

First Lutheran Church WELCA Board Minutes

January 14, 2020

The WELCA Board met at 10:00 am. Donna Quam presided.

Present: Margaret Kratzke, Sandy Pearson, Joan Anderson,
Donna Quam, Gayle Fitz, Pastor Gretchen, Judy Mouritsen

Devotions: Gayle Fitz read a devotion from “By Still Waters”.

Secretary’s Minutes:

Motion was M/S/C to file the September 10, 2019 Minutes as written. Judy read several thank you notes from recipients of the Christmas cookie plates and also from the organizations receiving our end-of-year financial contributions.

Treasurer’s Report:

Sandy reported on the Treasurer’s Report for December, 2019. The balance in the checking account as of December 31, 2019 is \$194.01 and \$3,776.96 in the savings account. We received \$775 for services provided by some Church women for funerals during 2019, which was included in the funds distributed to various organizations. She sent all the disbursement checks in December, as listed on the December 2019 Treasurer’s Report. Sandy mentioned that it was time for another audit and Donna will contact Delores Simdorn to see if she would be willing to perform the audit again this year.

Committee Reports:

Mission Action: Margaret reported that we collected \$866 from the Thank Offering in November. While Margaret was hoping to reach a goal of \$1,000, the Board was pleased with the response received.

Love Days: Joan reported that they have made 102 quilts, 15 baby quilts, 38 school kits, and 11 baby kits. The quilts were not delivered last December as the organization will be collecting items in June for distribution. More than 30 quilts have been given to Lake Region Recovery, and five quilts were given to Slumberland to accompany their mattress donations during the holiday season.

Sunshine: Although Doris was not present at the meeting, it was reported she has been in contact with Pastor Gretchen regarding congregation members who should receive a greeting card from WELCA.

Old Business:

Gayle reported on the positive feedback from the Christmas Tea held on December 12, 2019 at Pioneer Pointe. There was good attendance and the sweet treats were delicious. Joyce Perez and Harriet Wicklund led a musical sing-along, and Ann Rotto spoke on her Norwegian heritage, while dressed in her buna outfit.

New Business:

Our church will be hosting the WELCA Conference Spring Gathering which is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020, starting about 4:00 pm with a light supper, followed by musical entertainment and a speaker. Donna briefly reviewed the list of items she received explaining our assignments and responsibilities. The Board will meet in February and March to plan for the function. We are expecting approximately 150-200 women to attend.

Pastor Gretchen:

Pastor Gretchen recommended that the WELCA Board share their meeting minutes with the Church Council so they will be informed about our many activities. Judy will send a copy of the completed minutes to the Church office to be added to the website.

Pastor Gretchen told the Board that Room 10 will now be used to collect donated items for the Welcome House. Information will be put in the Messenger and bulletin informing the congregation of this feature and encouraging members to consider donating to this charity.

Pastor Gretchen told the Board that the Church nursery is changing somewhat and there will no longer be an additional “quiet room” adjoining the regular nursery. She is hoping that the room can be furnished to provide a warm and inviting meeting room for small gatherings, such as meeting with families to discuss funeral arrangements.

Meeting Adjourned.

Secretary,

Judy Mouritsen

Dates to Remember:

February 11 WELCA Board Meeting 10:00 am

April 20 Host Conference 7 Spring Gathering

April 30 Spring Salad Lunch and Bake Sale