

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2019
Conference Room

Members Present: Illa Biteler, Mary Dunlap, Kay Nelson, Shirley Wright, Jody Huebert, Marie Kruger, Tammie Schultz and Cathy VandeBraak

Members not present: Jeannette Jensen

- I. Opening Devotion – Illa opened with a Mustard Seed Devotion titled “Living in Joy: Joy in Christian Freedom
- II. Secretary’s Report was reviewed.
- III. Treasurer’s Report was reviewed.
- IV. Old Business
 1. Orphan Grain Train update. Tammie shared that she, Betty Schultz and Mary Ann Zinnel joined approximately 40 people from all over South Dakota. They sorted athletic clothing that had been donated by Champion. They worked hard on the hot day but had a good time and would do it again in the future.
 2. Library Committee Update. New casters were attached to the shelves. Illa placed all the books back on the shelves today. The library is open and ready for people to check out books.
 3. Diaper Derby. Jodi, Cathy and Rebecca met at church on Monday, June 17th. With Dean’s help, they loaded up 3 vehicles full of diapers. 12,498 diapers were delivered to the Alpha Center.
 4. LWML Scholarship. Braedon Thompson was the recipient of the scholarship. \$200 will be mailed to Concordia to be put toward his tuition expenses by August 1st. An additional \$200 will be sent January 1, 2020 as long as Braedon has submitted proof of full time student status by December 31, 2019. It is his responsibility to submit this documentation without additional contact from LWML.
 5. LWML National Convention. Mary Dunlap and Jody Huebert attended the convention. Kay Nelson attended the business meetings at the convention but her primary focus while in Mobile, AL was the Leadership Training for the new District Heart to Heart Program. See attached report for details.
- V. New Business
 1. Organizations/people to support. Discussion was had concerning the missions we would like to fund. Now is the time to gather information about various opportunities before we need to work on the 2020 budget. If you have a person, group or organization you would like us to learn more about, please share the contact information you have with the LWML Board.
 - a. The Mary Circle has a table at the Call to Freedom Fundraiser Breakfast on Wednesday, October 16th 7:00-8:30 AM. A table for 10 people is \$150. Contact Marsha Kritzmire if you would like more information.
 - b. Mary presented information about The Branch ran by Pastor John Dawson. She is going to contact him and ask if he is available to present information about his ministry at the next LWML Board Meeting on August 1st.

- c. Discussion was had about supporting pastors that are already in the field and trying to pay their student loans rather than continuing to support a student enrolled in seminary that is having access to the generous financial aid that is available to students beginning the 2018/2019 school year.
 - d. Discussion was had about providing the support in a yearly payment rather than monthly payments. This would allow more flexibility to work with the funds that are in our account.
2. LWML Support for the Davis Family who suffered a fire and lost their home. Illa will contact the family to discuss what their needs are to determine if immediate financial support is needed or if it would be best to wait until things begin to settle a bit and they have a better assessment of their needs.
3. Joint LWML Meeting on Saturday, September 14th. 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM
 - a. The tentative schedule: 10:00 meeting, 10:30 Devotion, 10:45 Mission Trip to Haiti presentation by Cassie Huebert, 11:30 lunch, 12:15 LWML National Convention presentation by Mary Dunlap and Jody Huebert and Leadership training on the District Heart to Heart Program by Kay Nelson.
 - b. We will serve a salad bar lunch. Jody Huebert and Cathy VandeBraak will organize the lunch. Cathy will apply for a Thrivent Grant.
 - c. Mites will be collected along with a free-will offering. The free-will offering will be donated to Cassie to help cover the cost of her mission trip.

VI. Other Business

1. Vice President Report – Cathy – no report.
2. Mission Coordinator Report – Jody – Diaper Derby reported above.
3. Resource Coordinator Report – Tammie – no report.
4. Research Coordinator Report – position vacant.
5. Archivist/Historian Report – Marie – Please continue to print any pictures and get them to Marie.
6. Library Committee – Illa – reported above.
7. Eve Circle Report – Jody and Cathy – July 13th will be a service project for the Furniture Mission.
8. Rebekah Circle Report – Illa – July 10th service project at Lunch is Served. 15 volunteers prepared 250 lunches in 45 minutes. The Love Kitchen covered the expense of \$350. The circle has also brought back the “Soul Bowl.” All the shut-in’s names are placed in the bowl each month at the circle meeting. The Rebekah members will each draw a name and then contact that person sometime during the month with a visit, card or call.
9. Mary Circle Report – Mary – There will be a summer fellowship opportunity and gathering of donations for the St. Francis House on July 25 at 6:00.

