

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

July 8th 2021 –6 pm via Zoom

Members present: Jody Huebert, President; Kristi Hofer, Secretary; Donna Crichton; Stacy Tisher; Maxine Kirlin, Hostess Coordinator; Sara Francis, Resource Coordinator. Not attending: Emily Lafrentz, Mission Coordinator; Cathy VandeBraak, Past President; Jolene Hanson, Archivist/Historian; MaryAnn Zinnel, Treasurer; Mary Dunlap.

Opening Devotion Jody – A Sure Source of Strength

Secretary's Report – Kristi Hofer

Treasurer's Report – Mary Ann Zinnel

\$17 was collected in purple shoe on Minute for Ministry Sunday. \$1500 Hostess payment was received and will reflect for July's report

Old Business

Shut In – “Thinking of you bags”

Continue to remind your circles to collect items from June 27-July 24th and can be placed in a box behind the Welcome Center desk. Example of items would be note cards, stamps, socks, lotion or Chap Stick. Also can bring to the picnic.

Joint Picnic **July 24th 12-2** in the atrium– Brown Bag lunch, Social Time, Assemble Shut in Bags.

Bring your lunch and we will assemble the Thinking of You gift bags. Ladies will be able to take them for delivery. Please deliver within two weeks if able. Any Thank You cards received by the church will not be published in the bulletin but given to the LWML to share with circles.

Update from Jolene – **Oct 3rd** LWML Sunday –Dollars for Donuts

CNC Factory will be providing the donuts at a lower price.

Jolene will be working on a flyer to promote the event and apply for a Thrivent Grant

Oct 3rd Start of Books Sale – Committee needed? Looking for someone to head up.

If you or know of someone that is interested in heading the sale up, please talk with Jody.

LWML Convention

Opening Convention Worship Service – June 24th. It was Live Streamed in the atrium. 14 people were in attendance to view. Thank you Chad for helping with the technology.

New Business

Rebekah Circle – Kay Nelson has stepped down from Chairing the Circle. We thank her for her service and continue to support her in her Heart 2 Heart LWML Mission work. Stacy Tisher has volunteered to be the new chair of Rebekah Circle upon approval from circle ladies.

Minute for Ministry - No Minute for Ministry in July. Mary Dunlap will be presenting a Minute for Ministry in August on the Puppet Place.

The purple shoe will be available that Sunday in the sanctuary for donations.

Joint Meeting September 25th 9:30-12

Our committee has been busy with the Chrismon project – preparing patterns etc. There will be a way for everyone to participate.

Diaper – In gathering –What organization was did the Circles decide on – Teddy Bear Den, Children’s Inn, Alpha Center.

Do we want to include the Congregations? Have had the request.

Have learned that Lutherans for Life no longer do the Diaper Derby, now a project of the Alpha Center.

Donna made a motion that in-gathering include congregation and donations be split between all three organizations. Max seconded the motion. Motion passed. Stacy has volunteered to take donations to the Teddy Bear Den. Looking for volunteer(s) to take donations to the other two organizations.

Watch the convention

If you were unable to attend the Lexington convention in person, you can still participate by watching the sessions that were live streamed. You are able to view at LWML website at <https://www.lwml.org/2021-convention>. Besides the worship services and session are available and also other convention documents to view.

2021-2023 Mission Grant Funding

\$2,150,000.00 Mission Goal Approved

\$1,935,000.00 for Mission Grants (90% of Mission Goal – used to be 70%)

\$286,176.15 Overage from 2019-2021 Mission Goal

\$2,221,176.15

LWML South Dakota District Christian Life Retreat September 17-18

This event will be coming up quick – time to think about Hotel reservations and carpooling. The event is at Faith Lutheran Church – 714 N Grand Ave Pierre SD.

I have attached the registration form for you to share otherwise it is in the June/July Issue of the Lutheran Witness. There are 5 hotels that are blocked off for this event and all have different deadlines so better to book sooner than later. Deadline for Registration and meals is August 27th.

I have not heard what time the event will start on the 17th – Will update you as I get information.

August Board meeting – August 5th 6:15 PM atrium

In person at Zion Meetings for the rest of the year will be on the first Thursday of the month.

Reports

Past President – Cathy VandeBraak

President – Jody Huebert

Vice President – Mary Dunlap

Treasurer – Mary Ann Zinnel

Secretaries – Kristi Hofer

Chair of Mary Circle – will be touring the St. Francis House later this month.

Chair of Rebekah Circle –

Chairs of Eve Circle – serving VBS meal on Sunday evening.

Resource Coordinator – Sara Francis

Archivist/Historian – Jolene Hanson

Library Committee – Illa Biteler

Hostess Coordinator – Max Kirlin-

Mission Coordinator – Emily Lafrentz –

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

July 8th – July Board Meeting

July 24th -- Joint Picnic (bring your own lunch) 12-2

August 5th – August Board Meeting – In person 6:15 PM

Sept 2nd – September Board Meeting

Sept 12th – Rally Sunday

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

Sept 25th – Joint Gathering/Meeting 9:30 am to 12 pm– 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

2023 – LWML 40TH Biennial Convention – Milwaukee

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Hofer

Secretary

LWML Eve Circle Minutes

June 13, 2021 – 11:45 in the Atrium

Members present: Jody Huebert, Cathy VandeBraak, LeAnn Werner, Lori Brunick, Nancy Bott and Sara Francis

Opening Devotion – Jody – Give Up? Why Not!

Offerings: Home (used for general fund for our society giving/use in funding our projects), Mite (75% used for state and 25% used for national mission grant funding). Totals will be shared next month.

Old Business

Thank you, Sara Francis, for doing a Minute for Ministry earlier this month. She did a wonderful job sharing about being the heart of LWML.

New Business

National Convention opening service is on **Thursday, June 24th at 6:00**. We will gather in the Atrium to watch the service. You are welcome to bring your dinner.

Sunday, July 11th Eve Circle will be preparing the meal to kick off VBS. We will serve chicken nuggets, chips, grapes and carrots. Please sign up today to help. Please arrive at 3pm to prepare the food. We will serve supper from 5-545pm. Please let Cathy or Jody know if you can help!!!

We will start collecting items for our Thinking of You bags for the shut-ins from June 27th through July 11th. There is a box located behind the Hy-Vee script card counter in the Atrium.

Joint LWML Picnic on **Saturday, July 24th at noon** in the Atrium.

Please bring your own lunch.

We will be assembling bags for the shut-ins. Please bring some small items to include in the bags. Think of items you would like to receive such as Chapstick, lotion, note cards, snack, socks, etc. MaryAnn will be buying gift bags.

We will also be asking for your help in delivering the bags. You will be able to take them with you after the picnic and we ask you to deliver them within two weeks.

Any Thank you cards received by the church will not be published in the bulletin but given to the LWML to share with circles.

September Joint meeting will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 25th 9:30 AM – Noon**.

Everyone is welcome. This is a perfect time to invite a friend or two to join us for fellowship. A light breakfast will be served.

We will be doing an ingathering of diapers. *Please bring the diapers to the meeting.* Where would you like to see them go? Alpha Center, Teddy Bear Den or Children's Inn. Eve Circle voted to give to the Teddy Bear Den.

During our time, we will be completing a service project for Zion by making new Chrismons to be used during the Advent season. If you have any jewelry making tools, please bring them. Patterns and supplies will be provided

Please start organizing your books, puzzles and games to donate for our fundraiser. We will begin the sale on LWML Sunday October 3rd and run for two weeks. We will be in need of volunteers to help with this event.

Fire pit gathering on **Saturday, August 7th at 7pm** at Lori Brunick's home. Bring your own chair, beverage and a snack to share.

Adjourn with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Francis
Eve Circle Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

June

24th – 27th 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Theme: Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus
24th View opening service live in the Atrium 6pm

July

11th Servant Event – Prepare Meal for VBS at 3pm with serving the meal from 5-545
18th Eve Circle Meeting 11:45 in the Atrium
24th Joint LWML Picnic (bring your own lunch) Noon

August

7th Fire Pit Gathering at the Brunick's home
15th Eve Circle Meeting

September

12th Rally Sunday
17th – 18th District Retreat in Pierre SD Theme: God's Quilt of Comfort
19th Eve Circle Meeting
25th – Joint Gathering/Meeting: 930-noon – Service project Chrismons

October

3rd LWML Sunday – Donuts for Dollars
3rd/ 6th/10th/ 13th – Book/Puzzle/Game Sale
17th Eve Circle Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

21st Eve Circle Meeting

December

8th Advent Meal – We will serve a baked potato bar.
12th Gifts for Sunday School children
19th Eve Circle Meeting ???

2022

LWML SD District Convention, Yankton Zone

LWML Rebekah Circle

June 15, 2021

Zion SF Conference Room

Members Present: 11 Alverna Anderson, Audrey Hein, Max Kirlin, Marie Kruger, Sunhild Muldbakken, Kay Nelson, Norma Robinson, Coletta Venske, Stacy Tisher, Val Ohrt, Shirley Wright

Members Not Present: 7 Illa Biteler, Carol Ekse, Jan Frentz, Carol Harms, Lois Jones, Roselyn Olson, Betty Schultz

Open with reciting "The League Pledge" in unison.

Devotion: Life is like Swiss Cheese

June OFFERING: *Home \$50 Mites \$ 69.00 Rebekah's Heart \$40 Gift cards for National Convention: \$50*

Treasurer Report: Rebekah's heart offering for June and July will be utilized to purchase stamps and other items for "thinking of you" gift bags. Stacy keep these monies and purchase items accordingly. Rebekah Circle would like to continue to collect offerings for our circle to utilize as voted on by Rebekah Circle on a month to month basis. These monies are represented in the minutes as Rebekah's Heart.

Old Business

Pastor Thank You cards : 10 cards were completed and will be mailed.

September 25, 2021 9:30-12 Joint meeting

Chrismons: we will be instructed on making 5-10 different patterns that will also be made available to bring home for completion.

Diaper Donation vote: 1-Teddy Bear Den 2-Children's Inn 3-Alpha Center Rebekah Circle majority vote is that the diapers collected be given to the Teddy Bear Den.

National Convention in Lexington on June 24-27. Gift Cards collected (totally \$50) given to Kay to give to the Gifts from the Heart. Watch the Convention live at www.lwml.org/2021-convention

New Business

July 24 from 12-2 Joint Picnic, bring your own lunch

Oct 3, Book/Puzzle/Game Sale Rebekah Circle discussed if this event should coordinate with another Zion event that would bring more people to purchase books and such.

Sign up sheets for Book Sale and Dec 8 Advent meal.

Kay shared the Mite Calendar, copies distributed.

Prayer Request: All those traveling to national convention (especially Kay). Please pray for all the women and children's safety as they are crossing the border to improve their lives.

Adjourned with prayer lead by Kay Nelson.

*Next meeting: July 23, 2021 at 1:30 in Zion Conference Room Devotion Distributed **FOCUS***

LOST/Restored

Respectfully Submitted, Stacy Tisher, Rebekah Circle Secretary

Mary Circle

June 15, 2021

Number Attending: 12, and 2 guests

Met in the Conference Room

Home Offering: \$51.00

Mites: \$58.10

Attending were Mary Dunlap, Dianne Corkill, Dorothy Chronister, Donna Crichton, Judy Eisenbraun, Lenny Hendry, Betty Schultz, Tammie Schultz, Julie Rames, Illa Biteler, Val Strandell, Jerilyn Harris, and guests, Lois Schmidt and Marie Kruger.

Old Business:

A birthday card was signed by all for Eric Sebesta, who is in England. Mary shared a thank you from Josh Schuleter, stationed at Ft. Carson, CO. We will adopt and support Alex Helling, who joined the Navy.

The Hostess Program will get \$1500.00 from the church for hostess payments.

The Chrismon Committee will meet in August. Making the Chrismons will be the project at the joint meeting in September.

Discussed the in-gathering of diapers for the September Joint Meeting, September 25. Also discussed suggesting to the Board to do a congregational in-gathering and to split both diaper in-gatherings between Teddy Bear Den, Children's Inn and Alpha Center. Betty made a motion to give to all three organizations. Dianne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dorothy checked with St. Francis House regarding tours. Tours are given Tuesdays at noon. They prefer six people per group – can do two groups. They can possibly do a tour at 5:30. Dorothy will check with St. Francis as to a tour on July 20. Julie, Lenny, Mary, Judy E., Donna and Tammie will tour at 5:30. We are to let Dorothy know who will be doing the tour at 12:00. The tour will be in lieu of our regular July meeting.

July is our month for the in-gathering for St. Francis House. Mary will get a grant.

The Joint Picnic is July 24, 12:00-2:00, in the Atrium. Bring a sack lunch. "Thinking of You" gift bags will be assembled for 44 shut-ins. Bring five items for the bags. Examples of items are note cards, socks, lotion or Chapstick. Items can be brought ahead of time from June 27-July 11 and placed in a box behind the Welcome Center desk. With the Board's approval, Illa will order 44 boxes of all occasion greeting cards for the bags.

The Book/Puzzle/Game Sale is October 3rd, 6th, 10th and 13th. Let Jody know if you are interested in heading up the sale.

New Business:

Four checks, each for \$100.00, are being sent with Kay Nelson to give at the convention for the following offerings:

Offering #1: 2021-2023 LWML Mission Goal

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

Offering #3: Gifts for All God's Children's Connecting Kids to Christ Center
in Detroit, Michigan

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

The opening of the 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky will be shown live Thursday, June 24th, at 6:00 PM in the Atrium.

Jointly, we prayed the opening prayer of the Bible Study, "Rejoice Always!", which Donna led from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris