

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2009  
OAKRIDGE CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER, ANADARDO, OK.**

MSC – Motion made, seconded and carried

The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League met at Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Anadarko, OK for their Board Meeting on October 23, 2009.

President England opened the meeting by recognizing the guests. She asked Board members to share cares, concerns and celebrations. Several were shared. President Bev stated Patti Ross is progressing in her recovery and is going to physical therapy three times a week. Krystine Gibson is also recovering from her surgery. She also reported Delia Hansen’s grandson was born and only lived a short time. The child was able to be baptized. Cards were sent around for those individuals. Pastor Henke conducted a Bible Study on “Time” based on Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Those present were:

Bev England, President, MMV  
Debbie Tabisz, V.P. Christian Life  
Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary  
Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Jr. Counselor  
Linda Lee Kremeier, V.P. Human Care  
Marilyn Alsip, Archivist-Historian  
Marguerite Christman, Recycling,  
Meeting Manager, MMV  
Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone President  
Carol Fruehling, Tulsa Zone President  
Betty Reichert, District Editor

Carolyn Love, V.P. Servant Resources  
Nancy West, V.P. Gospel Outreach  
June Wadley, Corresponding Secretary  
Rev. Barrie Henke, Sr. Counselor  
Sharon Bomhoff, Kingfisher Zone President  
Marilyn Laramy, Special Gifts, Parliamentarian  
Kathie Gerdes, Lawton Zone President  
Shari Stepanek, OKC Zone President  
Leola Thiemann, Ponca City Zone President  
Anita Miller, Field Reporter  
Judy Roggow, District Planner

**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 August Board of Director’s Minutes. There were no corrections. A motion was made by Linda Lee Kremeier to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Nancy West. MSC

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – June Wadley**

June reported incoming correspondence consisted of a thank you note from Marilyn Laramy. June passed around the information for the new District and Society Directories. She asked those present to check the directories for corrections. Once the corrections are made, the directories will be sent to Board members by e-mail.

**TREASURER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Lisa Graf/Lanece Young given by Bev England**

The quarterly treasurer/financial secretary’s report covers a period between July 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009. The balance on hand in the General Fund on July 1, 2009 was \$17,185.65 which included \$9,593.82 in the restricted Cartridge Fund. Receipts totaled \$22,358.12 and disbursements equaled \$14,445.61. The balance in the restricted Cartridge Fund as of September 30, 2009 was \$8,142.89. The balance in the unrestricted General Fund as of September 30, 2009 was \$16,955.27. President Bev stated Lisa informed her there is \$9000 available for grants. A motion was made by Gloria Bozarth to accept the treasurer/financial secretary’s report as presented. Motion seconded by Kathie Gerdes. MSC

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

President Bev reported during the past quarter she has attended 4 Fall Fests and facilitated, along with the Blitz Team members, 3 Blitz's. She has corresponded with Board members by telephone, e-mail, fax and by regular mail. Her activities during the quarter included the following:

- Conducted Blitz's, with the Blitz Team at: Zion, Stillwater; Our Redeemer, Cushing and First, Ada
- Attended two ordinations – Rev. Hintz, Immanuel, Broken Arrow and Rev. Tiews, Grace, Tulsa
- Attended Fall Fests at the Miami Zone, Ponca City Zone, Tulsa Zone and Panhandle Zone
- Met with PR Director Patti Ross to transition duties to herself and Lori Steele
- Met with Lori Steele, who will be assisting with some PR duties
- Met with the District Convention Worship Committee to plan the Opening Worship Service
- Met with the Mission Grants Committee for the grant selection process and proposed Mite goal
- Collected, sorted and ordered LWML Store items
- Assembled items and prepared programming for the Blitz's
- Conferred with Zone Presidents to obtain updates on new society officer information
- Authored articles for *The Lutheran Witness* and *The Voice of Service*
- Wrote thank you letters and notes
- Prepared the agenda, packets and coordinated activities for today's BOD meeting

President England reported expense vouchers should be given to Carolyn Love who is the acting treasurer for today's meeting. President England stated she has taken over many of the PR activities. She also stated Lori Steele will be assisting her. Carol Fruehling is helping with the LWML Store.

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

Pastoral Counselor Schroeder reported he has attended the District Convention meeting and has been busy planning the opening worship service for the convention. He also attended several Fall Fests.

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

Pastor Henke reported he has been very busy as the District President and as a result, he has not been very active with LWML during the past quarter.

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

Debbie reported she and her committee has been reviewing what has been going on in the Christian Life Committee the past few years in preparation of passing on the information to the next Vice President of Christian Life. During the past quarter she and the other vice presidents have been working on the retreat we are attending today. She stated she has also been working with her local society to get them more involved.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION – Audrey House given by Betty Reichert**

Audrey's written report stated she has been working with Sarah Ross and Nancy Bogenhagen, LWML Information Technology Committee Chairman, with the on-line web form problems the District has been experiencing. At this time the issue is unresolved. To the best of her knowledge, this is an Adobe update issue. If a person has the most recent Adobe reader, the previous forms cannot be submitted. Older Adobe versions still work. Her suggested solution is to take the submit button off the form. Fill out the form. Save a copy of the form to your computer and then e-mail the form to the appropriate party as an attachment. Audrey also assisted Betty with *The Voice of Service*. Audrey again reminded Board members

to preface any LWML e-mail correspondence with LWML. Sarah Ross, Web Servant's written report states she has updated "Hit the Road" on the Web site. She has also worked with Audrey House on the on-line form issue. She encouraged Board and society members to submit pictures to either herself or to Audrey. Sarah reminded Board members all submissions must be approved by President England before they can be posted on the Web site. Patti Ross, Public Relations, thanked all of her LWML sisters for their prayers, cards and notes during her surgery and resulting complications. She reported Lori Steele would be assisting Public Relations during her convalescence. Anita Miller, Western Reporter, reported Pastor Wackler from Texhoma mailed a picture of the campers and the curtains, made by the LWML, which was published in the Fall issue of *The Voice of Service*. Betty reported she gathered articles and information for *The Voice of Service*; she created and edited the Fall issue of *The Voice of Service* and e-mailed the Fall issue of *The Voice of Service*. Betty printed updated "On the Road" cards; attended the Miami Zone Fall Fest; prepared BOD favors for President Bev; prepared the Communication Committee report and attended the November BOD's meeting and the Retreat. Betty also reported she handed out a flyer today publicizing the 2010 District Convention to Board Members and she gave enough copies to the Zone Presidents to distribute to each of their societies. She also gave flyers to the Zone Presidents to distribute to their societies to see if the societies would be willing to donate \$75 for the purchase of Spanish Bibles to be marked at the convention. The February 2010 issue of *The Voice of Service* will be a convention issue.

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

Nancy apologized to the Board for a mistake made in Mites appropriation. She stated when National Mites were behind in meeting their goal, the women of Holy Trinity, Edmond, reversed the percentage of how Mites would be distributed, giving 75% to National and 25% to District. Once National had met their goal, this was to revert to the normal distribution percentages, and this was not done. This has been corrected and the monies should be restored to the Oklahoma District. Nancy stated the Oklahoma Ministerial Students have requested payment of the remaining portion of their grant which is \$6000. She stated the payment would take us down to \$17,000 - \$18,000 on our grant commitment for the last quarter in this biennium. Lisa Graf, Treasurer, in her written report, stated we currently have \$9000 available for grant payments. Nancy made a motion from committee to pay the remaining \$6000 to the Oklahoma Ministerial Student Grant. Motion passed. Nancy stated 33 grants have been submitted for the 2010 – 2012 biennium. The total amount for the 33 grants is \$194,069. There will probably be 24 grants on the ballot. She put forth three grant goals to be voted on at today's meeting for the 2010 – 2012 biennium. These are \$84,000, \$86,000 and \$88,000. Beth Schoeling made a motion to submit \$84,000 for the 2010 -2012 grant goal. Motion seconded by Sharon Bomhoff. Motion called and did not pass. Betty Reichert did some calculations and stated we have \$11,000, after paying the Oklahoma Ministerial Students Grant, to pay on our \$80,000 Mission Grants for 2008 - 2010 and we have \$5963.50 remaining on the Special Mission Gift of \$100,000 Disbursement, leaving the District a total of \$16,963.50 to fund by the end of this biennium. Debbie Tabisz made a motion that the Oklahoma District adopt a mission grant goal of \$88,000 for the 2010 – 2012 biennium. Motion seconded by Leola Thiemann. MSC The recommendation from the BOD will be presented for approval to the convention delegates at the 2010 District Convention. Nancy also reported the following activities:

- Attended committee meeting for the Fall Retreat
- Wrote sketches and interrupters for the Fall Retreat
- Collected décor items for the Fall Retreat
- Created costumes for the Fall Retreat
- Picked up a soap donation from St. Paul LWML, Wellston
- Handled copious amounts of e-mail, snail mail and telephone correspondence on mission grants
- Worked with several writers on correcting missing elements from grants
- Received and processed all remaining mission grant applications
- Collated all mission grants, creating a master list for the committee meeting held Friday, 23, 2009
- Wrote a thumbnail paragraph on each mission grant
- Totaled amounts of proposed mission grants
- Attended the OKC Zone Fall Fest as District representative

- Along with the women of Holy Trinity created the table décor and centerpieces for the OKC Fall Fest
- With Co-Chair, Jill Fischaber, hunted and gathered gift ideas and items for the April, 2010 District Convention guest speakers (Hospitality Committee)
- Toured the District Convention site
- Worked with M.O.S.T ministries on OK District LWML Mission Trip to Lativa , July 2-11, 2010
- Participated in LWML Sunday services on October 11<sup>th</sup>, sang in the Women's chorus and created a Human Mite Box

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE – Linda Lee Kremeier**

Linda reported the total amount of items shipped to Lutheran World Relief in October from the Oklahoma District was about 8000 pounds. She has not received the reports from all of the Zones. Linda stated she played a small part of the committee who met in Oklahoma City to work on the Fall Retreat. She prepared an evaluation sheet for each participant to complete at the end of the retreat. She will be focusing her attention on the Servant Activities for the District Convention. She is looking for a society or societies to help with the financial part of doing these activities.

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

Carolyn reported she attended the OKC Zone District Convention planning meeting at Messiah in Oklahoma City in August and toured the Express Event Center. She contacted Doris Schmall to bring the Braille machine and additional items needed for the servant activities at the District Convention. She coordinated with the other Vice Presidents organizing crafts for the retreat. Carolyn gave the president's report at the Lawton Fall Fest and transported the Lawton Zone LWR items to Oklahoma City. She corresponded with Marilyn Laramy and President England on guideline changes for the Special Gifts Committee and she has been collecting greeting cards and wrapping paper for the servant activities at the convention. Betty stated she has talked to Doris Schmall and Doris reported she is not physically able to transport the Braille machine and there is some question as to whether or not the Braille Center will allow the Braille machine to be transported out of their facility, probably because of some prior damage to the machine when it has been loaned. Carolyn will follow-up with this. The Leader Development team has been blitzing around the state. LWML leaders who have participated this past quarter are Bev England, Marguerite Christman, Betty Reichert, Susan Brunkow, Leola Thiemann and Debbie Hooper. The Blitz's were at Newkirk/Blackwell on August 30; Stillwater on September 20; Cushing on October 4 and Ada on October 18. They will have a Blitz at Holy Cross in Lawton this coming Sunday, October 25. The Young Women's Committee made a "Look to the Hills" banner for the Kingfisher Fall Fest. Yvonne Moore was to present at the Lawton Zone Fall Fest but she was unable because of the flu. She did, however, make a presentation at the Kingfisher Fall Fest. Joanna Wescoatt presented at the Panhandle Zone Fall Fest and she sent a display to the Ponca City Zone Fall Fest. The committee made some contacts inviting young women and teens to the retreat without much success. They will work on generating interest for the District Convention. Carolyn reported for Krystine Gibson, Structure Committee. Zone Bylaws changes were approved at the Lawton and Ponca City Fall Fests. Copies of District Bylaws changes dealing with Special Committees and Finances were distributed to the Board members. Carolyn read the proposed Bylaws changes to be presented at the Convention. Gloria Bozarth made a motion to accept the changes. The motion was seconded by Sharon Bomhoff. Discussion suggested a change in Article XVII – Finances, Section 1, b. to read Mite offerings shall be remitted to the District Financial Secretary at least quarterly. Gloria amended the motion to include the change. The amended motion was seconded by Sharon Bomhoff. MSC The changes in the Bylaws will be presented to the delegates at the 2010 District Convention for approval.

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

Marilyn reminded the Zone Presidents she needs three copies of the Fall Fest booklets. She needs only the manual. Tulsa and Panhandle Zones are missing.

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

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

- Continue gathering information regarding 2010 convention site at Express Event Center
- Verified confirmations of hotel rooms of members of the BOD and special guests at the convention hotel
- Verified the room block at another nearby hotel site
- In process of seeking bids for convention meals
- Arranged for site visit of the OKC Zone Host Committee members at the Express Event Center on August 22, 2009
- Arranged meeting of OK District LWML Convention Worship Committee on September 26, 2009
- Verified arrangements and menu for noon meal (cost \$6 ea.) of the OK District LWML Board of Directors at the 2009 OK District LWML Fall Retreat site at the Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Anadarko
- Confirmed with BOD members to verify count for the BOD lunch at the retreat center
- Verified site arrangements and menu for three meals at the 2009 District LWML Fall Retreat at the Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Anadarko
- Corresponded with Retreat Registrar to verify number of attendees for Retreat
- Communicated with President, V.P. of Christian Life and V.P. of Servant Resources regarding update of the number of attendees registered and cost adjustments that will need to be paid if 65 attendees are not in attendance at the retreat

For recycling, Marguerite stated she gave the Zone Presidents a list of the congregations in their zones showing the participation in the recycling program during the months of July and August. Many of those societies have not participated. She encouraged the Zone Presidents to make contact with the societies and find a contact person for this program. She again reminded Board members that we collect more than just cartridges. During the past quarter, only \$674 was earned from recycling. The total since inception is \$55,355.67.

## **DISTRICT PLANNER – Judy Roggow**

During the past quarter, Judy attended the District Convention Planning Meeting and the District Board Meeting on August 1, 2009 at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany, OK. She helped Marguerite with take down following that meeting. Judy attended the Zone Convention Planning meeting on August 22, 2009 at Messiah in Oklahoma City and toured the Express Event Center. She has sent an invitation letter, Exhibitor Information Form and Exhibitor Application Form to 25 possible exhibitors for the 2101 District Convention. She has received 5 applications at this time.

## **SPECIAL GIFTS - Marilyn Laramy**

Marilyn reported the balance in the Special Gifts Fund as of September 30, 2009 was \$31,585.38. Interest from June 30, 2009 through September 30, 2009 was \$175.15. There was a withdrawal on August 12, 2009 of \$1,467.82 for the curtain supplies for Camp Lutherhaven. Marilyn also reported Lanece Young has deposits from donations and the cartridge fund which have not been deposited in LCEF. Marilyn presented the changes to the Guidelines. Discussion ensued. Some changes in wording were proposed by the Board. The change is in number 2, IV. Governing Committees and Officers. The second sentence should read – “The LWML District Financial Secretary shall be the recipient of funds and deposits them in the General Fund of the District”. The District Treasurer shall deposit them quarterly to the approved Professional Investment & