

**First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa**

**United Methodist Women**

**September 11th, 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. gave a devotion and prayer.

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

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

**Communications:** Mere P. had the July/August *Response* magazines for the Circle leaders.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peg had prepared copies of the financial reports for June, July, and August 2018 and handed these out. Peg reviewed the updates shown in the reports:

June 2018:

- The Member Pledges Income of \$50 came in from individuals.
- The Miscellaneous Income of \$120.00 came in to memorialize Doris Guyon.
- Peg noted that we have received to date a total of \$1,080 to memorialize Doris Guyon.
- The Miscel. Mission Income of \$125.00 was from Ruth Circle for their monthly special project.
- The Miscel. Mission Expense of \$125.00 went to Ruth Circle's June project of the Good Shepherd Fund.
- The Miscel./Contingency Expense of \$331.90 went to pay for postage (\$50) and to reimburse Diane Jackson (\$281.90) for the purchase of the flatware for Fields Fellowship Hall kitchen from the Doris Guyon Memorial donations.

July 2018:

- The Member Pledges Income of \$300 was the only activity for the month of July.

August 2018:

- There was no activity in the month of August.
- **The Total Assets** at the end of August were \$3,899.10. This includes 5¢ that is set aside for Assembly 2022.
- The report was approved unanimously.
- Peg read a thank you note from Michelle Higgs for our donation to the Community Garden.

Special Mission Recognition: Peg lead us in a discussion about who to consider for this recognition. After discussion we narrowed it down to 3 names and Peg has these names. Jane moved that this year we give 3 recognitions. Dian seconded and we unanimously approved. Peg will notify the National UMW and we will recognize these 3 individuals in January 2019.

**Old Business :**

- **VBS and Camp Noah** - We successfully delivered sandwiches & fruit, chips, & cookies for the volunteers' lunches at VBS. Elizabeth Walton thought the Camp Noah was very worthwhile and is looking into holding another camp elsewhere. Other cities have contacted Elizabeth about holding Camp Noah in Redding.
- **Mission U Events** - Korean UMC San Jose, Trinity UMC Chico, & Wesley UMC Fresno - No one here attended any and Peg did not receive any requests for a scholarship. Perhaps only Mere Nabou went.
- **Farewell Lunch for Evelyn Schlager** - This was a very nice lunch for Evelyn and she sent a thank you note to Diane expressing how pleased and appreciative she was for the event.
- **Update of the Annual Luau** - Sept. 8th - This was a beautiful event. Peg reported that we are close to \$1,500 in profit right now with only \$130 reported in expenses. These expenses were for only the set-up, clean-up, and the cake ingredients. We discussed the cost of putting this on and our concern about the expense of the pig, the prawns, and the paper products, as well as the salad makings, falling onto the FLM. After discussion Claudia moved that we pay \$700 of the expenses of this year's Luau. This is \$200 more than what our Budget calls for. Charlene seconded and we unanimously approved. The \$130 has already been paid/reimbursed and Peg will write a check for the amount of \$570 (= \$700 minus \$130) and give to Mere P. to disperse to the FLM. Mere P. explained how the event is so enjoyable with the food & fellowship. We feel it is important for us to know how much this event does cost to hold, so we know just how much of a fundraiser it is and not something that is just paid for out of a few pockets.

### New Business :

- **Update on Ministry Fair** - Stony Point campus on Sept. 16th & Montgomery campus on Sept. 23rd - Includes a UMW table. Food is encouraged at the tables and Claudia, Peg, Nancy, & Jane volunteered to bring in goodies. Su Rood Cox is doing our table set-up with a stand-up board, brochures, and *Response* magazine/s. Mere P. will staff the table both dates.
- **Bridges District Annual Celebration** - Saturday, September 22nd, First UMC Sacramento. There is scholarship money available, ask Peg.
- **Conference Annual Celebration** - Saturday, October 20th, Korean UMC, San Jose. There is scholarship money available, ask Peg.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Saturday, November 17th, in Fields Fellowship Hall. There will be a "cookie bake" on Saturday, November 10th at 1:00 pm. Claudia reported that Ruth Circle and Marty Wait have committed to organize the lunch, as in the past. Each Circle is to bring in 5 pies and 12 dozen cookies. On Thursday, November 15th, Peg & Mike F. and Jerold will set up all the tables. Claudia will take care of updating the banner. Judy asked for a notice to go out to ask who all is working on embroidering tea towels. Diane will send a notice out and will also ask for any more embroiderers. So, the planning is rolling along. The usual groups and volunteers are already doing what they need to do.
- **Christmas Potluck** - Tuesday, December 11th, in Fields Fellowship Hall - Nancy is already thinking about this and asked us to think about ideas for a program and to ask at our circle meetings. Diane has offered to read in case it is needed. Also ask at our circle meetings about White Elephant donations and about lemons, persimmons, walnuts, ... .

### Officer Reports

- **President** - Mere Ponijiasi - Mere & Peg reminded us that at our November board meeting we will need to decide on our 2019 Officers and our 2019 Budget. Confer with Diane if you would like to stay on or not, and if you have any ideas for nominations.
- **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 report.
- **Publicity** - Su Rood Cox - Absent.
- **Spiritual Growth** - Mere Nabou - Absent.
- **Social Action/Concerns** - Barbara Wofford - Absent.
- **Mission Education/Interpretation** - Lucinda Brashares - Lucinda reported about the September issue of *Response* which covers the Assembly 2018: *Be Bold*. She also shared about the July/August issue's photo essay by Paul Jeffrey: *Welcoming New Neighbors here in the USA*. Many faith based organizations are working to welcome immigrants and help them with getting situated & employed & into English language classes, cultural education classes, ... .
- **Nomination Committee** - Diane Jackson - No report.
- **Snowflake Bazaar** - Peg & Diane - No additional report.

#### **Circle Chairpersons:**

- **Anna** - Jane Hollar - On Sept.18 they will have a woman come to speak about Palestine.
- **Mary's Friendship** - Carol Lindstadt - They will meet on Tues., Sept. 4th at Stony Point.
- **Naomi** - Dian Jorgensen - On Sept.19 Elizabeth Walton will speak about Camp Noah.
- **Ruth** - Claudia Ward - They met last night at Claudia's. They are taking it month by month whether they meet in evening or day. In October they will meet at Marty Wait's home in the evening and discuss the Snowflake Bazaar.
- **Fijian Language Ministry** - Laijipa Leqa - Mere P. reported that they still meet and are busy with all the FLM activities locally & in the district & in the conference. Last week they started an "Evangelism Week" which cumulates into a CA/NV Conference FLM group meeting this weekend. Meanwhile, the numbers attending the FUMC Fijian service is growing!

#### **Other Business:**

- Judy and Lucinda have gone into the library and tidied up our UMW section.
- Note that the Annual Women's Retreat will be a 1-day retreat in early 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Simons, Secretary