

First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa

United Methodist Women

February 12th, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at about 9:35 am by Mere Ponijiasi after updates on our shut-ins. Diane Jackson is out of town and so Mere P. is presiding. We all read the Purpose of UMW and Litia Veisa lead us in a prayer.

Members present: Mere Ponijiasi, Litia Veisa, Dian Jorgensen, Claudia Ward, Barbara Wofford, Jane Hollar, Mere Nabou, Carol Lindstadt, Seni Momoka, Lucinda Brashares, and Charlene Simons.

Minutes of January meeting: Claudia moved, Mere N. seconded, and all approved.

Communications: Mere P. shared the following resources, from Diane, with the circle leaders: 1) Call to Prayer & Self Denial materials, and 2) Pledge Service 2019 materials. Mere P. also had 4 copies of the Jan./Feb. *Response* magazines for 4 of the circle leaders. Note that the copy for the FLM will come separately. Mere P. also had a copy of the UMW 150th Anniversary trivia quiz.

Treasurer's Report: Peg had prepared copies of the financial report for January 2019 and left them for Charlene to hand out. Charlene went over the updates shown in Peg's report:

- The Lunch, Dinner Reception Income of \$100 was a gift from Jeanette & George Kemmerer for their son's memorial service.
- The Member Pledges Income of \$1,160 came in from individual members.
- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$265.11 came in from Ruth Circle (\$241.00) & from Anna Circle (\$24.11).
- The Snowflake Bazaar Income of \$2.00 was an IOU from 2018, paid in 2019.
- The World Thank Offering Income of \$1.38 came in from Naomi Circle.

Total Income was \$1,528.49

The following Expenses were paid out in one lump sum check of \$2,579.84 to the District UMW office. From there the moneys will get distributed to the Conference & National:

- Brighter Future for Children & Youth Expense of \$200.00.
- Conference Pledge Expense of \$1,375.00 (1/4 of our annual pledge.)
- Gift in Memory Expense of \$140.00 (\$35 X 4 people: Bob Wycoff, Doris Guyon, Shirley Brummell, & Wilma Chandler.)
- Gift to Mission Expense of \$50.00. (We receive 10 greeting cards to use.)
- Gum Moon Expense of \$200.00.
- Mary Elizabeth Inn Expense of \$300.00.
- World Thank Offering Expense of \$99.84 from 2018 collections.
- Call to Prayer & Self Denial Expense of \$215.00 from 2018 collections.

The following Expenses were paid out locally:

- The Church Pledge Expense of \$600.00 went to our FUMC.

- The Fiji Mission Expense of a total of \$1,000.00 went to the Methodist Lay Training Center and the Women's Committee there, in Fiji. \$500 will go towards buying books for their library.
- The Good Shepherd Fund Expense of \$1,000.00 went to our pastor's special fund.
- The Local Missions Expense of a total of \$1,700.00 went to our 8 local missions: CAP Harold's Home, F.I.S.H., Friends Outside, FUMC Community Garden, FUMC Preschool, the Living Room, Women's Recovery Services, and the YWCA/Safe House.
- The Lunch, Dinner, Reception Expense of \$100.72 went to cover the Kemmerer memorial reception.
- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$265.11 went to the SRJC Children's Center from Ruth Circle (\$241.00) & the FUMC Preschool from Anna Circle (\$24.11).
- The Miscel./Contingency Expense of \$9.77 went to pay for the napkins at our Annual Christmas Potluck/meeting last December.

Total Expense was \$7,255.44

- **The Total Assets** at the end of January were \$1,180.32. (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.

Old Business :

- **Spring Fling Planning Committee** - Saturday, April 27th:
 - Mere P. shared Peg's notes: Marty Wait for UMW and Elizabeth Walton for Children's Commission/Family Ministries are doing the basic programming and they will let us know what is needed.
 - Claudia shared Marty's ideas: "Women Helping Women" theme with the CEO from the YWCA Women's Center as our speaker. This program would be of interest to various ages and show our work in the community. We will charge \$15 per ticket. The Silent Auction is being organized by Elizabeth and Marty is organizing the lunch. Marty will let us know if more volunteers are needed for the food prep. Elizabeth has a draft flyer so far. The intention is for us to invite women, daughters, mothers, sisters, ...
 - Elizabeth & Marty need our support. Dian moved, Mere N. seconded, we voted "yes" to give them our support. Claudia will tell Elizabeth & Marty that they have our support in what they are planning.
 - There was discussion about the requested honorarium. 1) We already give \$300/year to the YMCA Women's Center and this event gives them a chance to share what the YWCA program does. 2) But an honorarium is personal and should not be tied to the donation that we budget each year. We see the concerns regarding the honorarium and plan to discuss this more at our March meeting when both Peg & Diane can be part of our discussion.
- **Getting to Know You** - Saturday, February 9th - Successful again and we want to keep doing this every year. There were ~ 26 people there, including 3 men. There was plenty of food and fellowship!

- **World Day of Prayer** - Friday, March 1st, 1:00 - 3:00 pm here at FUMC - Mere N. reported that the committee met and the readers each have their reading assignment. Seni passed around a copy of the program that Diane had typed up for us to see. The theme is "Come, Everything is Ready." Diane has already sent out flyers to 30 local churches. Publicity also went out in all FUMC publicity and to the UMW list of FUMC. Please bring a plate of cookies to share. They would like carnations there and are still looking into this.

New Business :

- **150th Anniversary Celebration** - Perhaps on Saturday, March 23rd? Diane has conferred with Pastor Lori, but Diane is not here to report. We lean toward showing the 3 minute video at all the services on 1 Sunday in March. Perhaps the UMW gets a cake for coffee time. Mere P. will check with Pastor Lori about details. [Following up: Yes, there is a plan per email from Diane on 2/21/19. Details to be confirmed at March UMW Board meeting.]

Officer Reports

- **Vice President/Program Chair** - Mere Ponijasi - No additional report.
- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - Absent.
- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Pat & Mere N. - Mere N. has the Sunshine list. Mere N. reported that she & Pat want to do more than just the note cards. They want to include phone calls, visits, and involve the circle leaders too.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley & Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda would like all circles to give a few minutes to talking about the Reading Program. She & Judy need feed back about which books to buy. Please vote for your choices using the orange slips in the library. They want to order some books. Note that one can read books from the past few years too, to count for the Reading Program. See the Dec. 2018 *Response* magazine for more information. Lucinda also reminded us of the UMC General Conference's special meeting coming up in Feb. "Deciding a Way Forward." There are 3 different plans that will be voted on.
- **Publicity** - Is anyone wanting to help Heidi Vargas with publicity?
- **Spiritual Growth** - Mere P. reported that Nancy Messinger resigned. Litia Veisa switched to this role from Mission Education/Interpretation. Litia shared her appreciation of Mere N. leading at the District level especially after the death of the UMW District President.
- **Social Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Barbara reported that she will tour the SAY facility on Summerfield Rd. with the Naomi Circle on 3/20 at 10:30 am. There is room for others to join the tour, but let Barbara know if you want to join in. Also, Barbara learned that on the 3rd Monday of each month outside groups can provide a meal at SAY. Some of our church members already help in this. Maybe in the future we might add SAY to our list that we give to.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - open

Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In February Melinda Harris will share about her life & faith journey.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - In February they will meet and discuss the *Response* magazine.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - Next week they will have a program from the *Response* magazine and in March they will tour the SAY facility.

- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - Last night Ruth Moore shared about her & her husband's teaching experience in China last summer. In March they will meet at Marty Wait's apt.'s community room.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Seni Momoka - The FLM women meet twice a month. Seni shared with us their monthly planner for February which showed the cell group names and numbers and their planned activities. The women are very appreciative of the \$1,000.00 given from the UMW to organizations in Fiji. Litia will be leading the FLM women in a retreat on 2/23.

Other Business:

- Mission U schedule: June 7 & 8 at Quincy UMC. August 3 here at SR FUMC. August 16-18 at South Reno UMC. The registration forms should be out soon.
- Mission U studies: Spiritual Growth - Practicing Resurrection. Faith Response Study - What About Our Money? As well as a youth study: Who do You Say That I Am?
- Los Rios District Leadership Training at Centennial UMC on 3/19.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next board meeting: March 12, 2019, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary