

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2019

Conference Room

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

Members not present: Kay Nelson

- I. Opening Devotion – Jeannette opened with a Mustard Seed Devotion titled “Living in the Spirit....Enables Me to Love”.
- II. Secretary’s Report was reviewed.
- III. Treasurer’s Report was reviewed. Question was asked if we are no longer funding the emergency fund for Pastor Greg to use at his discretion. Discussion. Will review with Maxine and Pastor that if he has a need for funding, he can let the board know and we can give amount needed as a donation to use instead of leaving as a fund. Discussed if we need to have a line item for this in the budget so we know how much funding we would have available each year for these types of requests.
- IV. Guest Speaker: Pastor John Dawson from The Branch.
- V. Old Business
 1. The Mary Circle has a table at the Call to Freedom Fundraiser Breakfast on Wednesday, October 16th 7-8:30am. Not sure if all the seats at the table have been accounted for yet, but you can order individual tickets as well. Contact Marsha Kritzmire if you would like more information. Illa is going to reach out to Marsha for update to take to the Rebekah circle and bring to the joint meeting in September.
 2. Joint LWML Meeting on Saturday, September 14th. 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM
 - a. The tentative schedule: 10:00 social time/announcements (ask for volunteers for upcoming elections), 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, Jody Huebert and 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. A free-will offering will be collected and will be donated to Cassie to help cover the cost of her mission trip.
 - d. Divide up duties for joint meeting:
 - i. Opening devotion: Illa
 - ii. Eve Circle: Food and set up – Cathy and Jody are ordering the food. Will send an announcement to Maxine for the bulletin.
 - iii. Rebekah Circle – Deserts
 - iv. Mary Circle – sign-in table and clean up

3. Davis Family update: Immediate needs have been pretty much met – will not take on as an LWML project at this time and will leave up to individual choice to donate/support. Announcement is still in the bulletin this coming Sunday for collecting donations from congregation.
4. 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. Cathy reported that she mentioned this to Pastor and Renee and they loved this idea. They would work with PALS and Pastor Greg to determine need for a gift. Discussed disbursement of funds directly to lending institution instead of to the individual.
5. Eve Circle: Servant event at the Furniture Mission. There were a variety of areas to help with and we will be keeping on the list for next year to do again. Lessons learned, let everyone know to dress appropriately as they may be doing painting. Brochures were brought back with information on the organization for those that were interested.
6. Eve Circle: Served at VBS in July and volunteered to do again next year.

VI. New Business

1. LWML Sunday – need ushers, etc.
2. 2020 Budget preparations – officers will meet on Monday August 26 at 5:15 pm. Illa will put copies of the 2019 proposed budget in the mail boxes for those that do not have a copy.

VII. Other Business

1. Vice President Report – Cathy – asked that everyone check in with their circles to see how things are going with Secret Sisters. Would present again in January at joint meeting for 2020 Secret Sisters.
2. Mission Coordinator Report – Jody – discussion of what we could support as LWML as a whole versus what the circles are doing individually? Suggestion for an in-gathering in November to go to the Veteran's, like we have done in the past. Discussed donating to Mission Central – a one time donation and they would distribute.
3. Resource Coordinator Report – Tammie – will be decorating the tables in the Atrium for LWML month in October. Showed some of the items she has planned. Discussed putting out mite boxes on the tables and setting up a table at the back of the church so those who do not come into the Atrium or hallway from sanctuary to the Atrium could see the information as well.
4. Research Coordinator Report – position vacant.
5. Archivist/Historian Report – Marie – no report.
6. Library Committee – Illa – no report.
7. Eve Circle Report – Jody and Cathy – reviewed upcoming Eve activities (see list).
8. Rebekah Circle Report – Illa – report that the names in “Soul Bowl” were all taken by members.

9. Mary Circle Report – Mary – had a potluck in July with the ‘guys’ – a wonderful time of fellowship for everyone that attended.
10. Jeannette – we had 4 thank you notes in the mailbox – given to Marie to archive. Thank you notes from: Lunch is Served, Days for Girls, Bonnie McDowell and Irene Aklund.
11. Discussed seeking a volunteer to fill out the remaining term for Board Secretary through end of 2020, asked to bring to Circle’s when looking for volunteers for President and Vice President.
12. Discussed possibly changing the bylaws to allow the VP to serve one year as VP and then move up to President for second year of the 2 year term. This would require a new VP each year, knowing they would then be the President the next year. Also discussed having a Past President position, so one would serve as VP one year, President one year, and then Past President for one year.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- September 1st SD State Fair Puppet Place
- September 8th Rally Sunday at Zion
- September 14th Joint Meeting
- September: Will be giving out envelopes for the Soupless Supper Free Will Offering to return at the October Circle Meetings.
- Saturday October 5th at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Watertown. Registration at 9:30 am.
- October 6th LWML Sunday. Need ushers, greeters, readers, etc. We will also provide treats for Bible Class.
- Sunday October 6th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD. Registration 2pm. Mary Jarratt Smith is the speaker, will be doing a bible study on Esther. In Gathering will be collecting dish towels for the Banquet.
- Sunday October 6th – Eve Circle is having an event that will be open to all LWML members, sign up will be required as a cost is involved for the craft – lunch will be served.
- 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.
- October: Budget and Nominations to be present at the October board meeting on 10/3/19.
- November: Budget and Nominations to be presented to the November Circle Meetings for review.
- 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.

