

First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa

United Methodist Women

May 14th, 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. Diane gave a dedication and an opening prayer.

Members present: Diane Jackson, Claudia Ward, Pat Sanborn Pavliger, Barbara Wofford, Jane Hollar, and Charlene Simons.

Minutes of April meeting: Claudia moved, Jane seconded, all approved.

Communications: Diane shared a thank you note from the Redwood Gospel Mission thanking our church for accommodating the over-flow of the nomadic shelter. Diane shared a thank you note from Elizabeth Walton for our joint effort working on the Spring Fling. Diane shared an announcement of the Pride Parade to be held on Saturday, 6/1, in downtown Santa Rosa, and about showing how welcoming we are at FUMC SR.

Treasurer's Report: Peg had prepared notes of the financial reports for April & early May 2019 for Charlene to read to the Board. Actual computer printed reports from Peg will come in July. A recap of Income & Expenses up to May 11th:

- Member Pledges Income came in from the Fijian Language Ministries women for this year's first quarter.

- Miscel. Mission Income of \$115 came in from Ruth Circle for their May offering for the FUMC Youth Ministries. Peg already deposited this and sent a check out.

- Naomi Circle's offering of \$31.95 for One Great Hour of Prayer came in. Peg already deposited this and sent a check out.

- Diane Jackson has been reimbursed for expenses from the UMW Anniversary (\$83.45) and for several Reading Program books (\$103.47).

- **A summary of the Spring Fling** financials as of April 30th are as follows:

• Income: Ticket sales (\$1,635) + Flower sales & donations (\$71).

• Total Income = \$1,706.00

• Expenses: Lunch expenses reimbursed to Marty Wait (\$639.75) + Dish washing paid to Michelle & Nathan Simons (\$50) + Fields Fellowship Hall cleaning paid to Jake Walton (\$50).

• Total Expenses = \$739.75

• **Total Spring Fling Profit = \$966.25** (unless someone else has expenses they have not turned in yet.)

- **The Total Assets** in our checking account as of May 11th are \$2,623.82. (This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022. This also includes the \$698.10 remaining in Doris Guyon's Memorial Gift fund.)

- The report was approved.

Old Business :

- **Spring Fling Evaluation** - The event turned out very nice and it worked out well and was so nice to have Elizabeth Walton and Marty Wait planning it. We will look at this year by year, but as long as key folk are able to do this, such as Marty, then let's keep doing this. This is a nice fund raiser and community raiser.
 - Profits made: ~ \$900 off of the lunch, and \$1,100 off of the silent auction.
 - We still sold more tickets than the number of people that showed up.
 - We did reach out to Sonoma County UMCs and other churches. Sonoma UMC showed interest in attending. Not sure what others thought. We wonder if other churches hold events we could attend, if we knew about them.
 - A suggestion for next year: Perhaps go back to individual tea bags at each table with hot water in the tea pots, instead of the tea being prepared in the kitchen.
- **VBS Lunches** - We had expressed our concern about still being physically able to make and donate food for the lunches as we have in the past. Elizabeth Walton understands. We can donate money though. Claudia moved that we give the allocated \$40 for VBS Lunches in our Budget to the FUMC Children's Ministry for them to spend on buying food for the VBS lunches. Charlene seconded and all approved. We figured it may cost ~ \$50 per day for these lunches for the VBS volunteers (& their children) and for 4 days equals ~ \$200 total. We will encourage money donations from our circles to the cause. Let's plan to increase our budgeted amount for next year. (Charlene wrote the check for \$40 after the meeting and gave to Elizabeth in the office that day.)
- **Tea Towels for Bazaar** - Who would be willing to take on the handling of the tea towels? This entails timing of the steps so the stamped pattern on the towels does not fade. Circle leaders, please ask in your circles who our embroiderers are, and who might want to be in charge of the tea towels. Additional note: As we produce less handmade items, would we want more outside vendors at our Snowflake Bazaar?
- **Planning Retreat in September or October?** - We are interested in a 1 day retreat where we can look into all the different ways we can reach and help the women of FUMC SR, not just the members of UMW at FUMC SR. We want to keep UMW going for us at FUMC SR and globally. We are looking at a Saturday in September, or October, when an outside facilitator can come and help us see the big picture. We figure to hold the retreat on site with a potluck lunch. Some questions brought up: What kinds of interest groups could there be? ex. a quilting group, or a hiking group. How are the larger UMC's UMWs doing, such at the Los Altos UMW? Please talk this up with your circles!

New Business :

- **Fijian Luau** - July 20 - Mere Ponijiasi has said that as long as she is here, there will be a Luau.
- **Mission U** - Mere Nabou is the Co-Dean of Mission U. There are 3 sessions to choose from to attend:
 - Quincy - June 7 & 8. Cost: Triple \$100, Double \$120, & Single \$160.
 - Santa Rosa - August 3 - 1 day school. Cost \$65. We are hosting. Diane Jackson will need help on Friday & Saturday, especially with the lunch. A lunch with turkey casserole was requested. Diane handed out a registration form for each of us. To discuss more at our June board meeting.

- South Reno - August 16-18. Cost: Triple \$180, Double \$230, Single \$350.

Officer Reports

- **Vice President/Program Chair** - Mere Ponijiasi - Absent.
- **Treasurer** - Peg Ferrel - Absent. Peg is out of town during both May & June meetings.
- **Membership, Nurture, Sunshine & Outreach** - Pat & Mere N. - Pat really encouraged us to touch base with our circle members! She had note cards for those on the Sunshine List for all of us to sign that she passed around the table.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley & Lucinda Brashares - Diane reported that the 10 books she ordered for Lucinda & Judy are here and will be in the library soon.
- **Publicity** - open - No report. (Cathie Bryan's name came up as a possibility here.)
- **Spiritual Growth** - open - No report.
- **Social Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Barbara reported about the Gun Violence Prevention Forum held at Congregation Shomrei Torah. She had also visited the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN. She encourages our members to attend things like this.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - open - Diane reminded us of our retiring Missionary Paul Jeffrey visiting on May 21, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Note new information regarding Missionary Kathrine Parker's visit to Santa Rosa: Wednesday, July 31, at Christ Church. Kathrine is working on water purity and women's rights.

Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - In May they will be meeting in the McMullen room at usual time.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - They are still meeting regularly.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - In May they will discuss the book Just Mercy, about American prisons.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - Last night they met and Pat Sanborn Pavliger and her daughter shared about their trip to India.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Seni Momoka - They are still meeting regularly.

Other Business:

- If we can, maybe the UMW can publicize what is coming up in the Circle meetings in the Thursday FUMC "What's Happening" emails.
- We brainstormed how to publicize our UMW happenings & events & even our need of crafters & embroiderers. Perhaps we need to utilize the inside of the pew pads and the FUMC Thursday "What's Happening" emails.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am with a prayer from Pat.

Next board meeting: June 11, 2019, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary