

United Methodist Women

April 10th, 2018 - Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at about 10:00 am by Mere Ponijiasi after updates on our shut-ins and others. We all read the Purpose of UMW and Mere Ponijiasi lead us in the Lord's Prayer.

Members present: Mere Ponijiasi, Diane Jackson, Dian Jorgensen, Judy Finley, Nancy Messinger, Peg Ferrel, Carol Lindstadt, Barbara Wofford, Jane Hollar, Lucinda Brashares, and Charlene Simons.

Minutes of both February & March meetings: Diane moved & Dian seconded and both sets of Minutes were approved, with 2 corrections to the March meeting Minutes: Pg. 1) It was Diane Jackson that took minutes until Charlene arrived, and on Pg. 3) The Conference social action event in Sacramento will be on April 14th, not the 18th.

Communications: Mere P. shared thank you notes from the YWCA Sonoma County, and from the Sonoma County Book Mobile and the Council on Aging for the donations from Ruth Circle. Mere P. also shared a letter from VOICES with their updates and the Council on Aging Sonoma Seniors Today newsletter. Mere P. also had the April *Roseleaf* magazines for the Circle leaders.

Treasurer's Report: Peg had prepared copies of the financial report for March 2018 and handed these out. Peg reviewed the updates shown in the report:

- The Member Pledges Income of \$245.00 came in from individuals.
- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$415.00 was from Ruth Circle for their monthly special project.
- The World Thank/Call to Prayer Income of \$75.00 was a belated donation from Anna Circle's Call to Prayer & Self Denial service.
- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$415.00 went to Ruth Circle's 2 March projects: 1) \$345 to Forget Me Not Farm; and 2) \$70 to the Council on Aging's Meals on Wheels.
- **The Total Assets** at the end of January were \$1,027.57. This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022.
- Peg has distributed the checks to the 7 women going to the National Assembly in May. Each check was for \$342.85 and multiplied by 7 equals \$2,399.95.
- Peg has received several checks so far for UMW in memory of Doris Guyon. Peg asks us to think about what we want to do with the amount donated in Doris' name. Do we want to do something special with it?

Old Business :

• **National Assembly - Columbus, Ohio, May 18-20, 2018** - 7 of our women will be attending: Mere Nabou & Barbara Wofford from our Board and 5 others from the Fijian Language Ministry.

- Diane reminded us that quite a bit of the Assembly will be live-screened on-line and so we can see some of what is going on there. Check out the National UMW website.

- We will schedule an event/potluck where Mere N., Barbara, and any of the other women can share about their experience at the 2018 Assembly. Date probably in June.

• **Getting To Know You Potluck** - Saturday, March 17th, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, McMullin Room - There were about 20-25 people, including a few men, that attended. We want to continue to have this relaxed potluck once a year.

• **District Spiritual Growth Retreat** - Saturday, March 24th, in Richmond - No one from this group today attended. Mere Nabou may have gone. Did anyone else go?

- In looking at the money budgeted for attending UMW District meetings and such under "Expense: Travel, Delegates, Seminars," Diane moved to divide this money into the 5 annual usual district events equally. Any unused portions would be rolled over into the next remaining events. Jane seconded and we all approved.

• **Spring Fling** - Saturday, April 28th, 11:30 - 2:00 pm - "The Wonder of Childhood." The planning committee will be meeting on Monday and the lunch is in good hands.

- Tickets are on sale! \$15 each.

- This Sunday ticket sales: Peg & Carol at Stony Point. Mere P. & Diane at Montgomery.

- We need volunteers to prepare flowers on Friday. Elizabeth is organizing this.

- We have several men servers and now add Nathan Simons & Dave Wait.

- Elizabeth's over-seeing the table set-up Saturday morning.

- Table top set-up Saturday morning at 9 am to be done by UMW members.

- Need soft cover books, paper back books to be donated.

- Diane had extra half sheet flyers for us to post.

New Business :

• **Conference Social Action Event** - April 14, First UMC Sacramento - About Immigration

• **Fijian Luau Event** - Due to lots going on in June & July with the farewell to Pastor Blake on June 3rd with an all church potluck, and a welcome to Pastor Lori probably on July 1st, and a farewell to Doug Albertson in May or June, we all agreed to postpone the Luau event until after July. TBD. Note also that the Fijian Language worship service is changing from Sunday 1:30 pm to 12 noon.

Officer Reports

• **President** - Mere Ponijiasi - No additional report.

• **Vice President/Program Chair** - Nancy Messinger - No additional report.

• **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - No additional report.

• **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Diane Jackson - Diane has the Sunshine list and will send out the cards.

• **Program Resources** - Judy Finley - No report.

- **Publicity** - Su Rood Cox - Absent.
- **Spiritual Growth** - Mere Nabou - Absent.
- **Social Action/Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - No report; just working on finding peace within. As she learns more about the social issues and turmoil of the world, Barbara reports that she is feeling overwhelmed at times.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda shared from the April *Response* magazine about the Legacy of UMW and Brazil.
- **Nomination Committee** - Diane Jackson - No report.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Peg & Diane - No report.

Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In April Pat Sanborn will share about the "I Care" program.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - In March they visited Lena Rhodes who is about 98 years old and had a very nice meeting.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - In April Barbara Wofford will lead their circle's effort to participate in the Reading Program by sharing what she is reading.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - They met last night at Sharon Peterson's home where they reviewed their Spring Fling commitments, and then visited & shared life with each other.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Lajjipa Leqa - Mere reported that they are still meeting. On Saturday, May 9th, there will be a big meeting in Santa Rosa of just the women of all 9 FLM congregations.

Other Business:

- Charlene reports that she will miss the Board meeting on May 8th and needs someone to take minutes for her. Charlene is willing to type up the notes afterwards. Judy Finley volunteered.
- Please note the **new address for Karen Lovvorn**: Karen Lovvorn, Brookdale San Pablo, 13956 San Pablo Avenue, Room #146, San Pablo, CA 94806. 707-527-7595
- Nadine Amoss is now living in Colorado with family. Address coming soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Next board meeting: May 8th, 2018, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary