

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2019 – 5:15 Atrium

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

Members not present: Jeannette Jensen

Opening Devotion – Mustard Seed Devotion – Faith is Trusting God

Secretary's Report – There were a few corrections to note.

The Eve Circle December servant project will be wrapping gifts to benefit the Children's Inn at the Empire Mall on December 7th from noon to 2:00 pm. There is no Thrivent Action Team Grant being used for this event. Muffins and juice will not be served. They will be meeting at Applebee's, in the mall, for food and fellowship following the completion of the gift-wrapping shift at 2:00. Everyone is invited.

Upcoming January Joint Meeting on Saturday, January 18th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Muffins and Juice will be served but we will not be having a lunch.

Treasurer's Report – No changes

Old Business

Final review of the Craft, Bake and Used Book sale. Most spots have been filled in on the sign-up sheet. Many are willing to fill in where needed. People are notating whether they would like their unsold craft items returned to donated to Sioux Falls Lutheran Heart's on Fire Auction.

Cheer baskets have been assembled by Jody. They are available in the conference room for people to pick up and then deliver to the shut ins. There is a master list with names and addresses on the counter. Please sign your name by the person you will be delivering to and find the bag with the appropriately addressed card. Please try to have the cheer baskets picked up by December 15 and delivered as soon as you are able. Thank you for working together to spread CHRISTmas Cheer.

Circle Chairs turned in addressed cards to Shirley for her to write checks and drop the donations in the mail for the organizations each circle chose to support with a year-end gift.

Eve Circle choose to have \$250 donated to each of the following organizations: Sioux Falls Chapter of Days for Girls, Cassie Huebert's mission trip with Children of the Promise, Dress for Success and Teen Town.

Mary Circle choose to have \$500 donated to each of the following organizations: Call to Freedom and St. Francis House.

Rebekah Circle choose to have \$200 donated to each of the following organizations: The Branch, Sioux Falls Lutheran High School, Family Visitation Center, Furniture Mission and Mission Central.

New Business

Voting for LWML Officers will take place at the December Circle Meetings. Cathy VandeBraak is the candidate for President. Jody Huebert is the candidate for Vice President. Betty Schultz and Kristi Hofer

have been appointed to complete the term of Secretary through December 31, 2020 that is vacant after Jeannette Jensen's resignation. Illa Biteler will move into the position of Past President for a one-year term. Shirley Wright will continue her term as Treasurer. **According to our Bylaws, the vote is required to be done by ballot. Circle Chairs are responsible for conducting the vote.**

According to the Bylaws, each circle should have voted to approve the 2020 budget at the November Circle Meeting. Mary Circle and Eve Circle approved the budget. Rebekah Circle, please complete this vote at the same time you are voting for LWML Officers.

All 2019 LWML Officers, Circle Chairs, Archivist/Historian, LWML Resource Coordinator, Mission Coordinator and Library Committee are responsible for completing a recap of the year's events and submit them to Cathy VandeBraak by December 31, 2019. The reports will be made available at the joint meeting on January 18, 2020.

Circle rosters need to be updated and sent to Cathy VandeBraak by December 31st. Please include only the names of your circle members. This list will be made available at the joint meeting on January 18, 2020. We encourage everyone to use the main church directory to find specific contact information.

A memorial of \$50 was given to Zion Lutheran Church in honor of Irene Axlund.

The donations to South Dakota LWML are falling short of the mission grant goal of \$50,000 by more than \$13,000. Please prayerfully consider increasing your Mite donation to help cover the deficit.

There are some suggestions for the LWML Hostess Program.

Jody will discuss with Maxine the cost of ordering name tags to be worn when you are serving at an event. This will help identify the person/people that are present to help.

We would like to explore ways to give people more notice of upcoming events.

The Hostess Program is for the LWML as a whole. We would like to see everyone take a turn serving at events. You can certainly serve as a team if that makes it more comfortable for you.

The goal is that a few changes will help spread out the work and allow other people an opportunity to serve Zion. More information will be coming.

Other Business

President Report – Illa Biteler

Vice President Report – Cathy VandeBraak

Mission Coordinator Report – Jody Huebert

The Veterans' Ingathering was successful. Items were delivered and a nice thank you note was received from the Sioux Falls Vet Center.

LWML Resource Coordinator Report – Tammie Schultz

Archivist/Historian Report – Marie Kruger

Library Committee Report – Illa Biteler

Eve Circle Report – Jody Huebert and Cathy VandeBraak

Our November potluck and servant activity were fun. We prepared approximately 80 bags of homemade caramels and chocolate peanut clusters to help raise funds for the LWML 2020 general budget at the Craft, Bake and Used Book Sale to be held on December 11th and 15th. Jolene Hanson provided the Thrivent Action Team Grant for us to purchase the supplies. Jolene also assembled 48 individual hot chocolate servings to have at the sale. Eve Circle will be having a servant event to benefit Children's Inn and a Christmas gathering on December 7th.

Mary Circle Report – Mary Dunlap

The Circle will be gathering on Friday, December 6th for a Christmas celebration.

Rebekah Circle Report – Kay Nelson

The Circle will be having a Christmas Party on December 17th that will be catered by Tony's.

Upcoming Events

The next LWML Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 2nd at 5:15 in the conference room.

Joint Meeting on Saturday, January 18th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Atrium. Muffins, juice and coffee will be provided. We will hold an ingathering that day to help the teachers of Zion restock some basic classroom supplies that are not paid for by the district. If you are able to help, please bring any of the following items to the meeting: hand sanitizer, facial tissues, baby wipes and/or disinfecting wipes. We will have the teachers of Zion pick up the supplies they need on Sunday, January 19th. Any remaining supplies will be taken to Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

Secret Sister reveals will happen at the January Joint meeting. We will have questionnaires available at the meeting for you to fill out if you would like to participate in the 2020 Secret Sister program.

The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy VandeBraak, Board Vice President

Eve Circle Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2019

Members Present: Cathy VandeBraak, Jody Huebert, Tammie Schultz, LeAnn Werner, Lanelle Smith, Nancy Kraayenhof, Jeanette Jensen, Pam Kludt, Renee Lehr, Mary Ann Zinnel

Members not present: Jolene Dyce, Deb Hinde, Clare Helling, Cassie Huebert, Fatima Johnson, Joan Sebesta, Kim Fitterer, Lori Coufal, Judy Eisenbraun, Jolene Hanson, Sara Francis, Judy Bittner, Nancy Bott, Emily Lafrentz, Karen Voegeli

Devotion – His Plans for me

Offering: Home \$36.00 -- Mites \$37.65

Old Business

LMWL Order Due today

Sign-up sheet for Advent meal 12/11/19 – please sign up if you can. Advertising will start soon on when/were to drop off items

Veterans Outreach – In gathering ends today, Pot Luck on the 11th put on by the Love Kitchen – items will be delivered Monday if possible

Year End Donations – Will be mailed at the end December – Teen Town, Dress for Success, Days for Girls, Cassie Huebert (Children of the Promise)

New Business

Pot Luck Today --- Making treats for Bake Sale

Welcome Carol TeSlaa to our Eve Circle

Cheer Baskets – Will be in the conference room December 1st – please consider helping deliver to our shut-ins prior to December 15th– List was passed to 3 names marked to deliver.

December 7th – Servant Event – Gift Wrapping at the Empire Mall – Our time slot is 12-2 pm -we need to have at least 6 people and max of 10. Let us know if you can make it. We could even break it up into an hour slot if that works better.

Do we want to do anything as a group for a Christmas party?? – Thoughts/Ideas? -- Decision was made to meet at Applebee's after the Gift Wrapping. Consider joining us if wrapping or not – will head over after wrapping is done at 2 pm. December 7th.

2020 Candidates for LWML Board Positions

Cathy VandeBraak – President

Jody Huebert – Vice President

Illa Biteler – Past President

Betty Schultz and Kristi Hofer – Secretary (appointed to finish 1-year term)

January joint meeting will be January 18th 10 am-12pm (tentative time)

Our Ingathering will be supplies for our ZLC teachers. January is the time of year they start running out of Kleenex, hand sanitizer wipes etc.

The Eve circle has volunteered to help PALS on February 14th for the evening meal. Nancy Kraayenhof will be cooking a Valentine's meal and the circle members will help serve a sit-down meal for them. Mark your calendars.

Upcoming Events

December 7th – 12pm-2Pm Gift Wrapping at the Empire Mall. After- a Christmas gathering at Applebee's. Come for one or both.

December 8th – Streets of Bethlehem

January 18th – Joint Circle Meet 10am – 12pm

Mary Circle

November 19, 2019

Members Present: 8

Met in the Atrium

Home Offering: \$40.00

Mites: \$43.91

Attending were Sandy, Dianne, Judy E., Lenny, Mary, Donna, Marsha, and Jerilyn. Sandy led the topic "What is Enough?" from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, We opened with prayer.

The Soupless Supper donations were \$973. The \$900 earmarked for the well project will go back in the LWML home general fund. Any donations for a well will be revisited in the future.

The CD will be cashed out in February. \$700 of it will be used next summer for the convention and the balance will be put into the LWML home general fund.

Sign-up sheets for the Book, Craft and Bake Sale were passed around. Mary will do a Minute for Ministry this Sunday, the 24th. Maxine will post pictures on Facebook.

The veterans in-gathering and potluck was November 11. The speaker was Doug McCudden from the Sioux Falls Vet Center. Many donations were received and about \$390 in cash was raised.

Cheer Baskets will be available for pick-up December 1 in the Conference Room. There will be 24 cheer baskets; 21 Christmas cards will be mailed to the shut-ins. The baskets will be in the Conference Room until December 15.

We voted on the recipients for the \$1,000 donation. Two were voted on: St. Francis House - \$500 and Call to Freedom - \$500.

All were in favor of the Budget

Officers will be voted on in December.

For our Christmas party potluck, Mary will reserve the Atrium for December 6 at 6:00. Husbands will be invited. Mary will send out an email for us to sign up as to what we will bring. We will bring a donation for the Horse Power Mission.

Tammie will clean off the LWML table and work on a new display in January.

Eve Circle's December servant project will be wrapping gifts at the Empire Mall on December 7 from noon to 2:00 p.m. for the Children's Inn. They invited us to join them if we would like.

The January 18 Joint meeting will be from 10:00 to 12:00. Juice and muffins will be served. There will be an in-gathering of teacher supplies

There is a sign-up sheet posted in the kitchen of the times we have signed up to work.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris

NOVEMBER REBEKAH CIRCLE REPORT

11/19/2019

MEETING PLACE: Conference Room

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 15

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Harms, Coletta Venske, Alverna Andersen, Avis Priest, Kay Nelson
Illa Biteler, Shirley Wright, Norma Robinson, Stacy Tisher, Jan Frentz, Max Kirlin
Betty Schultz, Marie Kruger, Rosie Olson, Val Ohrt

THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Lu Otten, Barb Langpap, Carol Ekse, Audrey Hein, Lois Jones

TOPIC LEADER: Kay

OFFERING: \$35.00

MITES: \$30.00

DAYS FOR GIRLS: \$23.00

BUSINESS

Signup sheets were passed so everyone could review and/or sign up for December 11 and 15 Advent Meals and sales.

Rebekah Christmas gathering will be Tuesday, December 17 at noon. Tony's Catering will cater the meal. Cost \$10.00.

We are to share a Christmas memory and Kay will read a Christian Meaning of the song the Twelve Days of Christmas

Cheer baskets are being put together by Jody. Members signed up to deliver the baskets sometime after Streets of Bethlehem Sunday.

In December we will be voting on up-coming officers for 2020 and approving the budget.

The January Joint Meeting is January 18 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm with an in-gathering for teachers' supplies.

Next Bible Study is: "The Sweet Gospel Message"

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted
Carol Harms, Secretary