VII. Upcoming Events

- August 15th Sioux Falls Zone Board Meeting at Faith Lutheran. The Fall Rally and National Convention will be discussed.

- September 8th Rally Sunday at Zion
- Fall Rally at Trinity Lutheran in Hartford, SD. Election will be held for the Zone treasurer and secretary.
- September 14th Joint Meeting
- October 6th LWML Sunday. Need ushers, greeters, readers, etc. We will also provide treats for Bible Class.
- October all circle chairs meet to discuss nominations for President and Vice President beginning January 2020 to serve a two year team. The nominations will be presented to the Board at the October Board meeting.
- December 11th Advent Meal with Craft, Book and Bake Sale. Some people are crafting already. Are you? We would appreciate any crafts you are willing to donate. Think Christmas!
- December circle meetings will have all members vote for President and Vice President positions.
- June 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

VIII. Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy VandeBraak
LWML Board Vice President

LWML Eve Circle Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2019 – 9:15 Main Street Living Studio

Members present: Judy Bittner, Mary Ann Zinnel, Jody Huebert, Cathy VandeBraak, Karen Voegeli, Pam Kludt, Nancy Bott, Lanelle Smith, Nancy Kraayenhof

Members not present: Jolene Dyce, Jolene Hanson, Deb Hinde, Clare Helling, Cassie Huebert, Jeannette Jensen, Fatima Johnson, Joan Sebesta, Lori Coufal, Judy Eisenbraun, Emily Lafrentz, Renee Lehr, Tammie Shultz, LeAnn Werner, Kim Fitterer, Sara Francis, Kristi Hofer,

Opening Devotion – Jody – I am With You.

Offerings: \$24.42 Home (used for general fund for our society giving/use in funding our projects), \$31.53 Mite (used for state and national mission grant funding) and \$35.00 Furniture Mission.

Old Business

1. Library Committee Update. Outdated books have been removed from the system. The books will be taken to Goodwill for donation. New books have been purchased and will be cataloged and then placed on the shelves after new casters are installed on the book shelves.
2. Diaper Derby. This Sunday, June 16th is the last day for collection. Currently the count is over 11,200. Jody, Cathy and Rebecca will meet at church on Monday, June 17th and have Dean help load up the diapers and take them to the Alpha Center.
3. LWML Scholarship. Applications are available for any student attending Concordia College and planning to pursue a career in full-time church work. The application must be completed and submitted to the church office by July 1 and include a short essay about career goals, a transcript to verify a 3.0 GPA and a copy of a course schedule to show full-time student status.
4. December 11th Advent Meal and Craft, Book and Bake Sale. We will serve chili and hotdogs prior to the Advent service. Dessert will be ice cream treats. We will also host a Sale at the same time. We are asking you to help with books, crafts and baked goods/snacks. The sale will carry over on to Sunday, December 15th and 22nd. This will be a perfect time to be thinking of Christmas goodies and gifts.
5. LWML National Conference offering. Jody made a motion to increase the offerings from 3 gifts of \$100 to 4 gifts of \$100. Kay seconded the motion. All were in favor and the increase in the offering was approved. The offerings will be used to fund the following missions:
 - a. Day 1 - 2019-2021 Mission Goal
 - b. Day 2 - Expanding the Disability Ministry in the Dominican Republic and Medical Mission Teams
 - c. Day 3 - James Storehouse Louisiana and Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee Children
 - d. Day 4 - LCMS Disaster Response/Community Relief

New Business

1. Discussion of increasing the support for the seminary student. Rebekah Circle has suggested an increase from \$50 per month to \$200 per month. Tuition is covered 100%. Students are responsible for housing, books and health insurance. Work Study jobs are available. There is a food pantry they are able to use twice per month and the amount they are able to take for free is based on family size. There is also a "Goodwill" available on campus that students and their families are able to shop at whenever they desire. Students can also be matched with a host congregation for support in addition to the support from their home congregations and other congregations. Please discuss the amount of financial support with the circles and review when the 2020 budget is proposed.
 - a. Eve Circle would prefer the amount given to the Seminary Student remain \$50 per month. Increasing the amount brought about concerns of meeting the budget and creating dependence for the student. The ladies see value in the student investing in their education.
2. Mission Central helps support LCMS missionaries. Please discuss with the circles to see if a one-time or ongoing gift would be something to explore.
 - a. Eve Circle would be in favor of \$50 per month or a one-time gift.
3. Mary made a motion to support the College Ministry project sponsored by the Eve Circle with a donation of \$500 to be given immediately. Jody seconded the motion. All were in favor. It was discussed to add the College Ministry project to the annual budget. Currently all students that have provide address information are contacted 4 times per school year. This funding will allow more frequent contact and an increase in the

gift sent to them encouraging them to purchase a little treat while studying for finals. It also will help with the postage for the survival care package that is mailed to them toward the end of the school year.

- a. Eve Circle is grateful for the gift to support their ministry.
4. Supporting our shut-ins. We would like to find more ways to stay connected and support the shut-ins from Zion. Please brainstorm different ideas of how to accomplish this at the circle meetings. We also need a number of people to help at various times to make this ministry consistent and successful.
 - a. Brainstorm Ideas: soul bowl, cards, visits, caroling including families of all ages not just choir members, cheer baskets at Easter and Christmas, sending a flower along with Pastor when visits were made, contact Pastor to ask for specific needs for specific individuals to make it more personal.
 5. Furniture Mission. Saturday, July 13th we will be serving them in the laundry room and by personalizing the Bibles that are given to families. We have also agreed to help supply them with “Welcome Home Baskets.” These baskets are given to families and contain items that they are unable to purchase with their snap benefits. All the items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree. Please bring your completed basket with you on the 13th. If you are unable to attend on the 13th but would still like to help you may provide a financial donation or bring your completed basket prior to or at our June 16th meeting.
 - a. Thank you to Emily Lafrentz for sharing her Thrivent Action Team Grant to be used toward this service project. We have 25 small notebooks from Thrivent along with many Zion pens to add to the baskets. There is **NO NEED** to purchase an additional notebook.
 - b. Do we need to set a date to assemble the baskets? Sara can decide what is easiest for her.
 - i) No decision was made about a date as Sara was not able to attend the meeting. We will talk with Sara and send out an email with a possible date and also with a link to other items the Furniture Mission may be in need of.
 - c. The Welcome Home Basket needs to include the following items inside a **SMALL ROUND BASKET**.
 - Kitchen size garbage bags
 - Shower curtain and rings
 - Hand held broom and dust pan
 - 4 pack toilet paper
 - Roll of paper towels
 - Bleach wipes
 - Toilet brush
 - Calendar
 - Small notebook – already have to use

Upcoming Events

- June 20-23, 2019 National Convention in Mobile, Alabama. The theme is “In Praise to the Lord.”
- August 15th Sioux Falls Zone Board Meeting at Faith Lutheran. The Fall Rally and National Convention will be discussed.
- August 29th- September 2nd South Dakota State Fair LWML sponsors the Puppet Place. Donna Crichton is in charge. Workers are from Zion - Canistota, Resurrection - Sioux Falls, Trinity Hartford.
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- Fall Rally in Hartford, SD
- June 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

Any updates or prayer requests to share?

Adjourn with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy VandeBraak,

Eve Co-Chair

Upcoming Events for Eve Circle *please note these dates in your calendar.**

July

13th Service Event at the Furniture Mission

21st Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

August

18th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

24th Movie Night in the Atrium. Please bring a snack to share.

September

8th Rally Day

TBD Joint Meeting Activity with mission presentation by Cassie

Huebert **15th** Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15 **21st**

Possible Outdoor fire pit gathering.

October

6th LWML Sunday. Need volunteers for the service and treats for Bible Class time.

6th After 2nd service Nacho Bar and crafting event with Pam Ricke.

20th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

November

10th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15 (Note the change of date to avoid the annual voter's meeting.

10th After 2nd service Potluck and cookie/candy cooking event in the Atrium.

December

7th **Service** Activity at the Empire Mall in the gift wrapping booth for the Children's Inn

11th Advent Meal and Craft, Book and Bake Sale

15th Craft, Book and Bake Sale Concludes

15th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

JUNE REBEKAH CIRCLE REPORT

DATE: 05/21/2019

MEETING PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 18

HOSTESSES: ILLA B and CAROL E

TOPIC LEADER: Rosie O

OFFERING: \$71.00

MITES: \$66.00

DAYS FOR GIRLS: \$62.15

CLEAN BASKETS: \$24.00

BUSINESS

Kay opened meeting with prayer. Had a short discussion about LWML Convention being held June 23-23 in Mobile, Alabama. Kay, Jody and Mary are attending. Kay explained about Mission Central. Pastor says we should think about supporting Mission Central as the cost is over \$1,500.00 daily. Will be brought up again at a later date.

Eve Circle is sponsoring a project to support seminary students and they want it to be included in our annual budget. Raise the amount we give to seminary students from \$50.00 to \$200.00 monthly.

To support our shut-ins the Rebekah Circle will send cards to shut-ins every month and also have a fish bowl with names addresses and phone numbers of shut-ins. We will choose a name and visit or call that person or you could take more than 1 name if you wish. The motion was made by Max K and seconded by Lu O.

Rebekah Circle Members will work a service project for "Lunch is Served" at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1600 E 12th St on July 10 at 12:30. Doors open at 12:15 pm.

We also took a special collection for the Eve Circle project for Furniture Mission. It will be used to purchase items for cleaning baskets they will give to patrons. Amount collected was \$24.00.

Dates to remember:

July 16 next Circle meeting

September 8 Rally Sunday

December 11 Serve Advent meal along with craft, bake book sale

Hostesses for July Marie K and Carol H

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Harms

Mary Circle

June 18, 2019

Members Present: 5

Topic Leader: Sandy Krause

Home: \$30.00

Mites: \$30.45

Attending were Dorothy, Dianne, Marsha, Sandy, and Jerilyn. We opened with prayer. Sandy led the topic "Caring for the Body of Christ" from the Quarterly.

Sandy presided over the meeting as Mary was traveling to attend the LWML National Convention in Mobile, Alabama. The Craft, Bake, and Book Sale will be held in December during Advent. Donations are requested.

The Diaper Derby collected over 12,000 diapers.

Outdated books have been removed from the Library. The books will be donated to Goodwill. New books have been purchased.

LWML National Convention offerings have been increased from three gifts of \$100.00 to four gifts of \$100.00.

Discussion was held on further support for our shut-ins.

Beginning in August, Board meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month, rather than the second Thursday.

Main Street Living is now going to North Dakota, Iowa, and part of Minnesota. It was discussed that Mary Circle do a Muffin for Mites Sunday to help support the new states. More discussion will be held later.

In July, our circle will have a summer cook-out of burgers and brats, salad, brownies and Sandy and Gordon's homemade ice cream. Husbands will be invited. Sandy will send out an email with the dates of July 9, 23, or 30 to see which works best for everyone. We will play Bunco and also bring our donation for the St. Francis House.

At our August meeting, we will be discussing cleaning the altar, polishing the candle holders and cross that is carried in.

It was favored to have Cassie Hubert speak at the September Joint Meeting on her mission trip to Haiti, along with a brown bag lunch.

Discussed Call to Freedom fundraising breakfast in October. Marsha will get more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris

**LWML National Convention
June 20-23, 2019
Mobile, AL**

1 Chronicles 16:23-24

Zion Society in attendance – Jody Huebert, Kay Nelson and Mary Dunlap

South Dakota had 59 LWML members attending along with 10 spouses.