IX. Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Jensen
LWML Board Secretary

JULY REBEKAH CIRCLE REPORT

DATE: 07/16/2019

MEETING PLACE: Conference Room

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 13

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Kruger, Carol Harms, Jan Frentz, Coletta Venske, Val Ohrt, Alverna Andersen, Avis Priest, Kay Nelson, Rosie Olson, Illa Biteler, Shirley Wright, Sunhild Muldbakken, Betty Schultz

HOSTESSES: Carol Harms/Marie Kruger

TOPIC LEADER

OFFERING: \$35.00

MITES: \$25.25

DAYS FOR GIRLS: \$22.00

BUSINESS

Kay opened with prayer and devotion "We Will Serve the Lord" and we read the song "Take My Life and Let it Be".

Illa reported 275 lunch bags were filled for "Lunch is Served" on July 10. 15 members participated. "GOOD JOB GIRLS"

Kay passed out sheets about "The Tuition Grant Program" from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. Also briefed us on the meeting she attended in Mobile, AL for the new "Heart to Heart" Program. Kay, Mary and Jody will be sharing more at the joint meeting on September 14. Joint meeting starts at 10:00 am with Lunch at 11:30 am and presentations at 12:15 pm.

All members chose a shut-in name to call or write or visit. They will report next month.

Dates to remember:

August 15: SF Zone Board Meeting at Faith Lutheran
August 20 next Rebekah Circle Meeting
September 8 Rally Sunday at Zion

September 14: Joint Meeting 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

October 6: LWML Sunday

October: All circles will discuss nominations for
President and Vice President for Guild for 2020

December 11: Advent meal and craft, book, bake sale

December: All circles will vote for President and Vice President

Hostesses for August: Alverna Andersen/Avis Priest

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Harms

LWML Eve Circle Meeting Agenda

July 21, 2019 – 9:15 Main Street Living Studio

1. Members present: Judy Bittner, Jody Huebert, Cathy VandeBraak, Karen Voegeli, Pam Kludt, Emily Lafrentz, Renee Lehr, Tammie Shultz, Sara Francis, Deb Hinde, Kim Fitterer, Jolene Hanson
2. Members not present: Jolene Dyce, Clare Helling, Cassie Huebert, Jeannette Jensen, Fatima Johnson, Joan Sebesta, Lori Coufal, Judy Eisenbraun, LeAnn Werner, Kristi Hofer, Mary Ann Zinnel, Nancy Bott, Lanelle Smith, Nancy Kraayenhof
3. Opening Devotion – Jody has a Mustard Seed Devotion. “Daughters of the King: Seeker Lydia - Seeker Acts 16:11-15.”
4. Offerings: \$74.32- Home (used for general fund for our society giving/use in funding our projects)
5. \$89.76- Mite (75% used for state and 25% used for national mission grant funding).
6. Old Business
7. Furniture Mission. We had 10 ladies gather on Saturday, July 13th at 8:00 AM. We delivered 36 Welcome Home Baskets and gave a small cash donation. We signed Bibles with inspirational verses, checked out the lamp section to make sure they were all in working order and replaced light bulbs when necessary, did some dusting around the warehouse, and painted toddler bed frames and twin sized mattress frames. It was lots of fun. If you have not seen the pictures yet, you can see them on Facebook using this link https://www.facebook.com/cathy.s.vandebraak/media_set?set=a.10214201050131494&type=3 or we can send them to you. You can learn more about Furniture Mission of South Dakota at <https://www.facebook.com/makinghousesintohomes/> or https://www.furnituremission.org/?fbclid=IwAR24OsuTS8Z6VcdHvb7UkqW0jTIH4r7C4y_mAEJLdU8rLmZ7klXLZaxgXKs.
 - a. Thank you Emily Lafrentz for sharing your Thrivent Grant for this activity.
 - b. Thank you to Sara Francis, her mom, Brenda, and her son, Corbin, for shopping for the baskets and supplies.

- c. Thank you to the ladies that donated cash or baskets.
 - d. Thank you all for your time.
8. Library Committee Update. New casters have been installed on the shelving units. Illa restocked all the books (give her a big thank you, if you see her). The library is open. Go check out some books. There are lots to choose from and you can find an online catalog of all the books at <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/BevKerr>
 9. Diaper Derby. 12,498 diapers were delivered to the Alpha Center on Monday, June 17th. You can follow the Alpha Center on Facebook to learn more about what they do for the community as well as other ways you can help throughout the year. <https://www.facebook.com/AlphaCenter3500/>
 10. LWML Scholarship. Braedon Thompson was selected as the recipient of the scholarship for the 2019/2020 school year.
 11. LWML National Convention. Kay Nelson, Mary Dunlap and Jody Huebert attended the convention in Mobile, AL. All three ladies attended the business meeting and Kay also participated in the Leadership Training for the new District Heart to Heart Program. See report attached to the LWML Board Minutes from July 11th for details. Jody, Mary and Kay will have a presentation in September.

New Business

7. Discussion is still needed about various people/groups/organizations to support. 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. Mission Central is located in Iowa and helps support LCMS missionaries. More information can be found at <https://missioncentral.us/>. It was discussed to possibly do a one-time donation.
 - b. 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. More information can also be found at <http://calltofreedom.org/>. Need information on the location.
 - c. Support 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. Typically, these pastors are serving smaller or dual congregations.
 - d. 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. You can learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/thebranchp52> or <https://www.outdoorpastor.com/?fbclid=IwAR1IQCSWfrK62zjPiHBuemaGb48yoyhGbZRGi5tykeHckF4FpO1bySR9GnQ>.
 - e. Provide support in a yearly payment rather than monthly payments. This would allow more flexibility to work with the funds that are in our account.

- f. The Davis Family. It was discussed to wait to find out what the family needs.

12. Other organizations talked about at our meeting

- g. Tre Ministries
- h. Teddy Bear Den
- i. School supplies for teachers. Emily indicated Sani-wipes, Klennex and hand sanitizer is always needed for classrooms
- j. Renae discussed how Pastor Greg and her support new pastors and their family to South Dakota. It was suggested to help with a breakfast in January/February 2020.

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 - 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.
9. The Rebekah Circle completed a service project on July 10th 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.
10. The Mary Circle will be having a summer fellowship opportunity and gathering of donations for the St. Francis House on July 25 at 6:00. They have also been doing some cleaning around the church after their monthly meeting.
- 13.
11. Movie Afternoon – August 24th. It was decided to postpone this event.
12. Attached is a picture of the South Dakota Zone map to help you visualize how South Dakota is broken up into sections. The map can also be found at http://www.sdlwml.org/SD_LWML_Map_of-zones_4-07.pdf
13. LWML Board and Circle Positions for 2020. Here are the positions and the descriptions:
- a. Board President
 - i. Preside at all meetings of the Zion Lutheran LWML and Executive Board.
 - ii. Appoint all Standing Committee Chairmen.

- iii. Be responsible for implementing resolutions adopted by the Zion Lutheran LWML.
- iv. Be ex-officio member of all committees and perform such other duties as shall be assigned to her by the Zion Lutheran LWML.

b. Vice President

- i. Preside at those meetings of the Zion Lutheran LWML when the President is unable to attend and assume duties assigned to her by the President.
- ii. Be Publicity President – Announcing meetings and activities of the Zion Lutheran LWML and Circles in the Church bulletin and district News.
- iii. Maintain an accurate and up-to-date Constitution.

c. Co-Chairmen of the Circles

- i. Preside at all meeting of the Circles.
- ii. Report on Circles activities at meetings of the Executive Board.
- iii. Attend meeting of the Executive Board or secure an alternate.
- iv. Serve as the nominating committee when it is time to fill positions on the Executive Board.

14. Any updates or prayer requests to share?

15. Adjourn with The Lord's Prayer.

14. 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.
- September 8th Rally Sunday at Zion
- Fall Rally at Trinity Lutheran in Hartford, SD. Election will be held for the Zone treasurer and secretary.
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Upcoming Events for Eve Circle
*****please note these dates in your calendar*****

August

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

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

September

8th Rally Day

14th Joint Meeting Activity see details above

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.

6th This is a possible date for the Fall Retreat at 2 in Hartford

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. Some people are crafting already. Are you? We would appreciate any crafts you are willing to donate. Think Christmas!

15th Craft, Book and Bake Sale Concludes

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

Mary Circle

July 25, 2019

Number Attending: 14 and 2 guests

Meeting Place: Val Stratman's Home

Home Offering: \$27.00

Mites: \$46.08

Mary Circle met Thursday, July 25, for a summer potluck at the home of Val Stratman. A thank you to Val for graciously hosting us.

Attending were Val, Gordon and Sandy Krause, Roger and Dianne Corkill, Lenny and Steve Hendry, David and Julie Rames, Mary Dunlap, Judy Cain, Dorothy Chronister, Ron and Jerilyn Harris and guests, Larry and Judy Eisenbraun.

After the common table prayer, we enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship. Gordon and Sandy, again, treated us to their homemade ice cream.

We brought our mites and home offerings. July was our month for the St. Francis House. Items and donations were brought. Thank you to Dorothy for delivering the supplies to St. Francis.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris