

First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa

United Methodist Women

March 13th, 2018 - Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Mere Ponijiasi with updates on our shut-ins and others. We all read the Purpose of UMW and Mere P. opened with a prayer.

Members present: Mere Ponijiasi, Diane Jackson, Su Rood Cox, Dian Jorgensen, Judy Finley, Peg Ferrel, Nancy Messinger, Carol Lindstadt, Jane Hollar, Lucinda Brashares, and Charlene Simons. Note: Dian took minutes of meeting until Charlene arrived at 11:10 am.

Minutes of February meeting: February Minutes were approved?

Communications: Mere P. shared thank you notes from The Living Room, Women's Recovery Services, and the FUMC Preschool. Mere P. also had the March *Roseleaf* magazines for the Circle leaders.

Treasurer's Report: Peg had prepared copies of the financial report for February 2018 and handed these out and reviewed the updates shown in the report. Note that this was the month that Peg paid out most of our 2018 pledges.

- The Member Pledges Income of \$445.00 came in from individual members.
- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$208.00 was from Ruth Circle for their monthly special project.
- The World Thank/Call to Prayer Income of \$140.00 was from Anna Circle's Call to Prayer & Self Denial service.
- The Assembly Fund Expense of \$500.00 was transferred to set-aside for National Assembly 2018.
- The Bright Future Child Youth Expense of \$200.00 went to National UMW to pay our pledge there.
- The Church Pledge Expense of \$600.00 went to our FUMC to pay our pledge here.
- The Conference Pledge Expense of \$2,750.00 went to the Conference UMW to pay the first half of our pledge there.
- The Gift to Mission Expense of \$50.00 went to pay our pledge there.
- The Good Shepherd Fund Expense of \$1,000.00 went to pay our pledge here.
- The Gum Moon Expense of \$200.00 went to pay our pledge there.
- The Total Local Missions Expense of \$1,700.00 went to pay in full our pledges to 8 local charities: CAP Harold's Home, F.I.S.H., Friends Outside, FUMC Community Garden, FUMC Preschool, The Living Room, Women's Recovery Services, & YWCA/Safe House.
- The Mary Elizabeth Inn Expense of \$300.00 went to pay our pledge there.
- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$208.00 went to Ruth Circle's special project of the Sonoma County Free Bookmobile.
- The Programs Expense of \$25.50 went to buy World Day of Prayer Supplies.

- The World Thank/Call to Prayer Expense of \$171.66 went to pay out the 2017 accumulated collections: \$57.66 went to World Day of Prayer fund and \$114.00 went to Call to Prayer & Self Denial fund, for a total of \$171.66.

- The Youth Camperships Expense of \$200.00 went to pay our pledge here.

- **The Total Assets** at the end of February were \$3,107.52. This includes the \$2,400 that is set aside for Assembly.

Old Business :

- **Prayer Workshop with Pastor Blake** - Saturday, Feb. 24th - There were about 12 in attendance. There was interesting conversation, good handouts, & guests other than UMW. Over-all, an excellent program.
- **World Day of Prayer** - Friday, March 2nd - The Sebastopol Community Church hosted and 12 of our members attended. Next year Church of the Roses will host. Then in 2020 we will plan to host again.
- **National Assembly - Columbus, Ohio, May 18-20, 2018** - Mere Nabou is organizing the 7 women from our church that are going. The money for each of the women from the UMW has been distributed to them. Each woman received a check in the amount of \$342.85 to help with travel/hotel expenses.

New Business :

- **Getting To Know You Potluck** - Saturday, **March 17th**, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, McMullin Room - This is our relaxed potluck lunch with no program. Come and bring something to share. Mere P. will set-up on Friday night.
- **Wilma Thompson/Doris Guyon Memorial Services** - Wilma's: Saturday, March 17th, at 3:30 pm. Doris': To be determined.
- **District Spiritual Growth Retreat** - Saturday, March 24th, 9 am - 1 pm, in Richmond.
- **Spring Fling** - Saturday, April 28th, 11:30 - 2:00 pm - "The Wonder of Childhood."
 - Program: Kate from Friends Outside will tell about the "Read Me a Story" Program. Judy Finley & Sonda Anderson will work on vignettes about children's relationships with God.
 - Participants are encouraged to bring books for children to use with the "Read Me a Story" Program.
 - Ticket sales: April 8, 15, & 22. Contact Diane Jackson.
 - Still looking for men to serve to the meal.

Officer Reports

- **President** - Mere Ponijiasi - No additional report.
- **Vice President/Program Chair** - Nancy Messinger - No additional report.
- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - No additional report.
- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Diane Jackson - Diane had/has several extra 2018 UMW Directories. She has the Sunshine list and will send out the cards.

- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley - Judy & Lucinda shared about the church library and how the UMW bookshelves have books on the UMW Reading Program back through 2013. Older books are on the bottom UMW shelf. The 3 new books are: Soul Repair, America & its Guns, and Sally Ride. Please check your book piles at home in case you have forgotten about a UMW library book that you checked out a long time ago, because there are several UMW books that have been checked out for a long time! Lucinda will get the current Reading Program forms. She noted that there are different levels of recognition, depending on how many books one has read.
- **Publicity** - Su Rood Cox - Su reports that she has things in the *Roseleaf* and is still looking for any more stories & memories to include under the title of celebrating UMW 150 years. Send your stories plus to her at: SCX2@earthlink.net
- **Spiritual Growth** - Mere Nabou - Absent.
- **Social Action/Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Absent.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda shared from the March *Response* magazine and reminded us of UMW's March 23rd birthday. UMW started in 1869 in Boston when a group of women met and raised money to send a woman doctor and a woman teacher to India. Lucinda continues to encourage us to read the *Response* magazines.
- **Nomination Committee** - Diane Jackson - No additional report.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Peg & Diane - No additional report.

Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In March Jennielyn Holmes of Catholic Charities will give an update about the Santa Rosa homeless situation. They meet at 9:30 am in the McMullin Room on Tuesdays.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - They will continue to meet at Stony Point campus and support each other and do what they can to support the greater UMW at FUMC. Paula Peterson will be the new point person for communication purposes.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - In March Judy will present the new books & share about the library. They had to cancel their last meeting & tour of the Redwood Empire Food Band; to be rescheduled. They meet at 9:30 am in the McMullin Room on Wednesdays.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - In March a representative of Forget Me Not Farm spoke and shared about their program. Allison De Toffoli has been a mentor there and she shared also.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Laijipa Leqa (formerly Ratumuri) - They are still meeting on the last Sunday of the month after church and every other Friday night at 9 pm.

Other Business:

- Peg had the end-of-the-year donation statements ready and Mere P. passed them out to the circle leaders at February's meeting, for the circle leaders to hand out at the circle meetings.
- The Women's Recovery Services invites us to tour their facility. Jody Edwards says that they would be honored to host us. Circles?, please contact Jody at jodyredwards@gmail.com .
- April 18th is a Conference social action event in Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Next board meeting: April 10th, 2018, at 9:30 am, in the McMullin Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Simons, Secretary