

**First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa**

**United Methodist Women**

**January 8th, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at about 9:40 am by Diane Jackson after updates on our shut-ins. We all read the Purpose of UMW and Litia Veisa lead us in a prayer. We all then introduced ourselves around the table. Then Nancy Messinger gave a devotion.

**Members present:** Diane Jackson, Litia Veisa, Mere Ponijiasi, Dian Jorgensen, Claudia Ward, Nancy Messinger, Peg Ferrel, Barbara Wofford, Jane Hollar, Pat Sanborn Pavliger, Seni Momoka, Mere Nabou, and Charlene Simons.

**Minutes of December meeting:** Claudia moved, Peg seconded, and all approved with 2 corrections: Jane Hollar did attend the Dec. meeting, just arrived later, and the new FLM Chair will be Seni Momoka.

**Communications:** Peg shared a note from the YWCA and a note from the editor of the *Response* magazine. *Response* publishers are trying a new outreach with a bi-monthly (i.e. 6 times per year) publication starting with January 2019 and increasing their access on electronic social media.

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

- The Member Pledges Income of \$475 came in from individual members & the FLM.

- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$545 came in from Ruth Circle for their Nov. offering for VOICES (\$210) & their Dec. offering for the FUMC Good Shepherd Fund (\$315) & from Lena Rhodes' donation for shut-in cookies (\$20.)

- The World Thank Offering Income of \$55 came in from Barbara Wofford using the *Response* "thank calendar."

Total Income was \$1,075.00

- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$525 went to VOICES (\$210) & the FUMC Good Shepherd Fund (\$315) from Ruth Circle.

- The Programs Expense of \$27 went to pay for the thank you gift to Jenny Jones for her music at our Annual Christmas Potluck/meeting.

- The Snowflake Bazaar Expense of \$103.75 went to pay for our Press Democrat ad (\$103.65) and the additional 10¢ was a check register error. This 10¢ entry corrects Judy Finley's blank towels reimbursement in Nov.

Total Expense was \$655.75

- **The Total Assets** at the end of December were \$6,907.27. This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022. This also includes the \$798.10 remaining in Doris Guyon's Memorial Gift fund.

Peg noted a few more items:

- In 2018 we never did "spend" the \$500 toward a Fiji Mission. Perhaps we add this to the \$500 for a Fiji Mission in 2019, for a total of \$1,000.

- In 2018 the \$200 for Youth Camperships did not get "spent."

- Lucinda bought 2 books last fall, but Peg has not received the receipts yet for these.
- To help out the FUMC, we will not ask for reimbursement of the pulley hardware that we purchased in November, as of this time. We have paid for it and can afford it.
- Mere P. moved, Dian seconded, and the report was approved.

### **Old Business :**

- **Christmas Potluck** - December 11th. Nancy reported that the event went well and she heard many positive comments, especially on the very nice food. There were about 65 in attendance.
- **Circle Updates for the 2019 UMW Booklet/Directory** - Diane is waiting for 1 more circle to report. After she receives that today she will finish up. Diane recruited a few of the board members to help her staple the completed Directories this Friday, 1/11.
- **Los Rios District Meet & Greet** - January 19th - This has been cancelled! The District UMW President Orene Dunzweiler died in December and her memorial service will be on January 19th instead. Now Mere Nabou is the acting President of the District UMW.
- **Installation of Officers** - Sunday, January 20th in worship services. Try to attend as many of the 4 services that you can. Our 3 honorees are: Elenoa Bale, Linda Morrissey, and Janin Comiskey. Mere N. will introduce Elenoa. Diane will introduce Linda. Peg will introduce Janin.
- **Pledge Service in Circles in January** - Our 150th Anniversary! Diane has copies.
- **Call to Prayer & Self Denial** - Diane has the program material available.
- **Spring Fling Planning Committee** - Saturday, April 27th - 1 person from each circle. Marty Wait and Elizabeth Walton, as the Children's Commission representative, are willing to work together to come up with a program and a list of tasks. We can send program ideas to them. Two ideas brainstormed today: 1) have the YWCA Women's Shelter CEO, Madeleine Keegan O'Connell, speak; 2) have an Angels' Attic fashion show, which could be a comedy even.

### **New Business :**

- **Getting to Know You** - Saturday, February 9th, 12:00 - 2:00 pm in McMullin Room - Seni and the FLM women will set-up. Mere N. will brew the coffee. Peg & Mike will clean-up. We can show the 3 minute long UMW 150th Anniversary video & read the on-line UMW trivia, or we can have no program and instead just relax & visit & eat. We decided on having no program.
- **World Day of Prayer** - Friday, March 1st, 1:00 - 3:00 pm here at FUMC - We have the program materials, but not the CD/DVDs yet. As of now, we will host this event since we have not heard back from the Sebastopol women and the Church of the Roses cannot host this year. The program was written by women in Slovenia this year. We will need 6 speakers, cookies & refreshments, music, and tech help. This will cost us \$20-30 for the music & visual CD/DVDs. Committee volunteers include: Nancy, Litia, Diane, & Anita (from Church of the Roses). The committee will meet in January and will report to us at our Feb. meeting. Readers include: Charlene, Pat, & Seni. Those who can, bring cookies that day.

### **Officer Reports**

- **Vice President/Program Chair** - Mere Ponijasi - No additional report.
- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - Peg handed out any end-of-the-year statements that she had today and will get the rest prepared and put into the UMW box in the office for the different circles.

- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Pat & Mere N. - Pat & Mere N. have the Sunshine list. Pat will prepare cards and bring them to our board meetings to pass around for all of us to sign. Pat reminded us of how appreciative those receiving these note cards are of information about what is happening at FUMC.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley & Lucinda Brashares - Absent due to illness.
- **Publicity** - Su Rood Cox - Absent. Diane reported that Su is resigning at this time. Su is taking on other duties at FUMC instead and needs to resign. So, we need a new officer here! Heidi Vargas is willing to help with bulletin boards, even though she cannot make it to our board meetings.
- **Spiritual Growth** - Nancy Messinger - No additional report.
- **Social Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - No additional report.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - Litia Veisa - Litia shared information about the 70th anniversary of the Women's Committee in Fiji. Litia had been involved in this committee which tends to pastor's wives & widows, and young women, and more.

### Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In January they will have their Pledge Service with Lucinda's insights from the *Response* magazine.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - In January they will continue to meet.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - They will have Diane lead them in their Pledge Service next week.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - They will have a short meeting right after attending the Chapman Choir concert.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Seni Momoka - Their planning group meets this Saturday. They will have their own World Day of Prayer service in the Fijian language on Saturday, 3/2. at 1 pm. All of us polani are welcome. They are also hosting the other Fijian congregations and holding their own FLM District Leadership Training on 1/26, in the Fijian language.

### Other Business:

- In March on 1 Sunday we will show our 3 minute video about the UMW's 150 Anniversary. Diane is conferring with Pastor Lori. We will discuss more in February.
- Lolly Wycoff's new address (also in new Directory): 1014 Isaac James Ave, Chico, CA 95928

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary