

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

May 6th, 2021 –6 pm via Zoom

Members present: Jody Huebert President, Mary Dunlap Vice President, Mary Ann Zinnel Treasurer, Kristi Hofer Secretary, Cathy VandeBraak Past President, Jolene Hanson Archivist/historian, Maxine Kirlin Hostess Coordinator, Sara Francis Resource Coordinator, Donna Crichton, Kay Nelson. Not present: Emily Lafrentz Mission Coordinator

Opening Devotion Cathy – Storms and Struggles

Secretary's Report – Kristi Hofer

Treasurer's Report – Mary Ann Zinnel

Old Business

Virtual Photo Finish Walk – May 1st 10 am at Zion. – What a great turnout. 26 Walkers and 1 dog. Thank you Emily for all your talent and everyone who helped in anyway. \$549.30 was collected from the Purple Shoe which will be given to the new biennium mission goals chosen at the convention in June.

Funds will be sent to: LWML Office: 801 Seminary Pl, Suite L010, St Louis MO 63105 – Memo Line of Check: Mission Walk. Pledges received by June 4th will be added to the Photo finish Mission Walk amount announced at the convention.

Our Photo that will be submitted, will be displayed on the screen at the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington. And will also be part of the virtual Photo Finish Mission Walk Video. This video will be available on the LWML Website in the fall.

Minute for Ministry – Kay presented on Mites on Sunday May 2nd – Thank you Kay.

Hostess Program -- Update from Max – Response from emails to hostesses and Office on dates. Tables due to connectivity issues with Max.

Previous hostesses please respond back to Max's email if you are willing to still help or not.

Reports from Chairs on future gathering: What would your ladies like to do?

Picnic – Indoor/Outdoor Brown bag lunch will be held on **July 24 12pm-2pm** at Zion

Winter Gathering – Bible study/other ideas – Pastor will review it's a Wonderful Life Bible for use in the future

Chrismons –Joint Meeting/Gathering Service Day project scheduled **Sept 25th** Time to be determined: to fix and make new Chrismons. Committee-Kay, Cathy & Donna They will look through the Chrismons and see which ones can be repaired. A book about Chrismons will be ordered which explains the meanings behind each one plus gives instructions on how to make them. Thank you Maxine.

Gifts from the Heart – No decisions were finalized last month? Are we going to give as a group or let ladies decide on their own if they want to participate and get Gift Cards for the Food Bank Support. Will be easier since Kay is the only one going and she is flying. I have added the Gifts from the Heart attachment again to review.

Ladies that would like to participate in the Gifts from the Heart, please bring to your Circle meeting and the chairs will get them to Kay to take with her.

New Business

Sara will be doing a Minute for Ministry June 6th.

Hostess reimbursement from Zion Board -- Update from Jolene

\$1500 will be paid to LWML now and if additional payments needed – payment request will be made. 2022 payment will be made annually

Bringing this up again as new business since there are no new updates as of yet on the website. The LWML will once again, livestream all convention sessions. We will be able to participate in the conventions bible study, hear the grateful and inspiring mission grant speakers, and be there when the new biennium's mission goal and grants are announced. I am planning on doing something in the atrium for us to view and maybe invite zone if it works out.

More information to come as details are provided on the website. – Was requested to watch the first service.

X-mas in July – Do we want to do this year? Smaller scale? Circle Group participation?

Circle chairs please talk with your ladies if we should do this event in August or go back to December.

Diaper Derby – I am try to find out if this is happening this year, not having much luck. Normally we start collect on Mother's day. If this does happen we can get set up fast – poster already made. Would just need to advertise and deliver. If there is no Diaper Derby do we want to consider another Drive Thru event? One day event and maybe choose a different place to donate?

More discussion on this next month

October 3rd LWML Sunday-“Donuts for Dollars” Jolene will talk with the Brown's (CNC Factory) and see if they are willing to make donuts for that Sunday. Jolene will be applying for a Thrivent Grant

Oct 3rd/Oct 6th/Oct 10th/Oct 13th Book, Puzzle & Game Sale -- Will start the book sale on October 3rd and run through the 13th. So we get some good traffic from 2 Sundays and 2 Wednesdays. Start looking at your calendars we will need people to help set up, sit at the sales table, etc.

Dec 8th - Advent Meal – We will be serving, let's starting thinking about what we want to make and get on the schedule. Does anyone have a Thrivent Grant that we can use for food purchase?

Mary D. will apply for Thrivent Grant. Baked Potato Bar was decided for the meal. Help will be needed.

Library Update from Illa:

Committee met on April 22nd and checked in all the books to be filed correctly. They prepared 30 new books in a series called Sugar Creek Amish Mysteries donated by Nancy Bott. These and others were processed and given to Maxine to enter into the system. Books will also be ordered to complete some of the series in the library.

Please remember when checking out books place card in the box provided and when you return a book

please put in the basket and the committee will refile.

Consider our library at Zion we have many good books for your reading enjoyment, and we have shelf of DVD and many children's books.

Reports

Past President – Cathy VandeBraak

President – Jody Huebert

Vice President – Mary Dunlap

Treasurer – Mary Ann Zinnel

Secretaries – Kristi Hofer

Chair of Mary Circle –

Chair of Rebekah Circle – Days for Circles Funds given to Jacob

Chairs of Eve Circle – 16 blankets donated to Children's Inn / 27 eye glasses taken to the Zions

Resource Coordinator – Sara Francis

Archivist/Historian – Jolene Hanson

Library Committee – Illa Biteler -- See report in new business

Hostess Coordinator – Max Kirlin-

Mission Coordinator – Emily Lafrentz –

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Hofer

Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

June 3rd Board Meeting

June 24th–27th 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Theme: Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

Sept 12th – Rally Sunday

Sept 17th – 18th District Retreat in Pierre SD Theme: God's Quilt of Comfort

Sept 25th – Joint Gathering/Meeting – Service project Chrismon Repair/Make New

Oct 3rd – LWML Sunday – Donuts for Dollars

Oct 3rd/Oct 6th/Oct 10th/Oct 13th – Book/Puzzle/Game Sale

Dec 8th – Advent Meal

2022 – LWML SD District Convention, Yankton Zone

LWML Eve Circle Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2021 – 11:45 AM in the Atrium

Members Present: Renee Lehr, Pam Kludt, Lori Brunick, Jolene Hanson, Mary Ann Zinnel, Emily Lafrentz, Jeannette Jensen, Sara Francis, and Cathy VandeBraak

Opening Devotion – Daughters of the King: Naomi – If and If Only

Offerings: Home (used for general fund for our society giving/use in funding our projects) \$71.30, Mite (75% used for state and 25% used for national mission grant funding) \$82.21. Total \$153.51.

Old Business

February Mite offerings \$70.73 and Home offering \$75.66. Total \$146.39.

Blessing Bags were delivered on Good Friday to Call to Freedom. Thank you to Emily and Lori B. for delivering the 38 bags and \$109 in cash donations. Emily reported the organization was very thankful of the supplies.

- Think of other organizations we can support

Prayer Service is available online. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jm9lkNZZ9k8>

Please update your Member List: Julie Prochniak 4709 S Oxbow Ave Apt 107 Sioux Falls SD 57106

Prayer Sister postcards are available in the LWML box across from the office.

Card and gifts were sent to college students. We will ask for updated addresses in the fall and begin reaching out again when the new school year begins. Hopefully, the students have been appreciative.

New Business

LWML National Convention walk at Zion. Saturday, May 1st beginning at 10:00 AM. Please bring your mission dollars and a friend or two. We have invited all the Sioux Falls Zone LWML groups to join us. This 39 minute event is for all level of walkers. We could use a few people to help set up a table to collect offering and to hand out water bottles.

There have been a few ideas for events shared that we would like to measure your interest level.

1. Summer potluck with all circles. When? Where? Park? Church?
 - a. Due to COIVD, it was recommended to have each member bring their own lunch and suggested to have the event in the Atrium.
2. It's a Wonderful Life movie and Bible study. Time of year? July, November or December? One or two sessions.
 - a. It was suggested to have the devotional during Wednesday night bible study (start in September and may be able to run 2 sessions before Advent season). Those interested in participating in the bible study could watch the movie on their own prior to the bible study (the movie is over 2 hours long)
3. Chrismons are in need of repair. Dayz of Doing project? At a monthly meeting?

- a. More information is needed from Donna – how many need repair, what supplies are needed, are there any supplies currently available.
4. Book and bake sale in December.
- a. We will have to see if we can have this in December

The blankets made today and at our March meeting (16 in all) will be delivered on Monday, April 26th to the Children's Inn. Children's Inn's mission is to provide emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and neglect. Children's Inn also provided crisis intervention, parenting education, a 24-hour crisis hotline, and community education for abuse prevention.

Adjourn with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Francis

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 1st LWML National Convention Mission Walk 10:00 AM
- 2nd Minute for Ministry about mites – Kay Nelson
- 13th Eve Circle Meeting 7:00 PM via Zoom (please note change of date)

June

- 20th Eve Circle Meeting 11:45 Atrium
- 24th – 27th 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Theme: Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

September

- 12th Rally Day
- 17th – 18th District Retreat in Pierre, SD. Theme: God's Quilt of Comfort (Brookings retreat is combined with this)

October

- 3rd LWML Sunday - Treats for Bible Class

December

- 8th Advent Meal
- 8th – 19th possible dates for Book Sale
- 12th Sunday School Christmas Program

LWML Rebekah Circle

April 20, 2021

Zion SF Atrium

Members Present: 7 Lois Jones, Max Kirlin, Sunhild Muldbakken, Kay Nelson, Stacy Tisher, Val Ohrt, Shirley Wright Guest: Kim Hoffman

Members Not Present: 13 Alverna Anderson, Illa Bittner, Carol Ekse, Jan Frentz, Carol Harms, Audrey Hein, Marie Kruger, Roselyn Olson, Lu Otten, Norma Robinson, Avis Priest, Betty Schultz, Coletta Venske,

Cards for Veterans were provided by Kay Nelson that were signed by present members. Kay will deliver to the VA and Veteran's home.

April OFFERING: Home \$49.00 Mites \$ 36.00 Rebekah circle donation \$30 (TOTAL \$115.00)

Treasurer Report: Stacy shared letter from Alverna Anderson with group. Mary Ann Zinnel has agreed to keep Rebekah Circle funds in Board Treasurer's Account at this time. We currently have \$206 in account. Rebekah circle unanimously voted to give our local (formally Days 4 Girls) offering to Zion Youth for current balance and offering of April and May. Jacob is to use these monies at his discretion for Zion Youth in need for Airfare support to National youth gathering or attending Lutheran camp this summer. Starting in June our offering will then be given to the Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

Old Business

Updated address for Julie Prochniak: 4703 Oxbow Ave #107 Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Call for Freedom: 38 bags filled and delivered along with \$109.

Zion LWML constitution to the BY Laws by the end of the year with any changes

New Business

It's a Wonderful Life Bible study: Rebekah Circle is interested in participating and would prefer the study over 5 weeks instead of one week

Mary Circle is looking into touring the new St Francis House, there is interest from some of the Rebekah Circle to join them on the tour.

Rebekah Circle would like to repair the Chrismons as our group project at the Dayz of Doing event.

National LWML Convention is Jun24-27.

Rebekah Circle would like to watch part of the National ZWML Convention after the event has taken place.

Kay Nelson will be representing Germany for the Heart to Heart Sisters group at the National Convention "Gifts from the Heart" items needed for the Lexington Convention (flyer by serving window)

May 1 at 10 am come to Zion to participate in 2021 LWML Convention Virtual Photo Finish Mission walk to raise monies for the new LWML Mission Goal. Wear your purple and come to participate, cheerleaders also needed.

September 17-18: District Retreat in Pierre. Theme: God's quilt of comfort Will we need a banner?

May meeting: Appreciation cards for District Pastors, (raises question if Zion LWML gives donation for a pastor in need?) We will be closing with only the devotion for May and June, Bible studies will be provided but completed independently. In July we will utilize the Lutheran Witness Bible Study. We will also be reading the LWML pledge, bring your copy if you have one

Closing: On Solid Ground; Living and Sharing Jesus' Easter Victory Devotion. Read ending prayer as group.

Handout: Raising Children who Love Jesus devotion and Bible Study.

Next meeting: May 18, 2021 in Zion Lutheran Atrium at 1:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Stacy Tisher, Rebekah Circle Secretary

Mary Circle

April 20, 2021

Number Attending: 7 and 4 guests

Met in the Conference Room

Home Offering: \$75.28

Mites: \$69.48

Attending were Mary Dunlap, Dianne Corkill, Dorothy Chronister, Donna Crichton, Judy Eisenbraun, Lenny Hendry, Jerilyn Harris, and guests, Betty and Tammie Schultz, Illa Biteler, and Marie Kruger. We welcome Tammie, Betty and Ila who transferred to Mary Circle.

Old Business:

Kay Nelson will do the Minute for Ministry in May regarding Mites. In July or August, Mary will have a Minute for Ministry on the Puppet Place at the State Fair.

Thirty-eight Blessing Bags were filled and delivered, along with \$109.00 in cash, to Call to Freedom. Thank you to Emily Lafrentz and Lori Brunick for the work on this project. Also, to all the ladies that helped fill the bags. A \$250.00 Thrivent card was used and \$41.00 in cash to purchase more items.

No changes on the revision of the word Society need to be made in our documents. The only change needed is to add the Constitution to the By-laws, which will be done at the end of the year.

New Business:

The June 20-27, 2021 Convention in Lexington KY will be held in person. Due to the Covid restrictions, it is capped out at 2,000 for a while. Mary reported that they are \$100,000.00 over the goal for 2021. All convention sessions will be livestreamed. Discussed and were interested in livestreaming the opening session of the convention.

A Virtual Photo Finish Mission Walk for the LWML 39th Biennial Convention will be held at Zion on Saturday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. This will be a 39-minute event. Zone women will be invited. Bring your LWML mission dollars and put them in the LWML purple shoe. Water will be provided.

LWML Offerings that the Board voted to put \$400.00 to are:

Offering #1: 2021-2033 LWML Mission Goal

Offering #2: King's Community Outreach in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Offering #3: Connecting Kids to Christ Center in Rochester Hills, Michigan

Offering #4: POBLO International Ministries in Clinton Township, Michigan

Gift cards of \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$25.00 can be purchased from Walmart or Target for Gifts of the Heart and given to Kay Nelson who will be attending the convention. The donation will go toward Food Bank support for Concordia Seminaries in Fort Wayne and St. Louis.

Discussion was held on having a potluck at the park in June or July as a joint group since we did not meet in January.

Dorothy checked with the St. Francis House on giving tours. Discussed possibly touring in July and getting a Thrivent Grant as our donation for that month. Dorothy will check as to a date and time.

Discussed viewing the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life", with a five-week Bible Study. We could possibly watch the movie on a Saturday afternoon or at a regular circle meeting and do the bible study at subsequent meetings. We are to think about this if we want to do this as a circle.

At an upcoming circle meeting, we will go through the Chrismons to check to see how many need to be repaired.

Mary gave an update on Eric Sebesta and Josh Schlueter. Eric is in England and Josh is still at Ft. Carson, CO. We will put together a care package for Josh. Items suggested were Gold Fish Crackers, Oreos and Jalapeno Cheddar Popcorn from Poppy's Popcorn. For Eric, we will collect money to send with his parents when they go to visit him. Remember to keep them in our prayers.

Opening with prayer, Donna led the Bible Study, "Joy in His Presence" from the Spring Lutheran Woman's Quarterly.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris