to meet Nov. 28 instead of Dec. 5. Motion passed.

Giving trees: Dawn suggested that instead of a Giving Tree, we work together with the social ministries committee on Samaritans' Purse. Motion Karen, seconded Corlys to help with Samaritan's Purse instead of Giving Tree this year. Motion passed. Karen also reminded us of God's Work, Our Hands day on Oct. 14 at which time we will be packing and wrapping the boxes. The committee is also making angels to be for sale on the "angel tree" and also, an angel will be included in each box.

Sue DeSaer and Peggy Anderson will help with the Heart to Heart tree. We also talked about possible people to help with decorations for the Christmas Tea. There will be a Christmas Tea planning committee meeting on Oct. 3 at 4:30.

Sign up sheets were handed out for the Christmas Tea, board meeting devotions and monthly service opportunities.

It was the consensus of the Board that Wednesday works well for our meetings, but will meet at 5:30, rather than 5:15.

A few of our members have spoken with Sara Larson regarding her impressions of our group. She stated that we are doing the right things, but need to be more personable in talking with people.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 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,
Ruth Quist, Secretary Pro tem