

First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa

United Methodist Women

March 12th, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at about 9:35 am by Mere Ponijiasi after updates on our shut-ins. We all read the Purpose of UMW. Litia Veisa lead us in a prayer after Marty Wait gave her report on the Spring Fling plans.

Members present: Diane Jackson, Mere Ponijiasi, Litia Veisa, Dian Jorgensen, Lucinda Brashares, Judy Finley, Marty Wait, Peg Ferrel, Pat Sanborn Pavliger, Barbara Wofford, Jane Hollar, Seni Momoka, and Charlene Simons.

Spring Fling Plans: Saturday, April 27, from 11:30 - 2pm. Marty Wait reported that the planning of this joint effort was going well. Elizabeth dropped off flyers for us to take to distribute. Marty had copies of her notes for us and she went through them. The notes are attached to these original Minutes in UMW binder. In summary:

- 1) "Women Helping Women" themed catered Luncheon, Silent Auction, & Program.
- 2) Madeleine O'Connell, CEO, YWCA, Sonoma County, will share the YWCA story with us for about 25 minutes and will show us a video of stories as well. We will put out a donation bowl for anyone that would like to individually donate to their program.
- 3) The Silent Auction will be organized by Elizabeth Walton and the proceeds will benefit summer camp scholarships.
- 4) Ruth Circle has a proposed lunch menu consisting of broccoli cheese soup and a main course of a chicken salad plate, quinoa, fruit, baby greens, vegetable, bread & butter. A vegetarian & vegan version will also be available.
- 5) Childcare provided, but must be reserved by Wednesday, 4/24. For children 8 years old or younger. They will need to bring their own lunch, unless they want to sit & eat with their adult; then they would need a \$10 meal ticket.
- 6) Tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for under 18 years old attending with an adult. Our goal is to sell 120 tickets. In recent past we have sold 80 - 90 tickets. The UMW Board will handle selling the tickets, starting on 3/31. Cut off date will be the Thursday before the event. No tickets will be sold at the door. Note "child" on the ticket if sold for a child. Tell Marty of any special dietary needs. We can accept money donations just fine; only sell a ticket to those wanting to attend and to eat.
- 7) Elizabeth will do decorations. We will use the church dishes and would like to borrow any nice tea pots.
- 8) Kitchen: Marty will lead Ruth Circle in preparing the lunch. They plan to bake on Wednesday, 4/25, from 10am-12noon. They may need some prep help that Saturday morning and will let us know.
- 9) Mike Ferrell is recruiting the team of servers.
- 10) Set-up & Clean-up: Family Ministry will set up the Hall and might need some help. Nathan & Michelle Simons have been hired to wash the dishes. Any other youth to hire to put away tables and clean up afterwards?
- 11) Publicity: Invite your Mothers, daughters, granddaughters, friends, ... When sending the flyers to other churches, try to send to a contact person.

We had a discussion about how to handle Honorariums in the future. Peg moved that any request of money is decided by the Board. We agreed. Note that this is something that we already do.

Minutes of February meeting: They were approved.

Communications: Diane shared the following 4 thank you notes from: FUMC Preschool, SRJC, the Living Room Center, and the Kemmerers for the reception. Diane had the latest Sonoma Seniors Today newsletter too.

Diane also had 4 copies of the March/April *Response* magazines for 4 of the circle leaders. Note that the copy for the FLM will come separately.

Treasurer's Report: Peg had prepared copies of the financial report for February 2019 for us and she went over the updates shown in the report:

- The Member Pledges Income of \$240 came in from individual members.
- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$160 came in from Ruth Circle for their Feb. project.

Total Income was \$400.00

- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$160 went to the Sonoma County Free Library from Ruth Circle.

Total Expense was \$160.00

- **The Total Assets** at the end of January were \$1,420.32. (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.

- Peg noted that there are still 2 items that are not fully paid up yet for 2019: 1) 3/4 of our conference pledge, and 2) our Assembly fund (money we set aside for Assembly 2020.)

- Also it turns out that the Press Democrat may have been paid twice for the Snowflake Bazaar ad. Peg is working with Janis Brewster in the Church office about this.

- Additional information from Peg: Due to our long term relationship with the Women's Recovery Services, the FUMC has agreed to rent space in the Giffen House to them from April thru Sept. 2019. They will pay the basic cost of electricity & water per their agreement with our Board of Trustees & FUMC. About 20 people will meet almost daily during this time while they have construction going on at their site.

Old Business :

- **World Day of Prayer** - March 1st, here at FUMC - This event seemed to be well received. The gathering in the McMullin Room was very nice. The Sebastopol church may host next year. The Saturday service in Fijian was successful too. \$272.00 was collected and Peg already sent that in. Diane will send in the evaluation form.

New Business :

- **150th Anniversary Celebration** - Sunday, March 24 - Diane reported that on Sunday, March 24, the UMW Anniversary video will be shown at all the services. After the 9:30 am Montgomery service and the 11 am Stony Point service we will provide cake. We figure 3 cakes total since 12" X 18" = 48 slices. Diane will order thru Costco at ~ \$20 each cake. At Montgomery

site she will set up 3 tables: past, present, & future. Mere P. will see to it that fruit is provided also. Peg will confer with Pastors Lori & Lindsey.

- **Gift to Legacy Fund** - \$50 requested from each Unit. Diane read the postcard from National UMW regarding the Legacy Fund. Jane moved that we send \$50 to the Legacy Fund. Peg seconded and we all agreed.
- **Missionary Visit** - Kathrine Parker - July 30 - UMW to co-sponsor the visit of Missionary Kathrine Parker on Tuesday, July 30. Also, Missionary Paul Jeffrey will be here in Santa Rosa on Tuesday, May 21, before he retires. Both will be giving the sermons at Spirit Cafe and a program afterwards in the sanctuary. Cake & refreshments will follow.

Officer Reports

- **Vice President/Program Chair** - Mere Ponijasi - No additional report.
- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - Peg added that both Diane & Charlene each need to visit Exchange Band to update their signature information. Peg will miss both the May & June meetings.
- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Pat & Mere N. - Pat reported that they would like the circles to send cards to their past members on the "Staying in touch" page (p. 31) of the UMW Directory, if circles are not already doing that. Include church bulletins and other information to keep the home-bound up and informed of church happenings. Pat would like to see the UMW's "sunshine list" expanded even more to involve more of the FUMC. Perhaps a "Getting to Know You" event can be held at the retirement homes where so many of our older members live. Also, if the worship services were to be recorded and put onto CDs again, those without access to the internet would be able to hear the worship services. We need to keep all of our members in-the-loop.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley & Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda reminded us that the UMW is not in the book business anymore. We are on our own in ordering books. The Dec. *Response* magazine has the list of books for the UMW Reading Program. Only 4 people have voted for books to order, in the library. Judy will hand off the responsibility of the Snowflake Bazaar tea towels to someone else. She is willing to help them.
- **Publicity** - No report.
- **Spiritual Growth** - Litia Veisa - No additional report.
- **Social Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Barbara reported that Harriet Jane Olsen has a video on the UMW website regarding the February UMC General Conference that is worth watching.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - open; no report.

Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In March they will hold their Prayer & Self Denial Service.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - In March they will meet and discuss the *Response* magazine.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - In March they will tour the SAY facility on the 20th at 10:30 am.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - Claudia was absent.

- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Seni Momoka - The FLM women meet twice a month. Seni shared with us their monthly planner for March which showed the cell group names and numbers and their planned activities. The women are very appreciative of their 15 years here in Santa Rosa!

Other Business:

- Pat reported for Mere Nabou: Since the January District UMW Training event was cancelled, the event was rescheduled for Carmichael last week with ~ 50 women. The District UMW would like to meet again at another site, perhaps on May 18 here in Santa Rosa. The building is available and Mere N. is welcome to organize and figure out the lunch and such.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon with a prayer from Litia.

Next board meeting: April 9, 2019, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary