

First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa

United Methodist Women

November 13th, 2018 - Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at about 10:00 am by Mere Ponijiasi after many updates on our shut-ins and on the Wycoffs in Paradise, effected by the Carr Fire. We all read the Purpose of UMW and Mere P. lead us in the Lord's Prayer.

Members present: Mere Ponijiasi, Diane Jackson, Dian Jorgensen, Claudia Ward, Nancy Messinger, Judy Finley, Peg Ferrel, Carol Lindstadt, Barbara Wofford, Jane Hollar, Lucinda Brashares, Mere Nabou, and Charlene Simons.

Minutes of October meeting: Diane moved, Jane seconded, and all approved as written.

Communications: Mere P. shared a letter from the YWCA and she had the October & November *Response* magazines for the Circle leaders.

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

- The Fijian Event Income of \$20 came in as a donation for the Luau.
- The Member Pledges Income of \$700 came in from individuals & the FLM pledge.
- The Miscel. Income of \$120 came in from someone "for all the good things you do."
- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$265.00 was from Ruth Circle for their monthly special project (\$205) and from Anna Circle for a donation to their circle speaker (\$60.)
- The World Thank offering Income of \$11.64 was from Mary's Friendship Circle.

Total Income was \$1,116.64

- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$265 went to Ruth Circle's October project of the Sonoma County Children's Museum (\$205) and to the Peace & Justice Center of Santa Rosa for the speaker on Palestine from the Anna Circle (\$60.)

- The Special Memberships Expense of *negative* \$80 was for the returned check to our bank account as our check was never cleared. A District error or a bank error? This is a mystery because we received the 2 pins requested by our original check sent in 2016.

- The Travel, Delegates, Seminars Expense of \$69 was for 3 registrations to the UMW Conference Annual Celebration: Luse Wilson, Litia Veise, & Peg Ferrel. (Mere N. also went and was paid for by the Conference or the District.)

Total Expense was \$254.00

- **The Total Assets** at the end of October were \$2,955.80. This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022. This also includes the \$798.10 remaining from Doris Guyon's Memorial Gifts. Therefore, remaining Assets are \$2,153.70

- The report was approved unanimously.

UMW Budget for 2019: Peg lead us in a discussion about our 2019 UMW Budget:

- Nancy shared for Cathy Bryan: Cathy knows a teacher of special education in Cloverdale. This teacher, Kristin Webb, was a part of our FUMC SR's youth group years ago and \$100

would go along way to help her take her students on a special field trip in May 2019. Perhaps we can consider a one time donation of \$100 to this teacher.

- Peg went over our current 2018 Budget with us and noted some things to us:
 - Another ~ \$600 income is still to come in from pledges;
 - There are quite a bit of Expenses that will not be used;
 - There are still ~ \$750 in Expenses that we will be paying out by Dec. 31st;
 - \$140 of this will be our Gift in Memory of 4 people: Doris Guyon, Bill Wycoff, Shirley Brummel, and Wilma Chandler.
 - An additional unexpected expense is the pully set-up that we use to hang up our Bazaar banners high on the outside walls of the church. Peg would like to split this cost with the church, but for now the hardware cost ~ \$178.
 - Our carry-over to 2019 will be ~ \$1,640. not including the money designated for Doris Guyon's memorial account.
 - Peg recommends that we keep the 2019 Budget the same as our 2018 Budget. Mere P. moved, Claudia seconded, and we voted and it passed. We will keep our 2019 Budget the same as our 2018 Budget.
 - Dian moved that we give \$100 to Kristen Webb for her field trip from Doris Guyon's Memorial Fund as this donation fits 2 criteria: 1) Ralph Guyon was a teacher, & 2) the Guyons had a special needs child. Nancy seconded and we voted and it passed. Peg will contact Cathy Bryan and then Kristen Webb.
 - The 2019 Budget will be presented to the FUMC UMW at our General Annual meeting next month at our Christmas Pot-luck Lunch, on December 11th.

Old Business :

- **Conference Annual Celebration/Meeting** - October 20th - Peg Ferrel reported on hearing Shannon Priddy, President of the UMW Board of Directors, speak to the more than 100 attendees. A few points Shannon made: With changes, UMW can carry on. UMW will still promote books & reading, but will just not *sell* books anymore. Women of UMW need to mentor young women in our churches and build the relationships; even as the younger women go off to college and move away, we have to keep relationships, encouraging the young women on into their new churches and UMW.
- **Cookie Bake** - Diane Jackson reported that about 8 people worked and baked almost 1000 cookies.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Saturday, November 17th, in Fields Fellowship Hall. Diane & Peg reported:
 - ~ 40 flyers have been sent out to local churches and our ad was in the Press Democrat last Friday, Saturday, & Sunday and will be in the paper this coming Friday & Saturday too.
 - The Fijian take-out meals do not need any extra table space & will use a cart if needed.
 - Dish washers lined-up are siblings Nathan & Michelle Simons. They will share the job and split the \$50 pay.

- The Saturday clean-up crew lined-up are youths Jake Walton & Daniel Morehead. They will share the job and split the \$50 pay.
 - Joanne Knight's friend, Kathy, will sell jewelry with the money to go towards FUMC's homeless ministry. We have other tables selling items for other FUMC ministries as well.
 - Jeanette Kemmerer & Sharon Robison will sell the lunch tickets.
 - We need someone to put up signs outside by 8:30 am and to monitor the parking lot door to let us in & keep shoppers out until we open for business. Dian will monitor.
 - Peg asked about cash boxes and if coins are needed. Yes to quarters.
 - The Ferrels will set up the tables on Thursday. Friday set-up begins at 9 am.
 - Nancy will be bringing in about 8 dolls to sell and we will fit them on Anna's table.
 - Diane, Mere P., and any choir members can help with selling the white elephant items from the stage on Sunday.
 - Peg recommends for us to be more careful about I.O.U.s and to take names, contact info, and amounts.
- **Christmas Potluck** - Tuesday, December 11th, 12 noon, in Fields Fellowship Hall.
 - The program is all figured out.
 - Diane will bring copies of the 2019 UMW Budget & Officers for all to vote on as this is our Annual General UMW meeting.
 - We need all 10 round tables put out with 7 chairs at each table. Mere P. will get folks to set these up.
 - Each Circle is decorating 2 tables each.
 - Diane will have festive napkins available.
 - Diane & Nancy will put out the table cloths and decorations on the food tables.
 - Diane will need help with gathering the dirty dishes.
 - **Circle Updates for the 2019 UMW Booklet/Directory** - Diane has given notes to all circle leaders and hopes to hear back about any changes in December after the Christmas lunch. Include a list of "Former Members that have moved" and list those names with their new addresses.
 - **Officer Duties from Handbook** - Diane shared with us a current list of UMW Officer duties from the UMW hand book. We each took a copy.

New Business :

- **Los Rios District Meet & Greet** - January 19th, 2019 - We have been asked to host. Dian moved that we do host; Peg seconded; we voted to host this UMW event. Mere P. already had registration forms to hand out. Note the change of time: the reg form says the event ends at 1:30 pm, but we are pretty certain the event is suppose to go until 3 pm or so. Time to be confirmed. At our January meeting we will further plan for our hosting. We need to think about who will help and who will attend and what our lunch menu shall be. The FLM women will prepare the morning tea. Mere N. says the District UMW will pay for tech person and child care person.

- **Nominations Report** - Diane reported that the 2019 Board of Officers has been filled with the exception of Social Action Officer. The proposed officers are:
 - Pastors: Lori Sawdon, Lindsey Bell-Kerr, Sekove Veisa
 - President: Diane Jackson
 - Vice President: Mere Ponijiasi
 - Secretary: Charlene Simons
 - Treasurer: Peg Ferrel
 - Spritural Growth: Nancy Messinger
 - Social Action:
 - Education/Interpretation: Litia Veisa?
 - Membership, Nurture Sunshine & Outreach: Barbara Wofford
 - Program Resources: Judy Finley & Lucinda Brashares
 - Publicity: Su Rood Cox
 - Chair Committee on Nominations: Mere Ponijiasi
 - Appointed Leaders: World Day of Prayer: Nancy Messinger
 - Circle Chairpersons: Anna - Jane Hollar; Mary's Friendship - Carol Lindstadt; Naomi - Dian Jorgensen; Ruth - Claudia Ward; Fijian Language Ministry- Laijipa (Ratamuri) Leqa.
- **Installation of Officers** - January in worship services. Which Sunday TBD.
- **Possible Schedule Dates for 2019** - Diane had a draft of the UMW 2019 Calendar of Events for us with suggested dates. The dates to determine/confirm are:
 - Installation of Officers & Presentation of Special Memberships on a Sunday in January.
 - Los Rios District Meet & Greet here at FUMC SR on 1/19.
 - Getting To Know You Potluck on 2/9.
 - World Day of Prayer on 3/1.
 - Prayer Workshop on either 2/23 or 3/16? Diane will check with Pastor Lori, meanwhile, ask our circle members if they are interested in attending. Should we keep this event?
 - Los Rios District Spiritual Retreat on 3/23.
 - Spring Fling on 4/27 or 5/4? Probably 4/27.
 - Mission U here at FUMC SR on 8/3.
 - Other Mission U's on 6/8 and 7/26.
 - Los Rios District Annual Celebration on 9/21.
 - Conference Annual Celebration on a Saturday in October.
 - Snowflake Bazaar on 11/16.
 - Christmas Potluck on 12/10.

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 has the Sunshine list and will send out the cards.
- **Program Resources** - Judy Finley - No additional report.
- **Publicity** - Su Rood Cox - Absent.
- **Spiritual Growth** - Mere Nabou - Absent now
- **Social Action/Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - No additional report.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda shared from the November *Response* magazine about the "Shade & Fresh Water" program supported by UMW in Brazil that keeps children busy productively when they are not in school. The Reading Program booklet is only online, but Lucinda had a printed copy. She has purchased the 2 books:
 - The Book of Joy: Conversation between the Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu.
 - Growing Peace, by Richard Sobol.
- **Nomination Committee** - Diane Jackson - No additional report.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Peg & Diane - No additional report.

Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - Last month Pastor Lori shared about her faith journey. In Nov. Diane Wikse will share about her faith journey.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - They will not meet in Nov., but will meet at the Christmas potluck for their December meeting.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - They will not meet in Nov., but will meet at the Christmas potluck for their December meeting.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - They met last night and after reviewing the Bazaar lunch, they visited and shared their Thanksgiving plans.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Laijipa Leqa - Mere P. reported that they are going on a SF Bay cruise on November 30th.

Other Business:

- Note that on Sunday at 3:30 pm is the memorial service for Dick Gearhart.
- Currently, Mere Nabou is acting as our District UMW President. (!)

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Next board meeting: December 11th, 2018, at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary