

**Centennial United Women in Faith Executive Board Meeting
January 6, 2026 - 1:00 p.m. Centennial UMC and Zoom**

Please note Zoom link for all future board meetings:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86735035354?pwd=Tys4a0tsZzR5bysvcmxMaW55Rkk0QT09>

Present: Randee Allen, Diane Anderson, Mim Heggerston, Fran Holmes, Mary Hopkins, Anita Mayfield, Maureen Petersen, Peggy Rhodes, Pat Torgrimson

Call to Order: Pat called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Vote on New Board Member: Pat nominated Fran Holmes for Secretary, Mim seconded. Motion carried.

Welcome New Board Members: Fran Holmes, Secretary and Maureen Petersen, Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

UWF Purpose: The Board read the United Women in Faith Purpose together.

Agenda: Discussion of UWF Directory by Mim and discussion of Social Justice by Anita added to the Agenda.

Devotions: The Devotion was a silent prayer.

Prayer Guide: Mary read the Reflection from January 4 by Belinda Fordess about Rural Aid Community, discussion of growing and learning with each other.

Secretary's Report: Minutes will be filed as written.

Treasurer's Report: Total income for December was \$2,720.06. Disbursements were \$657.33. Available checking: \$3,411.04. Restricted checking: \$2,337.81. Restricted CD: \$2,254.64. Total assets: \$8,003.49.

Discussion was held for potential projects to fund for coming year, suggestions included Midwest Missions, Project Home, Jeremiah.

Old Business

Books for a Buck: Book sales in December totaled \$84. Book sales for 2025 year totaled \$586. Books for a Bucks, including books, puzzles and games continues to

be successful. It also serves as a gathering place after service to meet and discuss books.

Reading Program: Mary reported that the meetings are the 4th Monday of the month starting at 9:30 until approximately 11:15. The group meets in the church library. The next meeting is January 26 and the book is Celeste Ng's novel *Our Missing Hearts*. Meetings for the rest of the year at April 27, July 27, October 26.

Nominations: Unfilled positions include Vice President and Nominations committee member class of 2028. Until Vice President position is filled Board members will organize events.

Job descriptions will be updated. Nominations team mailed present job holders the descriptions as written. Job holders should revise the descriptions as needed. Job descriptions will be reviewed at the February meeting.

Day Apart: This event is being coordinated by the Day Apart team, Carol Johnson and Deb Wright. The Board has suggested February 21 as the date for this event.

UWF Sunday: Pat will confirm with Pastor Whitney that January 25 will work as the date. Pat will do the presentation. UWF will serve as greeters and ushers. At coffee hour, UWF will bake and serve orange cinnamon rolls. There will also be a information booth featuring UWF missions.

Special Recognition Pins: Peggy ordered and has received three Special Recognition Pins. Beth Oelke and other will determine who will receive.

Christmas Brunch Recap: Attendance was 50 plus Piecemakers sale went very well. There were many complements on the food and program. The income was \$650 and expenses were \$140. Pauline is in charge of organizing the 2026 program and will request assistance as needed. She would like to include a Christmas sing-along.

Devotions for 2026: Please contact Carol Johnson (c2020johnson@gmail.com) and/or Tracy Fodstad (tracyfodstad@gmail.com).

New Business

President Updates:

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2) Final Draft of Monthly Board Minutes need to be sent to Annika McClintock for official filing. Fran will send when minutes are final.

3) All meetings, programs, and events space at the church should be scheduled via Internal Facility Use Form to reserve space and communicate needs.

4) Pastor Jen has advised the Church's Annual Review will be done in late January. She has requested highlights of UWF missions and justice programs. Pat will be coordinating with Mim and others to compile this information.

UWF Directory: Mim reported that Shred Right and Alley Shop will be added. The annual calendar will be removed because dates change and cannot be updated. Lydia members will be contacted by email for any changes for directory. All changes should be sent to Pauline by January 25 for Board member review at February meeting.

Spring Luncheon: Tentative date is May 2 or 9. This event needs volunteers to plan and coordinate. Procedure for auction will be reviewed.

Social Action: Mim discussed the annual event Day on the Hill which will be held this year on March 9 at 8:00 AM, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. in St Paul. For more information see: www.jrlc.org. The event starts at the church and then proceeds to the Capital for discussions with legislators. UWF carpools to this event.

Communications: In addition to the dates listed below under Dates to Remember, Peggy Rhodes suggested that Pauline should add to her communication announcements that January is UWF Pledge Month.

Unit Meeting: Anita is coordinating this Social Action program. Tentative date is either Saturday March 7 or 14. Pastor Bitrus Bamai has been suggested as speaker. The presentation would be followed by lunch at Olive Garden.

Circle Updates:

Ruth: Meeting February 19 at 7:00 p.m. Presentation is Be Smart for Kids, Gun Safety. April 16 Container Gardening.

Sarah and Martha-Mary: Pledge Service.

Joys and Concerns were shared.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Next meeting: February 3 at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Holmes, Secretary

Dates to Remember:

January 18: Books for a Buck

January 25 (tentative): UWF Faith Sunday

January 26: Reading Group Discussion of *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng

February 21 (tentative): Day Apart

March 9: Day on the Hill

March 7 or 14: Unit Meeting

April 27: Reading Group Discussion

May 2 or 9: Spring luncheon