

**First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa**

**United Methodist Women**

**April 9th, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at about 9:50 am by Diane Jackson after updates on our shut-ins. We all read the Purpose of UMW.

**Members present:** Diane Jackson, Mere Ponijiasi, Dian Jorgensen, Claudia Ward, Lucinda Brashares, Judy Finley, Marty Wait, Peg Ferrel, Pat Sanborn Pavliger, Barbara Wofford, Jane Hollar, and Charlene Simons.

**Spring Fling Plans:** Saturday, April 27, from 11:30 - 2pm. Marty Wait reported that the planning of this joint effort continues to go well. "Women Helping Women" themed catered Luncheon, Silent Auction, & Program. Latest needs & updates:

1) Need 12 more tea pots; various sizes okay. Want 2 pots per table. Tell Marty of any more tea pot loaners. Tea pots needed at church on or by Friday.

2) Need any additional UMW information for table.

3) Diane reported that flyers went out to 29 churches and she has heard back from a couple of churches that plan to buy some tickets.

4) Elizabeth Walton is getting workers to help with Saturday clean-up.

5) Marty passed around a sign-up list for Friday helpers for setting up and Saturday helpers for kitchen clean-up. Diane will over-see the running of the dishwasher.

**Minutes of March meeting:** They were approved.

**Communications:** Diane shared a thank you note from the YWCA. Diane had the latest Sonoma County Peace Press newsletter of the Peace & Justice Center too.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peg had prepared copies of the financial report for March 2019 for us and she went over the updates shown in the report:

- The Member Pledges Income of \$375 came in from individual members.

- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$602 came in from World Day of Prayer donations (\$272) and Ruth Circle for the FUMC Youth (\$25) and Oak Manor ASB in Ukiah (\$305.)

- The Call to Prayer & Self Denial Income of \$125 came in from Anna Circle.

Total Income was \$1,102.00

- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$602 went to World Day of Prayer (\$272) and Ruth Circle's March missions: FUMC Youth (\$25) and Kristina Webb's classroom at Oak Manor ASB (\$305.)

- The Miscel./Contingency Expense of \$100 went to Kristina Webb's classroom at Oak Manor ASB. These funds were taken from the Doris Guyon Memorial Gift Fund.

- The Programs Expense of \$48.83 went to reimburse Diane Jackson for World Day of Prayer supplies (\$27.93) and the eventually postponed UMW District Santa Rosa meeting supplies of table decor & brochures (\$20.90)

Total Expense was \$750.83

- **The Total Assets** at the end of January were \$1,771.49. (This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022. This also includes the \$698.10 remaining in Doris Guyon's Memorial Gift fund.)

- The report was approved.

### **Old Business :**

- **UMW 150th Birthday Celebration Review** - Sunday, March 24 - The video & cake were well received at both campuses, and UMW past & future tables went over well too.

### **New Business :**

- **Fijian Luau** - July 20 - TBD
- **Mission U** - August 3 - We are hosting here in Santa Rosa. A 1-day Mission U.
- **District Training** - Will not be on May 18. TBD. We were to host.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** - Tuesday thru Friday, June 12 - 14 - We will discuss the lunches at our May meeting.

### **Officer Reports**

- **Vice President/Program Chair** - Mere Ponijiasi - No additional report.
- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - No additional report. Peg will miss both May & June meetings.
- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Pat & Mere N. - Pat put forth some questions for us to consider: Do we have membership goals? Do we want to have a membership drive? How do we get connected to more women? Through personal connections? Pat noted that perhaps the Minutes could include the names of those that note cards are sent to, to keep track. It seems that each circle already sends cards to their home-bound & moved-away members. Pat will bring in cards for us all to sign from the board to the Sunshine List. There was discussion about what to do.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley & Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda gave the list of 10 books to order to Diane. Judy shared her concern about books in the library missing their library cards, missing books, and books not going back to the correct shelves. It seems that there needs to be a large sign in the library saying: "You are welcome to check out books, but please return so others may read them too." In the past we utilized a special library book cart that we put the UMW books on and stored in the locked bride's closet. We would rather not do that again.
- **Publicity** - open - No report.
- **Spiritual Growth** - open - Litia Veisa is stepping down and so this position is open.
- **Social Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Barbara reported about the tour to SAY and shared about the upcoming Earth Day celebration in downtown SR. She had attended the Episcopal Church's gun violence vigil and another event. She encouraged us to attend the Gun Violence Prevention Forum on April 25 at Congregation Shomrei Torah. Rep. Mike Thompson will be there too.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - open - Diane reported that there is a UMW e-news newsletter that one can sign-up for through "UMW Communications" on UMW's website. She also

reminded us of the Missionary visits to our FUMC: Paul Jeffrey\* on May 21, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, and Kathrine Parker on July 30, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We (UMW) is co-sponsoring Kathrine's visit.

### **Circle Chairpersons:**

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In April they will be meeting at Eiko Tusa's home to see her tea room and such.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - In April they will meet at Noreen Marx's or Lena Rhodes' home.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - In April Diane Jackson will show \*Paul Jeffrey's video: *People on the Move*. It is 28 minutes long and is about global migration.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - Last night they met and learned about the SF Expo.(?) Next month Pat Sanborn Pavliger will share about her trip to India.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Seni Momoka - Mere P. asked for prayers for the FLM. Pastor Sekove Veisa's last Sunday with us is Palm Sunday. Pastor Sekove & Litia are moving to Sacramento and to the UMC Conference Office. Pastor Sekove will continue to over-see the 9 Fijian congregations from there.

### **Other Business:**

- Diane moved that we hold a planning retreat. Pat seconded. We approved.
- Mere Nabou is the President of the District UMW now, not the Vice President.
- Note that on Tuesday, April 30th, Bishop Minerva Carcaño will be here during Spirit Cafe and afterwards.
- \*Paul Jeffrey's photos can be found in his "Global Lens" on his website [www.kairosphotos.com](http://www.kairosphotos.com)

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Next board meeting: May 14, 2019, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary