

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2019

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

Not Present: Jeanette Jensen, Cathy VandeBraak

1. Illa opened the meeting with a Mustard Seed Devotion – The Choice is Mine based on Proverbs 15:30.
2. Secretary Report – no changes.
3. Treasurer's Report – The Souplless Supper donations were at \$973. The \$900 earlier earmarked for the well project will go back into the LWML home general fund. Any donations for a well will be revisited in the future. We discussed the CD and what and why we have it. A motion was made by Jody and seconded by Illa to cash out the CD, saving \$700 of it for next summer's convention and the balance put into the LWML home general fund. Motion passed. When the CD comes up in February, Shirley will cash it out.
4. Old Business:
Mary and Kay reported on the Call to Freedom breakfast.
5. Fundraiser Discussion:

The sign-up sheets will be passed around at circle meetings in November. There are still a few blanks left to fill.

Book and Bake Sale. It was suggested that something be put in the bulletin advising people when we are accepting donations. Illa will be talking to Sandy Krause and Carol Harms.

Craft Sale – Mary is working on an intake form for the crafts with their name, contact information, suggested price, and if not sold, would they like it returned or donated to the Lutheran School auction. Mary will speak to Maxine about doing a minute for ministry on the Sunday it is in the bulletin.

Advent Supper – We have a Thrivent grant of \$250 to pay for the ingredients. Jodi and Illa will do a quick inventory of what is needed before Jodi does the shopping. We will be open for business after the morning Advent service, so set up and some cooking will be done on Monday afternoon.
6. Veterans In-gathering and potluck with speaker Doug McCuddin from the Sioux Falls Vet Center. The table is overflowing, and about \$390 cash has been raised. It is hoped that with some help from some of the men attending, we can get our vans and SUV's loaded up and deliver on Monday. Illa has been in contact with them.
7. Jody has been working hard on the Christmas cheer baskets and brought one to show us. She will be making up 24 cheer baskets and 21 Christmas cards will be mailed to our shut-ins. Also in November, we will be passing around the list of shut-ins so we can sign up to deliver. They will be available on December 1 in the conference room – ready to be delivered. Jody also said the cost of the cheer baskets will be around the \$250 mark. Thank you Jody.

8. The Rebekah Circle has made their selections for recipients for their \$1,000 donation: Mission Central, Family Visitation Center, Furniture Mission, SF Lutheran High and The Branch.

Eve Circle selections are: Teen Town, Dress for Success, Days for Girls and Cassie Huebert.

Mary Circle will vote in November.

REMEMBER: CIRCLE CHAIRS ARE TO GIVE SHIRLEY ALL INFORMATION OF WHO TO WRITE THE CHECK OUT TO AND AN ENVELOPE FOR SENDING.

9. **DECEMBER** - We will be voting on upcoming officers: Cathy VandeBraak – President, Jody Huebert – Vice President. Betty Schultz and Kristi Hofer will share the Secretary position to complete Jeannette’s term. (Because of changes with Jeannette’s job and her inability to make it to meetings, she resigned. Illa appointed Betty & Kristi, per the Bylaws. Thanks, Jeannette, for your willingness to serve – we will keep you on our list for the future.)

Also, we will be approving the Budget. (Budget can be found in the LWML Minute packet from September which can be found on-line)

10. Miscellaneous:

Tammie will be cleaning off the LWML table and working on a new display in January.

The Eve Circle December servant project will be wrapping gifts at the Empire Mall on December 7 from noon to 2 p.m. This is for the Children’s Inn. They invite any other Circle members to join them if they would like. They will be getting a Thrivent Grant to buy supplies. Juice and Muffins will be served. No lunch.

Rebekah Circle will be having a Christmas Party on December 17 with Tony’s catering. \$10 for the meal.

11. Upcoming – January Joint Meeting – January 18, from 10:00 am to noon. We will be having an ingathering of teacher supplies. By January, their shelves are looking empty and we can help. Emily will be gathering names of our Zion teachers.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dunlap

OCTOBER REBEKAH CIRCLE REPORT

DATE: 10/15/2019

MEETING PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 15

CAROL HARMS, COLETTA VENSKI, ALVERNA ANDERSEN, AVIS PRIEST, KAY NELSON, ILLA BITELER, SHIRLEY WRIGHT, NORMA ROBINSON, LOIS JONES, STACY TISHER, JAN FRENTZ, MAX KIRLIN, BETTY SCHULTZ, MARIE KRUGER, ROSIE OLSON.

THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

SUNHILD MULDBAKKEN, VAL OHRT, LU OTTEN, BARB LANGPAP, CAROL EKSE
AUDREY HEIN.

HOSTESS: STACY TISHER

TOPIC LEADER: KAY

OFFERING: \$69.00

MITES: \$60.70

DAYS FOR GIRLS: \$26.00

BUSINESS

President Kay started the meeting with Prayer and led Bible Study “Loving and Respecting Authority”.

Kay will serve as President of Rebekah Circle for 2020. Stacy Tisher will be our new Secretary/Treasurer for 2020.

Signup sheets were passed around for different jobs for the Advent Meal, also Book, Craft and Bake sale for December 11.

Discussed our December Circle Meeting. Kay will contact Tony’s Catering for ideas and prices.

There will be a potluck luncheon sponsored by The Love Kitchen on Monday, November 11 at 11:15. An in-gathering runs from Sun day, October 27 through Sunday, November 10. A complete list of items needed is listed in the October Clarion.

NEXT MEETING: November 19

NEXT BIBLE STUDY: “Always Thankful”

We will vote on 2020 budget at our November meeting

December 11 - Advent Meal and Book, Bake, Craft Sale. There will be flyers to give out

December Circle Meetings - members will vote for Guild President and Vice President

Closed with Prayer at the end of the Bible Study

Note: Carol Ekse so sorry for always spelling your name wrong Betty Schultz

CLOSED WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

Respectfully Submitted,
CAROL HARMS

Mary Circle

October 15, 2019
Members Present: 11
Met in the Atrium
Home Offering: \$39.00
Mites: \$34.67

Attending were Judy C., Mary, Val, Marsha, Judy E., Dianne, Jerilyn, Sandy, Dorothy, Julie, and Lenny. Mary presided over the meeting.

The Lois Hammond Memorial Fund will be used toward the 2020 District convention for the expenses for two delegates and one young representative. Table cloths and the white cloth on the altar were purchased from the fund previously.

We reviewed the 2020 Proposed Budget. The Budget will be voted on in December.

Discussed adding the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty to the list of donations. Rev. Gregory Seltz is the Executive Director. It is a non profit foundation that helps to protect our freedom of religion. The web site is www.LCRLFreedom.org.

Each circle will get a year-end gift of \$1000 to divide among their choice of organizations that they would like to support. We are to look over the list of charitable organizations from the September minutes and decide which ones we would like to support. Mary Circle supports the St. Francis House, which is local. We will decide in November and vote on it.

The updated Bylaws will be available at the January Joint Meeting.

Tammie Schultz made the banner, which is above the LWML table in the Atrium. The banner was made from one of the old tablecloths.

Mary Circle will attend the Call to Freedom Breakfast, October 16, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

An In-Gathering for the veterans will be held October 20 through November 10. There will be a potluck and speakers on November 11.

We will be serving the Advent meal on December 11 in the morning and in the evening. Chili, hot dogs, and ice cream will be served. A sign-up sheet was available. There will be a Craft, Book, and Bake Sale. Crafters are to please put a suggested price on their items.

In November, we will discuss as to whether we would like to have a potluck and Bunco in December.

The topic, "I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus", from the Quarterly, was led by Sandy. Sandy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris

LWML Eve Circle Meeting

October 20, 2019 – 9:15 Main Street Living Studio

Members present: Cathy VandeBraak, Jody Huebert, Sara Francis, Judy Bittner, Kristi Hofer, Tammie Schultz, Lanelle Smith, Nancy Bott, Renee Lehr, Pam Kludt, Mary Ann Zinnel, Nancy Kraayenhof, Jolene Hanson, Karen Voegeli

Members not present: Deb Hinde, Clare Helling, Cassie Huebert, Jeannette Jensen, Fatima Johnson, Joan Sebesta, Kim Fitterer, Lori Coufal, Judy Eisenbraun, LeAnn Werner, Kim Fitterer, Emily Lafrentz, Jolene Dyce

Opening Devotion – Gentle Reminders of Hope – Pastor Appreciation (Romans 12:12)

Offerings: Home - \$40 (used for general fund for our society giving/use in funding our projects)

Mite - \$62.65 (75% used for state and 25% used for national mission grant funding).

Old Business

Please turn in your envelope for the Soupless Soup Supper today if you would like to participate. You may also drop it in the offering plates in an envelope marked “Soupless Soup Supper.”

LWML Sunday. Thank you to everyone who helped make the morning run smoothly. Whether you helped with the service, baked yummy goodies, served or helped clean up, everything is appreciated!

Eve Circle crafting activity. 15 people attended the activity. Thank you to Jody for helping prepare the nacho bar. Huge thank you to Mark VandeBraak for doing all the dishes! Would you like to do it again? Possibly in the spring? Jars? It was suggested to incorporate this with Dayz of Doing

New Business

Please take a moment to stop and look at the banner located by the LWML table in the Atrium. We thank Tammie Schultz for sharing her talents and making the banner.

Discuss where we would like the year-end gifts to be distributed. Please reference your September Minutes for the list of non-profits in the area. You are welcome to add additional agencies/people.

After discussion, the local ministries to provide a grant for 2020 are: Teen Town, Dress for Success, Days for Girls and Jody and Cassie Huebert and their mission trip to Haiti.

LWML logo wear. Is anyone interested in ordering? We can put together one order and submit it.

November 10th will be our next monthly meeting. This will be one week early to avoid the annual voter's meeting. CHANGE: we will have the meeting after 2nd service, prior to the potluck.

November 10th Eve Circle Potluck following the second service. Cookie exchange/candy making??? Families are welcome to join! Cathy will email a list for people to sign up to bring: main dish, salad or dessert.

Bake/Craft/Book Sale sign up. Many hands will be needed to make this fundraiser a success. Please sign up to assist us on **Wednesday, December 11th** and **Sunday, December 15th** (Cathy will clarify if there is a lunch on Sunday)

Anyone have additional Thrivent Action Team Grants to use for this year? We can help restock the supply of Kleenex, Clorox Wipes and hand sanitizer for teachers. Items for the craft/bake/book sale.

Please remember your Secret Sister.

Any updates or prayer requests to share?

Adjourn with The Lord's Prayer.

November

10th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio after 2nd service (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 (date to be determined – Jody was going to check on this) 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