

First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa

United Methodist Women

June 12th, 2018 - Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at about 9:50 am by Mere Ponijiasi after updates on our shut-ins and others. We all read the Purpose of UMW and Mere Nabou gave a devotion.

Members present: Mere Ponijiasi, Diane Jackson, Dian Jorgensen, Mere Nabou, Su Rood Cox, Judy Finley, Nancy Messinger, Peg Ferrel, Barbara Wofford, Jane Hollar, and Charlene Simons.

Minutes of April & May meetings: Diane moved, Mere N. seconded, and all approved of the April meeting Minutes. Unfortunately, at this time we do not have Minutes for the May meeting due to the notes being misplaced, but the meeting took place as usual and a successful meeting was had.

Communications: Mere P. shared thank you notes from the Living Room, the FUMC Pre-school, and Barbara Wofford for our help in sending her to Assembly 2018. Mere P. also had the June *Roseleaf* magazines for the Circle leaders.

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

- The Miscellaneous Income of \$310.00 came in to memorialize Doris Guyon.
- Peg noted that we have received to date a total of \$960 to memorialize Doris Guyon.
- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$205.00 was from Ruth Circle for their monthly special project.
- The Spring Fling Income of \$480.00 was from ticket sales for the event.
- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$205.00 went to Ruth Circle's May project to F.I.S.H.
- The Miscel./Contingency Expense of \$120.00 went to pay for 5 *Response* magazine subscriptions.
- The Spring Fling Expenses of \$545.62 went to reimburse Marty Wait for the food for the lunch (\$434.20), Diane Jackson for the napkins (\$16.42), Barbara Slade from the change box (\$20), and to pay Jerold for washing the dishes, finishing kitchen cleanup, & Fields Fellowship Hall cleanup (\$75.00).
- Peg noted that the Spring Fling Total Profit was \$1,129.38
(\$1,129.38 Profit = Income of \$1,675.00 minus Expenses of \$545.62)
- **The Total Assets** at the end of May were \$3,761.00. This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022.
- Peg reported that she has sent out the appropriate thank you/tax receipt letters to the donors donating in Doris Guyon's memory. She has also notified the Guyon family of the donors.
- Peg added that our money is out there working just as the Nat'l UMW desires!
- The report was approved unanimously.
- Peg led us in discussing and determining our **2019 Pledge** to the Conference UMW:

- Peg reviewed where we are at financially: We still have half of our conference pledge & the Fiji Mission & a few more miscel. contributions to pay for a total of \$5,948. We still are anticipating income from pledged donations & the Fijian Luau. Thus our estimated anticipated balance is only about \$13, which is cutting it close.

Charlene moved that we still keep the same Conference Pledge as last time (in 2018). Mere P. seconded, and all approved unanimously.

- As we have the past 5 years, we are pledging the following for 2019:

- 1) \$5,500 to the Conference UMW;
- 2) \$200 to Gum Moon;
- 3) \$300 to Mary Elizabeth Inn;
- 4) \$200 to Bright Future Children of the Future.

- Peg will notify the Conference UMW of our 2019 Pledge of \$6,200.

Old Business :

- **New date for Fijian Event - Luau** - August 25th/Sept. 1st ? - the Veisas will still be in Fiji Aug. 25th and there is another conflict Sept. 1st. So we are looking now at Sept. 8th. Su will get a written message to Pastor Lori and Diane will reserve the Fields Fellowship Hall. We want to make sure this is not the same weekend as the all church mission kick-off. UMW sponsors this event and it is a major fundraiser for our mission work and it features a Luau.

- **National Assembly 2018 Report** - Saturday, June 16th, 11:30am - 2pm, in McMullen Room - Potluck where Mere N., Barbara, and any of the other women can share about their experience at the 2018 Assembly. We will start to gather at 11 am.

- **VBS Lunches** - Stony Point campus, the end of July - Sandwiches & fruit, chips, & cookies. There was discussion about how circles are having difficulty with preparing ~ 50 sandwiches. Perhaps we provide deli trays or the VBS volunteers bring their own sandwiches and the UMW Circles provide the fruit, chips, & cookies. Peg will confer with Elizabeth. Meanwhile, we will do the same this year as we have in the past.

New Business :

- **UMW Breakfast at Annual Conference** - June 23rd - Modesto. One needs to pre-register for the UMW Prayer Breakfast. Go on-line or check with Mere Nabou.

- **Mission U Events** - Korean UMC San Jose - August 4th; Trinity UMC Chico - August 10-11th; Wesley UMC, Fresno - August 17-19th.

- **Bridges District Annual Celebration** - Saturday, September 22nd, First UMC Sacramento.

- **Farewell Lunch for Evelyn Schlager** - Diane has already contacted David Schlager about bringing Evelyn back for a small informal farewell lunch, perhaps in mid July. TBD. We will announce at least a week ahead to the congregation. We will get a flower corsage for her.

Officer Reports

- **President** - Mere Ponijiasi - No additional report.

- **Vice President/Program Chair** - Nancy Messinger - Nancy appreciates all the hard work that went into our successful Spring Fling.
- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - Diane summarized our recent silverware purchase: We bought more silverware to bring the count up to 200 place setting sets in our kitchen off of Fields Fellowship Hall. The discussion was initiated at the May meeting and after research on the cost of buying online versus buying from a store locally, we voted over email to go ahead and buy the silverware online. The cost was ~ \$280 online, which was less than the cost of buying locally, and the local store was going to have to order the pieces as it did not carry them in stock. The silverware has arrived and Diane has put out ~100 spoons in the kitchen drawers. The rest are in the Hall's closet.
- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Diane Jackson - Diane has the Sunshine list and will send out the cards.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley - No report.
- **Publicity** - Su Rood Cox - Su told us to watch for Barbara's article about her experience at the UMW Assembly in the Roseleaf.
- **Spiritual Growth** - Mere Nabou - Mere asks us to pray and to think about how to bring in the younger women.
- **Social Action/Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Barbara reported that she came home from Assembly more aware of so many more social issues and also with the awareness of how our Sonoma County UMW membership is down. There was discussion about the need of getting the UMW social issues message out there to our bigger church. How to do this? The Saturday, June 16th Luncheon is a place to start. Mere P. asked us to think about what we can do.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - Lucinda Brashares - Absent
- **Nomination Committee** - Diane Jackson - No report.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Peg & Diane - Diane reported that if we feel we need more things to offer to sell at the Snowflake Bazaar, World Crafts/SERRV is close by in Sonoma and we could have them sell things at our Bazaar. And Judy has tea towels for embroidering!

Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In June they will have a salad potluck lunch. They will take a break over the summer.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - They had a nice fellowship meeting last month.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - They will be visiting the Redwood Food Bank on Wednesday, 6/12, and going out for lunch afterwards. Meet at 8:30 am at FUMC if you want to join in.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - Their last meeting was a potluck lunch at Jeanette K.'s.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Laijipa Leqa - Mere N. reported that on June 2nd they hosted the CA/NV FLM meeting here and the FLM women that attended Assembly shared about their experience. There will be a combined FLM choir singing at Annual Conference. There will be a FLM retreat at Applegate Conference Center Sept. 28-30th.

Other Business:

- New address for Evelyn Schlager: Sunrise Sacramento, 345 Munroe Street, #205, Sacramento, CA 95825.

- New address for Nadine Amoss: 12105 Ambassador Drive, #134, Colorado Springs, CO 80921-3637.
- New address for Rev. Blake & Peggy Busick: 6809 Stanley Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608.
- New cell phone number for Su Rood Cox: 707-889-2920.
- The CA/NV Annual Conference is June 20-23rd in Modesto.
 - Our 3 delegates are: Mere Ponijasi (2nd yr,) Peg & Mike Ferrell (final yr for both.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Next board meeting: September 11th, 2018, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary