

First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa

United Methodist Women

January 14th, 2020 - Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at about 9:30 am by Diane Jackson with updates on our shut-ins. We all read the Purpose of UMW.

Members present: Diane Jackson, Mere Ponijiasi, Dian Jorgensen, Claudia Ward, Peg Ferrel, Pat Sanborn Pavliger, Seni Momoka, Maraia Waqa, Lucinda Brashares, and Charlene Simons.

Minutes of November & December meetings: Charlene had the November Minute ready for everyone. Diane moved, Mere P. seconded, and they were approved. The December Minutes were not ready, but will be ready before the February meeting.

Communications: Diane handed out the Jan/Feb 2020 *Response* magazines to the Circle Leaders. Diane then shared the letter from Tara Barnes, Editor, *Response*, Jan/Feb 2020 issue, and then Lucinda shared the letter from Harriett Jane Olson, CEO, National UMW also in this issue of *Response*.

Treasurer's Report: Peg had prepared copies of the financial report for December 2019 and handed these out. Peg reviewed the updates shown in the report:

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

- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$210 came in from Ruth Circle for their Dec. offering for the FUMC Good Shepherd Fund.

- The Snowflake Bazaar Income of \$50 came in from Mere Nabou paying for jam.

Total Income for the month of December was \$360.00

- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$210.00 went to the FUMC Good Shepherd Fund from Ruth Circle.

- The Postage, Publicity Expense of \$62.75 went to pay for postage stamps for administration.

- The Sunshine & Gifts Expense of \$75.00 went to pay for the gift to Jenny Jones (\$36) (music at December meeting) and for postage stamps for cards (\$39).

Total Expense for the month of December was \$347.75

- **The Total Assets** at the end of December were \$5,267.03. This includes \$500.05 that is set aside for Assembly 2022 and the \$698.10 remaining in Doris Guyon's Memorial Gift fund.

- The report was approved unanimously.

- **Additional notes about the Snowflake Bazaar:** The total income from the Bazaar was \$4,256.02 plus \$92.18 (to be reimbursed to us from Square Point of Sale in January 2020.) Thus the Total Income will be \$4,348.20. The Total Expense was \$596.47. Thus the Total Profit will be \$3,751.73 .

- The Total Assets for the year 2019 (minus Doris Guyon Fund & Assembly Fund) are \$4,068.88. This \$4,068.88 minus the Bazaar profit of \$3,751.73 equals \$317.15. The \$317.15 + the January Square reimbursement is the 2019 Income not spent Jan. - Dec. 2019.

- Peg noted how we bring in money and then send it back out into the community.

Old Business :

- **Installation of Officers** - Sunday, January 19th in all worship services. Try to attend as many of the 4 services that you can. Our 3 honorees are: Rev. Lori Sawdon, and Su Rood Cox & Sam Cox. Diane will introduce the Coxes and Peg will introduce Pastor Lori.
- **UMW Membership Directory 2020** - Diane handed out the new directories to the Circle leaders. Thank you to Dian Jorgensen, Claudia Ward, and Nancy Messinger for their help.
- **Sunshine Cards** - Pat - (We noted that Mere N. is the President of the District UMW and will be plenty busy with that this year.) Pat wants to focus on membership and member growth more and asks how do we be in touch with people? The circles are already contacting their circle members, but is there more that can be done? Pat will look into all the ways pastoral care is being done here at FUMC and will report back to us. Pat will help to advertise our "Getting to Know You" luncheon to non-UMW-church members.
- **Pledge Service in Circles in January** - Our 150th Anniversary! Diane has copies of the brochures for us to take to our circles. She noted that if all our members were able to pledge ~ \$160 then our budget would be covered. But, she added, our fundraisers not only raise money but raise awareness and build community, and not everyone can afford the \$160.

New Business :

- **Concern about low attendance** - Diane asked if we need to make changes to our programming. Do we need to change our structure? We discussed how UMW reaches women and about what our expectations are. Lucinda noted that with our annual December General UMW potluck meeting we could advertise better that this is our important yearly meeting, yet encourage non-UMW women & men to attend too. With events we want to make it sound like they are not for UMW members only, but we want to still keep the "sponsored by UMW" presence. Talk about this in the circles.
- **Calendar of events for 2020** - See inside the new FUMC UMW 2020 Directory.
- **Los Rios District Officer Training/Meet & Greet** - Saturday, January 18 - Vallejo UMC
- **Getting to Know You** - Saturday, February 8th, 12:00 - 2:00 pm in McMullin Room - Seni volunteered the FLM cells to set-up the tables. A potluck meal event to relax & visit & eat. Be sure to advertise this at the circle meetings.
- **World Day of Prayer** - Friday, March 6th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm here at FUMC - Maraia, Diane, & Mere P. are working on this. The theme is: "Rise, Take Your Mat & Walk." We are hosting; folks from Church of the Roses will plan to attend. Diane has contacted the church in Sebastopol that has participated in the past; no response yet.
- **Spring Fling** - Saturday, April 25th, 12:00 - 2:30 pm in Fields Fellowship Hall - Possible ideas for speakers: The Living Room, Caritas Village, & Doris Evans' Suzanne Wesley story. The theme will be: "Connections." Elizabeth will do a Silent Auction again. Ticket prices are still to be determined, possibly \$15 again.
- **Prayer Workshop** - Pastor Lori will do. Diane will let Pastor Lori know that we would like the May 2nd date, per our discussion.

Officer Reports :

- **Vice President/Program Chair** - Mere Ponijiasi - Mere has set the Luau date for Saturday, July 25th. She noted that if we want to add another summer event we could do another "Getting to Know You" potluck luncheon.

- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - Peg reported that we received a thank you note from National UMW for our \$50 Legacy Fund donation. We also received thank you notes from : Women's Recovery Services & YWCA.
- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Pat - Pat is going to come with a plan to go forward with figuring out marketing & pastoral care. Another women's day retreat will be needed in 2020. The evaluations from last year deserve another look. Although the UMW will not need to help with costs, we would still like to be a part of the planning and still get recognition as assisting in the planning.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley & Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda reminded us of the 5 categories to read from for the UMW Reading Program. Dian suggested someone check-out a few books and take them to their circle meeting to distribute there as this may encourage more reading because of the convenience. If one wants to, one can still write up a blurb about a book and put it into the *Roseleaf*. Talk up the books in the circles.
- **Publicity** -
- **Spiritual Growth** -
- **Social Concerns** -
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** -

Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In January they will have their Pledge Service as well as their Call to Prayer & Self Denial service.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - They are down to only ~ 4 members and they are figuring out how they want to be as a circle or not. The other circles all welcome the members of Mary's Friendship Circle.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - They will have their Pledge service when they meet tomorrow. In Feb, Diane Wikse will share all about the FUMC Preschool & its place in FUMC SR.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - They met last night and 22 women attended. Pastor Lori shared about herself. In Feb they will share their favorite books of 2019. Hopefully the list of book titles will get shared with all of UMW.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Seni Momoka - Membership decreased a bit from last year, but they still have 41 women. Seni shared her printed report listing their Jan, Feb, & March meetings and activities. Note that the Jan 18 meeting at 4pm was cancelled.

Other Business:

Meeting closed with a prayer from Diane and was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Next board meeting: February 11, 2020, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary