

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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 on August 1, 2009.

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. President England announced that Patti Ross is the new National V.P. of Christian Life and Marguerite Christman is the National Convention Manager for LWML. A Bible study based on Isaiah 52:3-7 was led by Pastor Dwayne Schroeder.

President England asked Board members to look at the four candidates for future Pastoral Counselors. Those candidates are Rev. Eric Van Scharrel from Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa; Rev Gary Brandt from First Lutheran Church in Ada; Rev. Dwight Moeller from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Adair and Rev. Frank Kinast from Zion Lutheran Church in Stillwater. President England asked for a motion to accept these four candidates for consideration to be a nominee for Pastoral Counselor. Audrey House made a motion to accept the four pastors for consideration for Pastoral Counselor nominee. Motion seconded by Jarie Coggins. MSC

President England dismissed the nominating committee and the Bible study leaders.

Those present were:

Bev England, President, MMV
Debbie Tabisz, V.P. Christian Life
Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary
Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Jr. Counselor
Patti Ross, Resources, P.R. Director
Krystine Gibson, Structure
Marilyn Laramy, Special Gifts, Parliamentarian
Marguerite Christman, Recycling, MMV,
Meeting Manager
Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator
Grace Peterson, Miami Zone President
Carol Fruehling, Tulsa Zone President
Karen Rumsey, YWR Coordinator
Betty Reichert, District Editor
Leona Oppel, Nominating Committee
Esther Bersche, Nominating Committee
Debbie Hooper, Bible Study Leader
Gayle Anderson, Bible Study Leader
Joanna Wescoatt, YWR

Carolyn Love, V.P. Servant Resources
Audrey House, V.P. Communication
Lisa Graf, Treasurer
Linda Lee Kremerier, V.P. Human Care
Sharon Bomhoff, Kingfisher Zone President
Marilyn Alsip, Archivist-Historian
Kathie Gerdes, Lawton Zone President
Shari Stepanek, OKC Zone President
Jarie Coggins, Panhandle Zone President
Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone President
Leola Thiemann, Ponca City Zone President
Anita Miller, Field Reporter
Lanece Young, Financial Secretary
Judy Roggow, District Planner
Bonnie Schulze, Nominating Committee
Bonnie Giese, Nominating Committee
Mary Ames, Bible Study Leader
Yvonne Moore, YWR
Sherrie Schroeder, Nominating Committee

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 May Board of Director's Minutes. Corrections were: page 2, Treasurers/Financial Secretary's Report, last line, reimburse both ways, changed to reimbursed both ways; page 6, Meeting Manager, Cartridge Recycling Report, eighth bullet, meeting a Lutheran changed to meeting at Lutheran.

Carol Fruehling made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Beth Schoeling.
MSC

CORRESPONDING SCERETARY - June Wadley given by Bev England

No report

TREASURER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lisa Graf/Lanece Young

The quarterly treasurer/financial secretary's report covers a period between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009. The balance on hand in the general fund on April 1, 2009 was \$14,587.35 which included \$9,531.59 in the restricted cartridge fund. Receipts totaled \$17,964.94 and disbursements equaled \$15,366.64. The balance in the restricted fund as of June 30, 2009 was \$17,185.65. The balance in the unrestricted general fund as of June 30, 2009 was \$7,591.83. Lisa reported that there has been about a 25% decrease in Mite giving. She stated at the end of June there was \$7,591.83 in the unrestricted general fund and she had approximately \$11,000 requests for payment. She stated that we have between \$24,000 and \$25,000 in grants to pay by the end of February 2010. Lisa thinks she will be able to pay the \$5000 grant to Camp Lutherhoma with monies received in July. She will not be able to pay the bill for the *Quarterlies*. Lisa asked for guidance in paying our financial obligations. According to our bylaws, National is to receive 25% of collected Mites on a quarterly basis. After that is paid, the District's bills and grants are paid. Lisa also pointed out that the District had some large general operating costs during the past quarter such as the Pastors' Wives Retreat and the curtains for Camp Lutherhaven. Lanece Young, financial secretary, reviewed the monies she received from the individual zones during the period between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009. President England asked for a special Mite offering at today's Board meeting. Following the lunch break, Lanece reported \$608 was collected from that offering. Beth Schoeling made a motion to accept the treasurer/financial secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Carol Fruehling. MSC Lisa asked the Board which fund the expenses for today's meeting should come. A motion was made by Beth Schoeling to take the expenses for today's meeting from the recycling fund. The motion was seconded by Jarie Coggins. MSC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bev England

President England reflected on the convention in Portland relating the great Bible studies and mission speakers. The new National Mite goal is \$1.825 million. She is looking forward to our District's upcoming Fall Fests and Retreat. Some of her activities during the past quarter include:

- Conducted a LWML Blitz along with the MMVs and the Ponca City Zone President at Christ Lutheran in Perry
- Attended a Tulsa LCMS Circuit meeting at Grace in Tulsa
- Chaired the Ordination Committee for candidate Vicar Tiews' ordination slated for August 16, 2009
- Attended Oklahoma District's first mission trip to Enid, sewing curtains for Camp Lutherhaven
- Attended the National BOD meeting in Portland and served on the Minutes Review Committee
- Conducted the Oklahoma District Caucus at the Portland convention
- Attended the National LWML Convention in Portland representing the District
- Attended the MMV meeting in Portland to revamp and make changes in the overall program
- Met with PR Director, Patti Ross to review articles and flyers
- Worked with Audrey House and Betty Reichert on various flyers and handouts
- Worked with Debbie Tabisz reviewing plans for the Fall Fests and the District Retreat
- Met with the Convention Planning Committee for the 2010 District Convention
- Conferred with zone presidents obtaining updates on new society officer information
- Authored articles for *The Lutheran Witness* and *The Voice of Service*

- Wrote thank you letters and notes to delegates and others who assisted at Portland
- Obtained bios on Pastoral Counselor candidates
- Prepared the agenda, attended and coordinated activities for today's BOD meeting

JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Dwayne Schroeder

Pastor Schroeder reported that he and his family took a 5000 mile road trip to the convention in Portland. The convention was greatly enjoyed. This morning he attended the Oklahoma District's 2010 Convention Planning Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION – Audrey House

Audrey again reminded Board members to put LWML in the subject line when sending e-mails. During this quarter, Audrey created on-line registration forms and worked on the OK LWML logo for the web page. She also encouraged Board members to send pictures of LWML events to her or Betty Reichert so they can be downloaded to the Web site. Web Servant, Sarah Ross continues to update the Web site with new information. District Editor, Betty Reichert gathered articles and information for the summer *The Voice of Service*. She also created, edited and e-mailed the summer issue of *The Voice of Service*. Betty also updated the "On the Road" cards and arranged the printing and assembly of packets of prayer cards. She prepared Board of Directors favors for President England. The Fall issue of *The Voice of Service* will focus on human care. Public Relations Director, Patti Ross submitted articles and announcements for the Oklahoma District pages of *The Lutheran Witness*, she prepared handouts and favors for the May 3, 2009 Blitz in Perry and she helped get resources for the Pastors' Wives Retreat. Patti also proofread numerous articles and handouts for Board members. She attended the mission trip to sew curtains for Camp Lutherhaven. She ordered items for the LWML Store for the Fall Fests and put together the LWML Store zone boxes for the Fall Fests. Patti represented the Oklahoma District as a member of the LWML Leader Development Committee at the Portland Convention and manned that booth as well as worked with the YWR program. Audrey stated that by January 1, 2010 *The Voice of Service* would be delivered electronically only. Betty Reichert asked the zone presidents to get a contact person for each of their societies and relay that information to her. Audrey also asked the zone presidents to send her pictures of the churches in their zones for a project she is working on for the 2010 convention.

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH – Nancy West

By written report Nancy submitted the following:

- Wrote an article for *The Voice of Service*
- Received and processed mission grant applications
- Sent information to Sarah Ross to update the Web site on progress of mission grant payments
- Worked on sketches and interrupters for the Fall Retreat
- Served as a delegate at the LWML Portland Convention
- Sent cards and notes of encouragement to her committee members
- Created and worked on a "Heritage Connection" idea for Heart to Heart at the OK District Convention in 2010
- Worked with a grant writer

VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE – Linda Lee Kremeier

Linda Lee reported that the first annual servant event was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Enid. Curtains were made for Camp Lutherhaven. Twenty-five ladies participated. Linda Lee asked for ideas for other servant events that could be carried out in the future. She stated that she has not been able to find the dates and times for the LWR drop sites. She will continue to investigate the dates.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES – Carolyn Love

Carolyn reported she is working with both the District and Zone Convention Planning Committees for the 2010 District Convention. She met with Karen Rumsey and Sherrie Schroeder about the YWRs before the Portland Convention. Carolyn is working on crafts for the District Retreat. She attended the Portland Convention. The Leader Development Committee reported there was a successful Blitz in Perry on May 3rd. LWML Blitz sessions are planned for St. John's, Newkirk/Blackwell on August 30th; Zion, Stillwater on September 20th and Our Redeemer, Cushing on October 4th. Krystine Gibson, Structure Committee, reported she has reviewed the bylaws of the Tulsa Zone with Carol Fruehling. The Oklahoma City Zone has requested copies of previous bylaws for review for possible changes and she is in the process of revising the bylaws of the Lawton and Kingfisher Zones. Karen Rumsey, YWR Coordinator stated that she met with Carolyn Love and Sherrie Schroeder for an overview of the YWR program. She stated Our Savior in Guthrie is discussing hosting a tea for the YWRs. Karen attended the Portland Convention and took photographs of the YWR pinning ceremony at the District Caucus and the YWRs with the District banner. Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator, reported that a new Teen group has been organized at First Lutheran Church in Muskogee. On September 13, 2009 two Teen events will take place, one in Tulsa and one in Oklahoma City. The events will be an "End of Summer Celebration". Delia also reported the Teens at Trinity in Norman raised money during the year and used that money to take a trip to New Mexico. She also reported the Ponca City LWML has a Teen LWML activity at each of their meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE – Debbie Tabisz

Debbie reported the Retreat of Pastors' Wives held on May 8th and 9th at the IBLP Center in Oklahoma City was well received. Forty-four out of the 100 invited attended the retreat. Renee Gibbs was the speaker and spoke on both days. Marguerite brought greetings from the District LWML, Susan Copen led the singing, Pat Bartley conducted a "fun" survey and Cindy Boster led the devotions. Delia Hansen provided signing for a hearing impaired woman. Anne Reedy and Shari Stepanek shuttled Renee back and forth to the airport and Shari helped host the Friday evening hospitality hour. Debbie stated the writing project is coming along. Her committee has heard from 4 ladies interested in writing. Debbie is also working on the Fall Retreat "A Time for..." to be held on October 23-24, 2009. The scripture reference of the retreat is Ecclesiastes 3:1 *"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven"*. Teens should be encouraged to attend the retreat. The registration fee for the retreat is \$65. Individual societies should be encouraged to sponsor a Teens. She is also working on the Fall Fests. In the zone president's packets she has provided a sample agenda, registration form, flyers, opening devotion, closing service and a participant's copy of the Bible study. Debbie met with the Bible study leaders today to go over the study. The theme for the Fall Fests is "Look to the Hills...God Reigns" The scripture reference is Isaiah 52:7 *"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns'"*.

PORTLAND CONVENTION

Patti Ross stated she enjoyed working on the Portland Convention. She was elected Vice President of Christian Life. Marguerite Christman stated the Portland Convention Center was the largest convention center the LWML has used. She encouraged Board members to make use of the Convention Highlights Video. President England stated the Bible studies and the choir were wonderful. Sharon Bomhoff stated she really enjoyed being a delegate. Karen Rumsey, YWR, stated it was her first convention and she learned a lot and greatly enjoyed the convention. Yvonne Moore also voiced her enjoyment of the convention.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONVENTION 2010

The next Oklahoma District Convention will be held on April 16 -17, 2010 in Oklahoma City. The Pre-Convention Board of Director's meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15th at A Spot For Tea at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$12. Carolyn Love, DCPC, showed an example of a table decoration that

was made by Bev Stevens and the ladies of Ardmore. Carolyn made a motion from committee to have Pastor Mark Muenchow of Messiah Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City be the convention Bible study leader per his acceptance. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

President England reminded Board members of the 2010 meeting schedule. The meetings are currently scheduled for March 6, July 10 and October 2. Because of a conflict, she would like to change the July 10 meeting date to June 26. Gloria Bozarth made a motion to move the July 10, 2010 meeting to June 26, 2010. Motion seconded by Carolyn Love. MSC President England advised Board members that if they have any names to submit for the National Counselor, they should give the names to her and she would submit them. She also reminded the Board that Mission Grant proposals are due by the September 30th deadline.

ARCHIVIST – HISTORIAN – Marilyn Alsip

Marilyn has begun work on assembling photos of various District functions. These photos will be given to Ebba Johnson. Ebba is still in need of photos from 2003 to the present. Marilyn organized a display for the Portland Convention highlighting our 80 years in the LWML. She stated she had many compliments, comments and questions about the display. She has set up the display today so Board members could see it. Marilyn stated she is starting a new book of shared memories, titled "*Oklahoma District LWML Shared Memories*". It will be available at the 2012 District Convention. She would like LWMLers to write a memory they have from an LWML experience. The memories should be limited to 50 – 100 words.

MEETING MANAGER, CARTRIDGE RECYCLING – Marguerite Christman

General activities of her position were performed as required, including responding to/filing correspondence, faxes, U.S. mail, e-mail and telephone calls. These activities included:

- Continues to gather information regarding the 2010 Convention site at the Express Event Center, Oklahoma City, including hotels and meals, etc.
- Completed various phone and e-mail communications regarding questions/clarifications for the OK delegation to and from Portland to attend the convention in Portland June 25-28, 2009
- Attended the 2009 Portland Convention with 60+ LWML sisters from the Oklahoma District
- Arranged for the OK District LWML Board of Directors meeting with a meal at the 2009 OK District Retreat site at the Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Anadarko
- Verified site arrangements for the Convention Planning Committee meeting at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany, OK for Saturday, August 1 at 8:30 a.m.
- Made arrangements to open the LWML District Convention 2010 bank account with signatures by District V.P. of Servant Resources, Convention Co-Chairman and the Convention Treasurer
- Verified site arrangements for the OK District Nominating Committee meeting at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, August 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- Verified site arrangements for the OK District LWML zone Bible study leaders informational meeting at Lutheran Church of Our Savior for Saturday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- Arranged for housing needs of BOD attendees, securing hosts from Lutheran Church of Our Savior
- Verified site arrangements at Lutheran Church of Our Savior for Saturday, August 1 OK District LWML BOD meeting, including a meal count

In regard to the Cartridge Recycling Fund, Marguerite reported the past quarter she has received the lowest amount in the fund since the fund started. She reported that even with that, the fund has benefited the District. Since the funds inception we have raised \$54,664.37. Of that \$13,666.11 has gone to National Mites, \$5,466.46 has gone to the District's Special Gifts Fund and \$26,554.37 has gone to District

Expenses. She pointed out that the fund contributed \$2,000 to send the YWRs to the Portland convention. The zone presidents will have recycling displays at the Fall Fests. Marguerite also encouraged Board members and others to explore community resources for the collection of cartridges, cell phones, etc.

SPECIAL GIFTS – Marilyn Laramy

Marilyn reported the balance in the Special Gifts Fund as of June 30, 2009 was \$32,881.05. Interest from April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 was \$176.92. Marilyn stated she has passed out Foot Print Brochures at today's meeting and asked the zone presidents to use the brochures at the Fall Fests. The new brochure has a different address for the monies to be sent. Marilyn stated she would like the Board to consider revising the Special Gifts Fund guidelines. She will communicate with President Bev before the next Board meeting.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LWML PLANNER - Judy Roggow

Judy reported she is currently working on an exhibitor letter of application for the 2010 District Convention. Betty Reichert is helping her with the logo. Judy plans to send out the letter in the near future.

ZONE REPORTS

ENID ZONE – Beth Schoeling

Beth reported the Zone Fall Fest will be held on October 3, 2009 at Immanuel in Breckenridge. Rev. Joe Meyers from Garber will be the speaker. Louise Holt was the Delegate for the Portland Convention and she will give a convention report. Beth attended the first evening meeting of the LWML at Immanuel in Garber. They elected officers and planned their schedule of activities for the upcoming year. At her next Zone Board meeting, Beth plans to ask for the names of society members so she can compile a zone directory.

KINGFISHER ZONE – Sharon Bomhoff

Sharon reported the Kingfisher Zone Fall Fest would be held on September 26, 2009 at Emmanuel Lutheran in Kingfisher. Marguerite Christman will be the Bible study leader. Yvonne Moore, YWR, will be a speaker. Sharon also reported 13 Kingfisher LWML ladies attended the convention in Portland.

LAWTON ZONE – Katherine Gerdes

Kathie reported, following the February Board meeting, she was able to contact all the societies in the zone to disseminate information from that meeting. The Fall Fest will be on September 19, 2009 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Apache. Yvonne Moore, YWR, will be the speaker. Gayle Anderson is at today's meeting to gather the information for the Bible study. Kathie stated they are still hoping to have an edited copy of their bylaws to work on and approve, hopefully at the Fall Fest.

MIAMI ZONE – Grace Peterson

Grace reported she attended the convention in Portland. She stated it was a very exciting and uplifting experience. She brought home bookmarks for the Fall Fest and for LWML Sunday. She also purchased CDs of the convention which she plans to share with other LWML members. The Fall Fest will be on September 12, 2009 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fairland.

OKLAHOMA CITY ZONE – Shari Stepanek

Shari stated the Fall Fest would be held on September 19, 2009 at Faith Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. On June 11th Holy Trinity in Edmond provided lunch to area church workers and Nancy West held a swim party at her home on June 18th where health kits were assembled for their Parish Mission trip to Guatemala. St. Paul's in Wellston hosted a fund raiser dinner/auction for families that had lost their homes in the wildfires in April and hosted several activities such as a luncheon for graduates and confirmands, host monthly senior luncheons and hosted a baby shower for a fellow church member. Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Bethany continues to host the District Board of Director's meetings. Good Shepherd in Midwest City have been taking turns filling in for president, Fritzie Rice, who broke her wrist in April. The LWML gave teacher appreciation gifts, held a confirmation dinner and they continue to make quilts. Their service project consisted of viewing "Ministry in Times of Loss". St. Mark in Edmond reported that President, Beth Skinner, came down with Tick Fever and was hospitalized in Colorado. Faith Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City worked on quilts during "Mission Work Night". They also provided food for the "Fight Gang Graffiti with Christian Graffiti" church picnic. Zion Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City continues to support a Peace Corp worker in Africa. They also continue to support the Infant Crisis Center.

PANHANDLE ZONE - Jarie Coggins

Jarie reported the Fall Fest would be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Guymon on October 10, 2009. They will review the revised copy of their bylaws in the business portion of the Fest. They are making Spiritual Care Kits. Camp Lutherhaven was assisted by the societies in cooking and crafts and other supportive endeavors. Quilting continues and LWR will get many quilts from the zone.

PONCA CITY ZONE – Leola Thiemann

Leola reported the Fall Fest will be held on September 19, 2009 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Blackwell. The ladies of Newkirk will assist in hosting the Fest. Rev. Carlton and Arlene Riemer will be the speakers. The Executive Board of the Ponca City Zone will meet on August 22nd at Blackwell to share the information from today's meeting. Joan Miller, the zone's representative to the District Nominating Committee, asked to be replaced due to conflicts. Esther Bersche is her replacement. Seven ladies from the Ponca City Zone attended the convention in Portland.

TULSA ZONE - Carol Fruehling

Carol reported she was a first time National convention attendee and enjoyed it very much. She stated at least 6 societies in the zone had members attend the convention in Portland. The Fall Fest will be held on September 26, 2009 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Broken Arrow. She is still working on securing a speaker for the Fest. Grace Lutheran Church in Tulsa provided meals for their VBS and they reported that after receiving a Mite Box on Sunday, one of the children set up a lemonade stand to raise money for Mites. First Lutheran in Tahlequah held a bake sale at the Farmer's Market. King of Kings in Glenpool held a salad luncheon with Betty Reichert, LWML District Editor, as guest speaker. Christ the Redeemer had a "Baby Bottle" fund raiser followed by a baby shower for MEND. Christ the Redeemer is preparing for a book sale to raise money for the Fluegge Missionary Family. All societies are currently busy with collections of school and health kit supplies for LWR. Tulsa's next zone meeting will be August 15, 2009 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Broken Arrow.

Debbie Tabisz gave a closing devotion.

Kathie Gerdes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa Graf. MSC Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

GLORIA BOZARTH, Recording Secretary
Oklahoma District