

**First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa**

**United Methodist Women**

**December 11th, 2018 - Executive Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at about 9:00 am by Mere Ponijiasi after updates on our shut-ins. We all read the Purpose of UMW and Mere P. lead us in the Lord's Prayer.

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

**Minutes of November meeting:** Peg moved, Claudia seconded, and all approved as written.

**Communications:** Mere P. shared the Sonoma County Peace Press, the Newsletter of the Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County, and she had the December *Response* magazines for the Circle leaders.

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

- The Member Pledges Income of \$100 came in from individual members.

- The Snowflake Bazaar Income of \$4,111.61 came in from sales at our Bazaar on 11/17. Note that ~ \$30 is from an IOU from last year.

Total Income was \$4,211.61

- The Miscel./Contingency Expense of \$23.40 was for a little surprise for someone TBA.

- The Snowflake Bazaar Expense of \$648.99 was the expense as of 11/30. The Press Democrat ad expense of ~ \$100 is still to come. Note that this amount includes the ~ \$175 for the new pulley system for hanging the banner. Also note that the \$898.69 total expense of the Bazaar includes the lunch expenses for the years 2017 & 2018. This is because of the fire chaos in 2017. The ~ \$250 Bazaar 2017 lunch expenses were not reported until early 2018, and thus are included here for 2018.

- Peg reported that the net profit from the 2018 Bazaar is ~ \$3,260. (We had budgeted for \$3,500.)

Total Expense was \$679.39

- **The Total Assets** at the end of November were \$6,488.02. This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022. This also includes the \$798.10 remaining in Doris Guyon's Memorial Gift fund.

- The report was approved unanimously.

**Old Business :**

- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Saturday, November 17th. Diane & Peg reported: The event went well. About 68 lunch tickets were sold which is down from closer to 100 lunches sold in the past years, except last year. Overall sales and attendance was lower last year. Peg has the break down for the different groups/tables and sales made. This is an event we want to continue, not just as a fundraiser, but as an event that brings together the FUMC community and raises our church's and UMW's profile in the Santa Rosa community. (Note: Joanne's friend Kathy donated her proceeds to Carr Fire victims instead of FUMC Homeless Ministries, as noted in the November meeting Minutes.)

- **Christmas Potluck** - Today, December 11th, 12 noon, in Fields Fellowship Hall. The Hall is ready for us to prepare the tables after this meeting. Diane has copies of the 2019 UMW Budget & Officers for all to vote on as this event serves as our Annual General UMW meeting. Nancy bought a \$30 Gift Card to King's Nursery for us to give to Jenny Jones as a Thank You for the playing the piano for us.
- **Circle Updates for the 2019 UMW Booklet/Directory** - Diane is including "Staying in Touch" pages at the end of the directory to include members that have moved away.
- **Los Rios District Meet & Greet - Our new district!** - January 19th, 2019 - Diane had more registration forms to hand out. We will need to announce that the event ends at 3:00 pm, not 1:30 pm. Time to be confirmed with Mere Nabou. We will need to help out and also to register. Diane has ideas already: table center pieces can be UMW brochures and thank offering banks. Diane will be in charge of the meal prep and will need ~ 6 helpers. Since the Nomadic Shelter will be here that Friday night, Diane wants to do our baking/cooking on that Friday morning. The program will be in the sanctuary without the break-out groups this time. We will not know how many will be attending until that week.
- **Nominations Report** - Diane updated us on the 2019 Board of Officers: Barbara Wofford switched back to Social Action and Litia Veisa agreed to Education/Mission Interpretation. The Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach position is open and Diane will ask for volunteers today at our Annual General Meeting.
- **Installation of Officers** - Sunday, January 20th in worship services. Try to attend as many of the 4 services that you can.

### **New Business :**

- **Kemmerer (Steven) Memorial Service** - Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, 2-3 pm - Claudia reported that several from Ruth Circle will help with the reception. Claudia will get flowers.
- **Pledge Service in Circles in January** - Our 150th Anniversary! Diane had a copy of the UMW 2019 Pledge Service and will make copies for the Circle leaders too.
- **March 2019 is 150th Anniversary of UMW** - There is a 150th Anniversary video which is less than 5 minutes long. We discussed how we would like a special recognition during the Sunday services in March. Perhaps we can play the video and acknowledge the anniversary and we all stand up in the congregation. Since we have 5 Circles and there are 5 Sundays in March, could each Circle claim a Sunday? Perhaps present "What UMW means to me." Mere asks us to ponder and pray and discuss more in January.
  - We also discussed our concern about where would younger women fit in our Circles.
  - Meanwhile, Su is on top of keeping UMW alive in the *Roseleaf* and on our bulletin boards.
- **Call to Prayer & Self Denial** - Diane can get this UMW program for the Circle leaders too.
- **Spring Fling Planning Committee** - Saturday, April 27th - 1 person from each circle. Any program suggestions are welcome.

### **Officer Reports**

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

- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - Peg reminded us that we need to update the check signers. We need to add Diane Jackson as the incoming President, and keep Peg Ferrel, Charlene Simons, and Mere Ponijasi as signers.
- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Diane Jackson - Diane has the Sunshine list and will send out the cards.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley - No additional report.
- **Publicity** - Su Rood Cox - Absent.
- **Spiritual Growth** - Mere Nabou - Absent.
- **Social Action/Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Barbara shared how she is wondering about and open to input about how to get our presence out there in the community and how to get more women involved in social awareness. She also has thoughts of matching scarves ... .
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda reported that she does not have the December *Response* yet, but that she and Judy will be looking into new books for 2019. The UMW Book List is online.
- **Nomination Committee** - Diane Jackson - No additional report.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Peg & Diane - No additional report.

#### **Circle Chairpersons:**

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In January they will hold their Pledge Service.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - In January they will hold their Pledge Service.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - They will hold a potluck brunch in the Wesley House next week.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - They had a cookie exchange with singing of Carols last night and planned the Kemmerer memorial service.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Seni Momoka - Mere P. reported that they really enjoyed the SF Bay dinner & cruise at the end of November. Last Sunday they all went to Sacramento.

#### **Other Business:**

Meeting adjourned by 11 am.

Next board meeting: January 8, 2019, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary