

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2009  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, BETHANY, OK**

MSC = Motion made, seconded and carried

The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma District Lutheran Women's Missionary League met at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany, OK for their Board Meeting February 7, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

President England opened the meeting by recognizing the guests attending the meeting. She asked Board members to share cares, concerns and celebrations. Several were shared. A Bible study on "Matters of the Heart" was led by Pastor Dwayne Schroeder.

Those present were:

Bev England, President, MMV	Carolyn Love, VP Servant Resources
Debbie Tabisz, VP Christian Life	Nancy West, VP Gospel Outreach
Audrey House, VP Communication	Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary
June Wadley, Corresponding Secretary	Lisa Graf, Treasurer
Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Jr. Counselor	Rev. Barrie Henke, Sr. Counselor
Patti Ross, Resources, PR Director	Sharon Bomhoff, Kingfisher Zone President
Marguerite Christman, Recycling, Meeting Manager, MMV	Kathie Gerdes, Lawton Zone President
Jarie Coggins, Panhandle Zone President	Shari Stepanek, Oklahoma City Zone President
Grace Peterson, Miami Zone President	Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone President
Carol Fruehling, Tulsa Zone President	Leola Thiemann, Ponca City Zone President
Judy Roggow, District Planner	T.J. Smith, YWR Coordinator
	Joanna Wescoatt, YWR Convention Candidate

**RECORDING SECRETARY – Gloria Bozarth**

Gloria asked those present to sign the attendance roster being passed around. She asked if there were any corrections to the November Board of Director's minutes. Having no corrections, Beth Schoeling made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Love. MSC

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – June Wadley**

June sent around correspondence she has received. These consisted of the following letters:

- Letter acknowledging LCMS World Mission project of Gambia Church Planting and Water to Yunnan, China
- Letter of information and asking for support from The Servant's Heart: Letter from The Servant's Heart – Board of Directors and CEO's resignation
- Concordia Theological Seminary – Letter of acknowledgment for \$5000 mission grant funding
- Letter from The Servant's Heart, Carla Burnell, president and founder.

Outgoing mail included a thank you to Lutheran Church of Our Savior for hosting the November Board meeting, get well and sympathy cards to various persons in the District and invoices for *Quarterlies* and the Delegate Fund to all societies in the District.

**TREASURER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lisa Graf**

The quarterly treasurer's report covers the period between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008. The balance on hand in the general fund on October 1, 2008 was \$32,849.58 which included \$10,433.56 in the restricted cartridge fund. Receipts totaled \$21,469.68 and disbursements equaled \$34,465.52, leaving a balance in the general fund of \$19,853.74 minus the restricted cartridge fund of \$9202.00. The balance in

the unrestricted general fund as of December 31, 2008 was \$10,651.74. Lisa pointed out that the District has paid two-thirds of our Mission Grants thus far which amounts to \$88,000. Lisa stated that she would need to make adjustments to the cartridge fund because there were considerable expenses during the past quarter for training. Lisa stated that as of today the usable balance in our account is \$8300.00. She also stated that when Board members order items from the LWML store in St. Louis they should note that there are two addresses one for shipping and one for billing. Her address should be put in the billing information or she will not get the bill. At our November Board meeting we voted to send \$10,000 over and above the twenty-five percent that is sent to National Mites. Lisa stated that she has sent \$2400.00 toward that goal. President England stated that National is \$400,000 behind in meeting its biennium Mites goal. Mite money must reach National by March 31, 2009 to be counted for this biennium. President England asked the Zone Presidents to contact their societies to encourage them to send their Mite money to Lanece in time that the money can be sent to National by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. (Later in the meeting Pastor Henke informed the Board that a memorial of \$100,000 was given to the LWML National Mites in memory of his wife Pat. The gift was anonymous.) Lisa brought up the fact that the District will probably be short in the ability to meet delegate expenses for the upcoming convention. She suggested that she contact Marilyn Laramy, Chairman of the Special Gifts Fund, to see if we might use some of the interest from this fund for funding the delegates.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bev England**

President Bev stated that it has been a busy quarter. She stated that she has met with several society presidents in the District. Some of the highlights include:

- Met with DCE, Candace Biells, who is serving as a liaison for the new society at Good Shepherd in Tulsa
- Along with Krystine Gibson, has reviewed and assisted in changes to zone bylaws
- Has coordinated plans for four upcoming Blitz's in the District
- Met with Financial Secretary, Lanece Young, to review templates for reports
- Met with PR Director, Patti Ross, to review articles and flyers
- Met with Pastor Henke and VP of Christian Life, Debbie Tabisz to review the Fall Fest program
- Met with VP of Christian Life, Debbie Tabisz, reviewing plans for the wives of pastors and vicars retreat and reviewed the new brochure for finding writers for devotions, Bible studies, etc.
- Met with the convention planning committee to begin plans for the 2010 District convention
- Met with Spring Fling Tri-Zone planners and presenters
- Conferred with Zone Presidents to obtain updates on society officer information
- Authored articles for *The Lutheran Witness* and *The Voice of Service*
- Conferred with VPs regarding their goals set at the Visioning/Planning meeting
- Conferred and assisted YWR coordinator and VP Carolyn Love regarding the presentation of YWRs at the Board meeting
- Attended the commissioning service for Niki Boyd, DCE at King of Kings in Glenpool
- Conferred with VP Linda Kremeier regarding a mission trip to Lutherhaven
- Attended the Celebration of Life Service for Pat Henke at Holy Trinity in Edmond
- Prepared a report for and attended the LWML BOD meeting in Portland, OR, January 28-February 1, 2009
- Prepared the agendas and coordinated activities for today's BOD meeting, the convention planning committee and the Spring Fling Tri-Zone planning meeting

President England stated that the LWML Blitz's are a hit. She shared this information at the National Board of Director's meeting and many of the District presidents want to try this as they thought it would strengthen and give more awareness to the LWML. President England stated that she met with the 2010 convention planning committee last night and the Spring Fling Tri-Zone planning committee this morning. She also encouraged Board members to send in their registration for the Portland convention June 25 – 28, 2009. The Oklahoma caucus will be at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and the District photos will be Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

## **JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Dwayne Schroeder**

Pastor Schroeder reported that he has been working on the Spring Fling Bible study and he attended the 2010 convention planning committee last night. He also attended Pat Henke's funeral.

## **SENIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Barrie Henke**

Pastor Henke thank the Board member for their caring support during Pat's illness and passing. As stated earlier in the treasurer's report, Pastor Henke reported that Holy Trinity received a \$100,000 anonymous gift designated for LWML National Mites in memory of his wife, Pat.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE – Debbie Tabisz**

Debbie stated that her committee is encouraging District LWMLer's to write LWML program helps such as devotions, Bible studies, *VOS* and *Lutheran Witness* articles. The Christian Life Committee has developed a brochure asking women to give writing a try. The brochures will be sent to the Zones to be distributed at the Spring Flings. At the Spring Flings her committee will team women up to be prayer pals. Prayer pal sign up cards and information will be given to the Zones to use. Debbie stated that the retreat for Pastors' and Vicars' wives is in the final stages of planning. The retreat theme will be "A time to Rest, Relate, Rejuvenate" based on Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" The dates for the retreat are May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and will be held at the IBLB OK Training Center in Oklahoma City. Renee Gibbs, wife of Rev. Jeff Gibbs, will be the guest speaker. Debbie stated that Renee mentors seminary student wives, she is a mother and grandmother, she is a high school teacher and she is very involved in Lutherans for Life. Post card notices will go out next week and personal invitations will follow in early March. There will not be a charge for the wives but they will be asking congregations to help support this event by donating \$50.00. They are pursuing financial help through Thrivent and a reception possibly sponsored by LCEF. Debbie made a motion from committee that the District LWML sponsor a Pastors' and Vicars' wives retreat to be held May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2009. The theme of the retreat will be "A time to Rest, Relate, Rejuvenate" based on Ecclesiastes 3:1. Motion passed. Patti Ross, PR Director asked that the materials used such as pens, folders, etc. be LWML promotional items. In her written report, Debbie also addressed Bible studies at Zone events, Bible studies will be designed so that they can be carried out in a one hour time frame. In each zone there will be a pool of Bible study leaders to conduct the Bible studies. These women will be chosen by Zone leaders and pastors from each Zone with input from the District counselors. The pool of Bible study leaders will then be asked to conduct the studies and receive the training prior to the event. A representative from this pool (each zone) will attend the Board of Director's meeting and receive training and information to share with the pool of leaders from their Zone. The committee will dispense with the practice of using certain congregations in a rotation fashion for the Bible studies as has been done in the past. A pastoral counselor or the host pastor will be floating during the Bible study to answer any questions that may need clarifying. The opening and closing devotions for Zone events will be written by the District pastoral counselors and the music and hymns will be suggested by the District pastoral counselors with input from the Zone event host and the District president. It is also encouraged that the LWML Pledge be recited by the assembly at Spring and Fall events.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION – Audrey House**

Audrey reminded Board members that anything that is published such as brochures is to go through her committee first. Sarah Ross, Web Servant has been busy updating the Web Site. She will be putting information about the Spring Flings and the Pastors' and Vicars' wives retreat on the Web Site. Betty Reichert, District Editor created the summer *VOS* and distributed it to the printer and e-mail contacts. She also designed flyers sand post cards for the Pastors' and Vicars' wives retreat and assisted with the writer's brochure. Public Relations Director, Patti Ross, stated that she submitted articles and announcements for the Oklahoma District pages of *The Lutheran Witness* and she thanked those who wrote articles. She

presented a program on The Servant's Heart Guatemala mission at Immanuel in Grove and she participated in and helped with the LWML Blitz at St Paul's in Enid. Patti prepared a PR flyer and registration form for use by the Zones for the Spring Flings, using the logo from the LWML Assembly of Leaders. She put together the Zone store boxes for the Spring Flings and brought them to today's meeting. Patti participated in the convention planning meeting and the Spring Fling programming meeting and worked on favors for the Board of Director's meeting.

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH – Nancy West**

Nancy reported that she visited the Wellston society on December 4, 2008. Nineteen members were present and she spoke about LWML opportunities of service, Christian growth and the joys of fellowship through the utilization of Zone and District gatherings. She also gave a Mite box grant report. The ladies were surprised and proud of the scope of the Oklahoma District's mission grants. Nancy stated that she was in frequent contact with treasurer, Lisa Graf, getting updated information on which grants had been paid. Lisa made the suggestion that Nancy send the payment of grants to the recipients. Nancy reported that people are starting to write grant requests. She stated that she has worked on getting information to update the Oklahoma District grants to send to Sarah Ross for updating the Web Site. Nancy stated that her society, Holy Trinity worked with the Faith society in Oklahoma City to provide an Angel Tree Christmas party for the children of incarcerated parents. Nancy reported that she has received two requests for grant payments. They are from the Oklahoma Professional Church Workers Student Aid Fund for \$12,000 and from Production of Braille Magazine for \$4000. Nancy made a motion from committee to fund one-half of the Oklahoma Professional Church Workers Student Aid Fund for \$6000.00 and \$4000.00 for the Production of Braille Magazine as funds become available. Motion passed.

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES – Carolyn Love**

Carolyn reviewed the Visioning/Planning goals for her committee. The Leader Development Committee has been very busy. They were responsible for the BOO for Zone officers which 21 Zone officers attended. They have had successful Blitz's at Enid and at Grove. Upcoming Blitz's will be at Bethlehem, Adair, February 15<sup>th</sup>; Immanuel, Garber, March 15<sup>th</sup>; Christ Lutheran, Perry in April and in Shawnee with the date pending. The leader development committee are members of the District convention planning committee. Krystine Gibson, Structure, reports that the Ponca City Zone's Executive Board has revised their bylaws, reviewed the new Zone Guidelines and scheduled host societies for the next ten years. Delia Hansen, Teen coordinator, reported that the second edition of *Teen Talk* was published and distributed in November 2008. It was also posted on the District's Web Site. The third annual Teen Gathering for the Oklahoma City area teens was held on November 16, 2008 and attended by thirteen teens. The second annual Teen Gathering for the Tulsa area will be held February 15, 2009. There are currently ten Teen groups in the Oklahoma District. T.J. Smith, YWR Coordinator, reported that Sherrie Schroeder has modified the YWR application to make it shorter and in paragraph form. There are currently four YWR applicants for National convention. The Oklahoma Young Women's Program Guidebook is close to being finished. T.J. reported that her committee is working on their second issue of Oklahoma District *Reflections*

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President England asked that the Board ratify the two e-mail votes that were taken during the quarter. The first vote was asking the Board to accept the new society at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tulsa, OK. The new society was accepted by the Board. The second vote was to raise the delegate assessment fee to the societies to \$3.00 per society member rather than the present \$2.00 assessment. The change in assessment was passed by the e-mail vote. President England asked the Board to ratify the e-mail votes. The votes were ratified.

### **PORTLAND CONVENTION REPORT – Marguerite Christman**

Marguerite stated the convention hotel was the DoubleTree which charges \$147.00 per night per room and the other hotel is the Hilton with a rate of \$149 per night. She proposes that the delegates room four to a room and the District would reimburse \$125.73 for three nights of housing. If a delegate is going with their spouse she would still be reimbursed for one fourth of the room expense and she would be responsible for the other three fourths of the room. Travel expenses are a big question. She was able to book three flights from Tulsa for \$333.00. The cost from Oklahoma City is about \$442.00. Marguerite stated that there was not a food package for this convention. She proposed that the District allocate \$30.00 per day for food which would come to \$120 per delegate. Registration for the convention is \$180.00. Debbie Tabisz made a motion that the District allow \$180.00 for registration, \$126.00 for a four person room and \$120.00 food allowance for the delegates counselors and YWR, for the convention. This comes to \$426.00 plus airfare per delegate. The counselors will be two to a room. Motion seconded by Jarie Coggins. MSC Gloria Bozarth made a motion that the YWR expenses come from the recycling fund. Motion seconded by Carolyn Love. MSC President England reviewed the various activities of the convention and who would be involved in them. Marguerite asked that all the delegates present at today's meeting meet with her and President England following today's meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President England reminded Board members that the District voted to meet three times instead of four times a year at the 2008 District convention. She proposes that in 2010 the Oklahoma District Board meet March 6<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. A motion was made by Nancy West that the District Board meet on the proposed dates in 2010. Motion seconded by Gloria Bozarth. MSC President England stated that the 2010 Oklahoma District Convention would be held April 16-17, 2010 with a pre convention Board of Director's dinner and meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> and a post-convention transition meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Jarie Coggins made a motion stating those dates and events. Motion seconded by Carol Fruehling. MSC President England stated that we needed to select a nominating committee chairman. The two candidates are Cheri Steggemoeller and Sherrie Schroeder. By a show of hands Sherrie Schroeder was selected as the chairman of the nominating committee. President also asked the Zone Presidents to bring names of prospective counselors to the May Board meeting.

## **CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE – Carolyn Love**

The Convention Planning Committee recommends the approval of the following:

Convention theme – *Glorify God, with One Heart and Mouth*

Convention Bible verse – Romans 15: 5-6 *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. NIV*

Convention Goal Statement – Encouraged and affirmed, we go glorifying God in our service.

Convention Objectives – Because of God's love, we are encouraged to:

- *Glorify* Him in Word and worship
- *Follow* Christ in unity
- *Accept* one another
- *Serve* in His Kingdom

Convention Theme Song – *In My Life Lord*

Convention Colors – Gold, Purple and Red

Key Note Speaker – Gary Thies (inspirational mission speaker from Mission Central, Iowa)

YWR and Teen LWML Mentor/Motivator – Katy Gifford (Chairman National LWML Teen Task Force)

Registration Fee increase of \$5.00 for a total registration of \$40.00

Exhibitor Registration \$30.00 per booth space

Convention Hotel – Holiday Inn Express (7840 N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Expressway – approximately 3 miles from the convention center)

Audrey House made a motion to accept the above recommendations from the Convention Planning Committee with the change of booth registration fee to \$30.00 per booth space. The motion was seconded

by Sharon Bomhoff. Discussion centered around the convention theme. It was recommended that the convention theme be changed to *Glorify God, with One Heart, One Voice*. An amendment was made to the motion changing the convention theme to *Glorify God, with One Heart, One Voice* by Sharon Bomhoff. The motion was seconded by Carol Fruehling. MSC The vote was then called for the original motion. MSC

## **DISTRICT RETREAT – Carolyn Love**

President England stated that the dates for the District retreat have been set for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Carolyn Love stated that she and Marguerite visited two sites to consider for the retreat. The first is managed by the United Methodist Church and located near Hinton. The name of the camp is Canyon Camp and Conference Center and the cost is \$41.00 per night. The second site is near Anadarko and it is family owned. The name of the camp is the Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center and the cost is \$57.00 per night. President England asked that Board members, by a show of hands, vote on which camp site they would prefer. By show of hands the Board voted for Canyon Camp and Conference Center. The Christian Life Committee will be in charge of the retreat with Debbie Tabisz as chairman. All Vice Presidents are to help in the arrangements. Nancy West made a motion that the November Board meeting be held prior to the Fall Retreat at the retreat site on October 23, 2009. Motion seconded by Audrey House. MSC

## **YWR – T.J. Smith**

T.J. reviewed the qualifications of the four YWR candidates. They are: Ladonna Haag, Jenny Matthews, Yvonne Moore and Joanna Wescoatt. Board members were asked to vote for two candidates. The results of the balloting named Joanna Wescoatt and Yvonne Moore as convention delegates and Jenny Matthews as the alternate. T.J. asked for a motion to destroy the ballots. Gloria Bozarth made a motion to destroy the ballots. The motion was seconded by Leola Thiemann. MSC

## **ARCHIVIST- HISTORIAN – Marilyn Alsip**

Marilyn, in her written report, reports that she is planning to attend the Conference on Archives and History in St. Louis on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 if her health permits. This quarter she has begun to get the minutes into archive safe sleeves and boxes. Marilyn would like to have the District purchase a shelving unit for \$85.00. No action was taken on this request at today's meeting.

## **MEETING MANAGER AND RECYCLING – Marguerite Christman**

Marguerite reported the following activities:

- Continue gathering information regarding the 2010 convention site at Express Event Center, Oklahoma City, including hotels, meals, etc.
- Have been in touch with OK District delegates to acquire information regarding possible flights as transportation to/from Portland for the June 2009 LWML Convention
- Have researched numerous sites for the 2009 OK District LWML Fall Retreat
- Along with VP of Servant Resources, Carolyn Love, have visited two sites to be considered for the 2009 OK District Fall Retreat
- Researched several possible sites and then secured a site for the OK District Pastors' and Vicars' wives retreat in Oklahoma City
- Arranged for hosting the 2010 District convention planning committee meeting in her home, Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>
- Arranged for housing needs to be hosted in private homes
- Verified site arrangements for the Tri-Zone Spring Fling committee meeting at Lutheran Church of Our Savior for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

- Verified site arrangements at Lutheran Church of Our Savior for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting, including a meal count

Marguerite stated that she has not received many requests for recycling labels. She asked Board members to encourage societies to continue to participate in the recycling project. During the past quarter \$729.91 was added to the fund. The total collected to date from inception is \$52,794.47.

### **SPECIAL GIFTS FUND – Marilyn Laramy**

Marilyn, in her written report, reported that the balance on hand in the Special Gifts Fund as of September 30, 2008 was \$25,726.44. Interest for October – December was \$243.36. Other additions to the fund equaled \$5874.07 leaving a total on December 31, 2008 of \$31,846.36.

### **OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LWML PLANNER REPORT - Judy Roggow**

Judy reported that during the past quarter she attended the District Board meeting at Lutheran Church of Our Savior and assisted in the set up and take down.

## **ZONE REPORTS**

### **ENID ZONE – Beth Schoeling**

Beth reported that the Spring Fling would be at Buffalo on March 14, 2009.

### **KINGFISHER ZONE – Sharon Bomhoff**

Sharon reported that the Spring Fling will be in Chickasha on March 8, 2009.

### **LAWTON ZONE – Kathie Gerdes**

Kathie stated that after the last Board of Director's meeting, she was able to contact all the society officers with a summary of the meeting. She contacted First Lutheran Church in Chickasha asking them to host the Tri-Zone Spring Fling on March 8, 2009. Pastor Thompson and the women of First Lutheran agreed to be the hosts. The information for the Spring Fling has been sent to the society presidents, encouraging them to get their members to participate. The Gifts from the Heart ingathering will go to the Pregnancy Testing and Guidance Center in Chickasha. On January 17, 2009, the Lawton Zone Board of Director's met at Holy Cross in Lawton. They reviewed the bylaws with questions and suggestions for the District Structure Committee.

### **MIAMI ZONE – Grace Peterson**

During the past quarter the ladies of Redeemer in Bartlesville delivered 50 school kits and 4 quilts to Grace Lutheran in Tulsa for LWR, they held a bake sale to raise money for missions, celebrated LWML Sunday, delivered Thanksgiving baskets to Redeemer families in need, served a dinner prior to an Advent service and delivered Poinsettia's to Redeemer shut-ins. The women at Redeemer in Claremore hosted and provided a cake on October 31, 2008 for Pastor and Rosalind Burger. They are sewing hats for Bethania Orphanages in India, they had a LWML Christmas party at the Golden Corral for members and husbands and served several dinners before Advent services. In December 2008 the ladies at Bethlehem in Adair participated in the Angel Tree project. In January they gave donations to Oaks Mission and Safe Net (a domestic violence and sexual assault organization). They also collected blankets for the homeless. The ladies of St. John in Pryor collected and remitted Mites of \$684.11 to the District. Their mission projects included a fundraiser to support tutoring the of children of Don and Jana Steizer who are serving as missionaries in Africa. They collected hats, gloves and scarves for the Pryor Ministry Center. They

shopped for and supported the purchasing of Christmas gifts for the Thunderbird Regimented Training Program – Bravo Cadets, working with their Thrivent Chapter to share “the reason for the season” with these young men who were not able to be with family during the holidays. They also provided gift baskets to two congregation families for Thanksgiving and at Christmas they provided a gift and goodie basket for two single, elderly gentlemen in their congregations. They gathered as a group and held a Christmas party at the home of one their members. They perform weekly altar care duties and decorated the church for the Christmas season. They also organized and served a funeral dinner. Messiah in Vinita served soup and sandwiches prior to Advent services. They planned and held a yard/bake sale to raise money. They have monthly Mite Box Sundays. They participated in LWML Sunday and they gathered Christmas items for the Forensic Center so the men and women would have gifts.

### **OKLAHOMA CITY ZONE – Shari Stepanek**

Shari reported that there would be a Prayer and Praise Service at St Mark in Edmond on Saturday, February 14, 2009. The ladies of St Mark will provide lunch following the service. The Spring Fling will be March 8, 2009 in Chickasha.

### **PANHANDLE ZONE – Jarie Coggins**

Jarie stated that all the societies were contacted following the Fall Fest to update them of officer changes and updated information. Some highlights from the November Board of Director’s meeting were shared. The Spring Fling will be held at Zion in Buffalo on March 14, 2009. Flyers and registration forms have been sent to all Panhandle Zone societies. They continue to work on updating their bylaws.

### **PONCA CITY ZONE – Leola Thiemann**

The Ponca City Zone Executive Board met on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at Christ Lutheran in Perry. They reviewed the new Zone Guidelines, with special emphasis on the guidelines for hosting Zone events. They developed a hosting schedule for Zone events for the next 10 years. They also revised the Zone bylaws to conform to the District’s, plus some editing of items that are exclusive to their Zone. Leola has supplied each society a copy of the Spring Fling flyer in a format that can be used either by mail or e-mail. Leola states that she would like future flyers converted to pdf. She attended the monthly meeting of Our Redeemer in Cushing on November 19, 2008. She reported on the 2007 National Convention, the Oklahoma District Convention and the Zone’s Fall Fest. Three ladies will be attending the Spring Fling. Leola still needs to visit Trinity in Blackwell but a definite time has not been set. She has started typing a Zone directory. Her goal is to have it available for distribution at the next Fall Fest.

### **TULSA ZONE – Carol Fruehling**

The Tulsa Zone met at Christ the Redeemer on November 8, 2008 following the Board of Director’s meeting. Information was shared from the District Board meeting. They have started a Tulsa Zone Newsletter. The first edition was published in December of 2008. Alexis Wasson is acting as editor with the next issue due in March. Plans for the Tri-Zone Spring Fling are in full swing. Ponca City Zone will handle registration, Miami Zone will provide decorations and Tulsa Zone will host the event at Grace Lutheran in Tulsa.

### **CLOSING REMARKS – Bev England**

President Bev stated that the next Board meeting would be May 2, 2009 at Lutheran Church of our Savior in Bethany. At that meeting we will approve the retreat theme and approve the Fall Fest theme and scripture verse. The Portland delegates, the District’s nominating committee and the YWRs are to attend the May meeting. Also at that meeting we will have a report on the Spring Flings and the District banner for Portland will be revealed.

The closing devotion was given by Nancy West.

Shari Stepanek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Love. MSC Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary  
Oklahoma District