

**First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa**

**United Methodist Women**

**October 9th, 2018 - Executive Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at about 9:40 am by Mere Ponijiasi after updates on our shut-ins and others. 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, Peg Ferrel, Carol Lindstadt, Barbara Wofford, Lucinda Brashares, and Charlene Simons.

**Minutes of September meeting:** Dian moved, Peg seconded, and all approved with the correction on page 2: We held a *reception*, not a *lunch*, for Evelyn Schlager.

**Communications:** Mere P. had the September *Response* magazines for the Circle leaders.

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

- The Fijian Event Income of \$1,630 came in from Luau ticket sales and donations.
- The Member Pledges Income of \$125 came in from individuals.
- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$140.00 was from Ruth Circle for their monthly special project.
- There was \$8 of Income for the Snowflake Bazaar already.

Total Income was \$1,903.00

- The Conference Pledge Expense of \$2,750 was our balance due for 2018.
- The Fijian Event Expense of \$698.94 was for the Luau expenses.
- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$140 went to Ruth Circle's September project of VIM.
- The Special Memberships Expense of \$120 was for 3 Special Mission Recognitions that we will be honoring in January 2019.

Total Expense was \$3,708.94

- **The Total Assets** at the end of September were \$2,093.16. This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022.
- The report was approved unanimously.
- Peg noted that there was a profit of \$931.06 made from the Luau.

**Old Business :**

- **Update on Ministry Fair** - September. 3 women requested information about UMW Circles:
  - 1) Cathy Stearns - Charlene Simons is to contact.
  - 2) Pat Hannon - Dian Jorgensen is to contact.
  - 3) Sherry Bradford - Nancy Messinger is to contact.
- Nancy added that Heidi Vargas is also interested in a UMW Circle to meet in the evening, as well as Candy who lives at Spring Lake Village.

- We discussed how to contact more women and grow UMW and concluded that personal woman-to-woman contact & invitation is the best way! We are all encouraged to invite friends to the UMW Christmas Lunch in December. Perhaps what each Circle is doing can be a part of the FUMC's weekly email blast.
- **Update from Bridges District Annual Celebration** - Saturday, September 22nd, First UMC Sacramento. No one went, unless Mere Nabou went.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Saturday, November 17th, in Fields Fellowship Hall. Diane reported that she has received all positive responses from the usual various groups that bring things to sell at the Bazaar. Diane has been in contact with Su Rood Cox about a *Roseleaf* announcement and the usual paid ad in the Press Democrat is already set. Claudia will bring in the updated banners to the office and Mike Ferrel will hang them. Claudia says that Ruth Circle has the baked potato lunch all taken care of. Claudia will recruit a Ruth Circle member to sit at a table and sell the food tickets. Diane will check with Su about making fresh signs with the food prices & the menu, if needed.
  - \$10 for the lunch which includes pie & coffee.
  - \$4 for just the pie & coffee.
- **Cookie Bake** - November 10th, 1 pm, in the kitchen off of Fields Fellowship Hall - Diane said that she will have dough ready, but for anyone to feel free to bring one's own recipe to bake there. Last year ~ 800 cookies were baked in 2 hours.

### New Business :

- **Conference Annual Celebration** - Saturday, October 20th, Campbell UMC, near San Jose. There is scholarship money available, ask Peg. We will be receiving the 5-Star Giving Award and the Mission Today Award. 2 women from the FLM are wanting to go.
- **Christmas Potluck** - Tuesday, December 11th, in Fields Fellowship Hall - Nancy reported that Elizabeth Walton will lead the singing and Jenny Jones will play the piano. Diane Wikse will bring the pre-school children over to sing for us too. Each Circle is to be responsible for decorating and hosting 2 tables.
- **2019 Office Bearers** - Nominations, please! Diane passed out a list of "Officer's Responsibilities in Local Groups" to give us suggestions/guide-lines from the past. Some changes in Officers for the year 2019:
  - Mere Ponijasi will step down from being President, & as past President will become chair of Nominations.
  - Nancy Messinger will step down from being Vice President.
  - Lucinda Brashares will change to being a co-chair of Program Resources w/ Judy Finley.
  - Barbara Wofford will change to being chair of Membership.
  - These changes open up chair positions and there are names of women that Diane and Mere P. will be contacting to ask about stepping up onto the Board. Some of these names are: Marsha Dupre, Jane Hollar, Lia Cirikiwai, & Litia Veisa. Any other suggestions?
- **Host District's 1 Day Mission U** - August 10th, 2019 - Mere N. contacted Diane about the possibility of us hosting a 1-Day Mission U next August. Dian moved that we host this conference event; Barbara seconded; we voted "yes" to host next August 10th.

## 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 - Absent.
- **Publicity** - Su Rood Cox - Absent.
- **Spiritual Growth** - Mere Nabou - Absent.
- **Social Action/Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Barbara reported that there are several interesting events coming up in Sonoma County, including "Across the Interfaith Table" on 10/21 (see p.6 in the *Roseleaf*,) the Sonoma County Diversity & Inclusivity Summit on Mondays, 1 per month, at the Shomrei Torah Temple, from 6:30-8:30 pm on: 10/15, 11/26, 12/10, 1/28, 2/25, & 4/8/2019. Also, St. John's UMC in Rohnert Park is holding a handicraft sale on 10/20 & 10/21 & they are selling pumpkins from their pumpkin patch. There is also a disaster preparedness workshop: "My Life in a Box" at the Windsor Senior Center on 10/10 sponsored by the SR Memorial Park. Perhaps this workshop is something we could consider hosting here.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda reported on the UMW Reading Program and handed out copies of the brochure and reporting form and went through it with us. She can get more brochures if wanted. She shared that the New World Outlook will be ending after October. She also noted that in January books from the 2013 and earlier reading lists will not count toward the Reading Program points/credits any more.
- **Nomination Committee** - Diane Jackson - No additional report.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Peg & Diane - No additional report.

## Circle Chairpersons:

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - They will meet next Tues. in McMullen Room at usual time of 9:45am.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - They are still meeting & hanging together at Stony Point.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - On Oct.17 Judy Finley will lead a program about book sharing.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - They met last night at Marty Wait's and Jennifer Dornbush talked about recycling. They also discussed the Bazaar lunch. Claudia recommended Jennifer's program.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Lajjipa Leqa - Mere P. reported that they have 4 cell groups and they rotate which cell group leads the women's meeting. They meet on Sunday afternoon. They are planning a day cruise, probably on the SF Bay, for Nov. 20.

## Other Business:

- Note that we have a Prayer Chain, as noted in our UMW Directory on page 3, and we could probably be better about utilizing it.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm with a devotion by Lucinda.

Next board meeting: November 13th, 2018, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary