

First Lutheran Church (FLC), Marshall, MN
Women of First Lutheran Board of Directors Meeting
2/4/15 – 5:15 pm – First Lutheran Church

Members Present: Bobbie Carmody, Vicki Lamprecht, Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Corlys Knudson, DeAnna Zimmer, Karen Murphy, Ruth Quist, Shirley Bruns, Pam Larsen, Marissa Kunde, Dawn Planting, Audrey Norris, Lorraine Schmidt, Kathy Tjosaas

Members Absent: Pam Neet, Erin Moline

Call to Order

Corlys Knudson called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Devotions & Prayer

Corlys provided the devotion on Psalm 139, which was read by all board members and reminds us of God's continual presence with us, knowing everything about us, and His unconditional love. We need to live in the certainty of His grace as we are bonded together by love and only He will know who we truly are.

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Audrey, seconded by Vicki, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Acceptance of 1/7/15 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 7, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Ruth, seconded by Shirley B., to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report Review and Acceptance

Expenditures, revenues, and balances for the Women's checking and savings accounts and Quilter's account were reviewed. A donation of \$300.00 was received from the Marshall Dance team and will be put into savings along with three donations received from funerals. Discussion was held on the existing CD (\$3,332.18) that is coming due in March and if it should be withdrawn or reinvested. Motion by Shirley A.P., seconded by DeAnna, to approve the financial report as of 1/31/15 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

BOLD Women's Weekend

Thanks to all the volunteers for serving during BOLD Women's weekend and a special thank you to Lorraine Schmidt for organizing the music. It was also asked of the Women to provide refreshments at the Prairie Conference scheduled to be held on Sunday, February 8th at 2:00 p.m. at First Lutheran. Corlys and Vicki volunteered to serve and will have coffee, juice, water, and cookies available.

2015 Charity Giving Committee Update

Recommendations were brought forth from the charity giving subcommittee regarding 2015 donations. Proposed gifts include:

1. All State Lutheran Choir: \$50.00
2. Lutheran Social Services: \$50.00
3. Shalom Hill Farm: \$50.00
4. Lutheran World Relief: \$100.00
5. Faith Chests: \$110.00
6. Good Samaritan Fund: \$90.00
7. Shetek Lutheran Ministries: \$75.00

8. SMSU Religious Center:	\$75.00
9. Two Staff Janitors: Each \$50.00	\$100.00
10. Staff Secretary:	\$100.00
11. House of Hope:	\$100.00
12. The Refuge:	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$1,000.00

The quilters also committed \$100.00 to Prairie Home Hospice.

Discussion followed regarding giving amounts from year's past in comparison to this year's amount. A suggestion was made to create a budget for at the beginning of each year to help guide future decision making. Motion by Marissa, seconded by Karen, to approve the 2015 First Lutheran Women's/Quilter's charity gifts as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Kitchen Cleaning

The Annual Kitchen Cleaning is scheduled on Saturday, February 21st from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Supplies will be provided by Audrey. Any and all volunteers are welcome.

Coffee Carafes and Large Coffee Urns

Solutions to help keep coffee warm in the existing carafes and urns were provided. For the coffee urns, it was suggested to perk the coffee in the actual urn and not pour coffee into it from the coffee maker. For the carafes, fill them with hot water to warm the carafe, after warming, pour the excess hot water into the sink to be used for dishes, and then fill the carafe with hot coffee. A suggestion was also made to research purchasing stainless steel air pots for coffee/fellowship between services.

Discussion was held on purchasing section trays, holding 20 individual coffee cups, for dishwashing purposes to eliminate the need to dry the cups and for storage of the cups. Concerns were expressed regarding the limited amount of storage and number of trays needed in order to do this. It was also noted, that it states in our constitution that no equipment may be taken from the kitchen. It was suggested to have the constitution amended to reflect the ability to be able to do this in the future.

Tables/Chairs for the Fellowship Hall

Possible options for tables and chairs were presented along with estimated pricing for each. The Committee will continue to work on this project and pursue options and will present recommendations to the Women for approval once a firm commitment and pricing is in place. Comments followed on measuring and laying out the format of how the tables will be placed to know exactly how many to order; the funding for the project and utilizing the existing CD to put towards the purchase; presenting an approximate cost to the Council once estimates are received; ideas for possible fundraising to help with the total cost; room to store the new equipment; and what will be done with the existing tables and chairs.

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

This item will be tabled to the March meeting for further discussion.

Looking Ahead/Next Meeting

Important dates:

- Friday, April 24, 2015 – Prairie Conference Spring Gathering – First Lutheran hosting
- June 19-20, 2015 – SW MN Synod Women of the ELCA
- Summer Bible Study/Women's Retreat – start thinking of dates and ideas

- Saturday, October 4, 2015 – Prairie Conference Fall Gathering – Bethany-Elam; Ivanhoe

The next meeting of the First Lutheran Women Board of Directors is scheduled on March 4, 2015, beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Movie Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Carmody, Secretary