Attendance

Total registered - **3,044**

Spouses- 218

Children - 79

First timers - 691

Choir- 246

Pledge Walk – 848

YWR - 81

Gifts of the Heart as of Friday, June 21 as follows:

8,436 Arch books

228 Baby kits

242 sheet sets

1,160 Hygiene kits (Zion sent 15 Hygiene kits)

926 Bibles

214 Quilts

43 Miscellaneous supplies

\$33,630 in gift card donations

Thursday night was the opening worship service, with the Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, Jr. being the proclaimer. Pastor Ulmer is a pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Mobile and Bethel Lutheran at Point Clear.

Our Bible study time on Friday and Saturday was entitled “Tell the Story of His Glory” from 1 Chronical 16:23-24. It was led by Donna Pyle.

LWML business was conducted, as well as Mites in Action Speakers. Of course our favorite interrupter, Jan Struck was there as Glory Mae.

Friday Night entertainment was Joe Castillo, Sand Artist

Saturday night entertainment was a group from a local college called Voices of Mobile.

Offering Report

1. Convention Offering #1 - \$43,693.31

As set by the LWML Bylaws, this offering was designated to the mission goal of the LWML.

2. Convention offering #2 - \$24,722.60

This amount will be split 50/50 between expanding disability ministry in the Dominican Republic and Medical Mission Teams.

3. Convention Offering #3 – \$30,152.90

This offering was again split 50/50 between James Storehouse Louisiana and Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee Children.

4. Convention Offering #4 – \$33,581.58
LCMS Disaster Response/Community Relief
5. Mission in Motion - \$59,612.79
6. Tee UP 4 Mites - \$9,643.60 (of note Pastor Roger and Pat Paavola were the winners)

Mission Flags – 76. The new flags represented Egypt, Jordan, Lutheran Indian Ministries, Madagascar and Turkey.

Heart to Heart Sisters – 14 Heart to Heart Sisters were commissioned representing the countries of India, Italy, Columbia, Liberia, Jordan, Jamaica and German - 6 of the women live in the United States. 13 LWML Districts are represented by the Heart to Heart Sisters – one is our Kay Nelson from here in South Dakota.

New Officers Elected

Debby Larson, Rocky Mountain District – President
 Marie Chow, Washington-Alaska District – Vice President of Organizational Resources
 Deaconess Betty Knapp, North Wisconsin District – Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
 Karla Koehler – Treasurer
 Rev. Brian B. Noack Atlantic District – Junior Pastoral Counselor
 Nominating Committee:
 Sylvia Bean, Rocky Mountain District
 Carrie Brumbaugh, Wyoming District
 Mary Harrington, North Wisconsin District
 Crysta Miller, Nebraska North District
 Bianne Stahlecker, Nebraska South District

2019-2021 Mission Goal is \$2,100,000

1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya - \$80,000
2. Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin - \$100,000
3. Mission Outreach for at-Risk Young Women in Africa - \$100,000
4. God’s Grace for This Generation (LAMP) - \$100,000
5. God’s word Changes Everything (LBT) - \$95,000
6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala - \$100,000
7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families - \$100,000
8. Lights for Christ Scholarships in Guatemala - \$95,000
9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation at Fort Washakie in Wyoming - \$40,000
10. Ministry in Motion at Trinity in Mobile, AL - \$58,000
11. Touching the Living Word (LBW) - \$100,000
12. Women’s Witness and Mercy Asia – Mission Central - \$100,000
13. Digital Media Development (LFL) - \$30,000
14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln, NE - \$50,000
15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers in Africa - \$62,650

16. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow (LSMS School Ministries) - \$80,000
17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere (KFUO Radio) \$60,000
18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction - \$50,000
19. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communications at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis – \$100,000
20. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border in El Paso, TX - \$98,400
21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry (LCMS Office of International Mission) - \$39,523

Fun Convention Tidbits –

The Mobile Convention & Visitors Corp presented a \$40,000 check to LWML for the 2019-2021 Mission Goal

LWML is the main supplier of quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Gwen Dixon, chairman of Lutheran World Relief Servant Activities was concerned they wouldn't get enough quilt. They had a goal of 180 and nearly 300 have been received.

How did the convention attendees register?

Postal service – 2026

Online – 690

Fax – 31

There were more than 450 host committee volunteers (women and men).

SAVE THE DATE
June 24-27, 2021
Lexington, KY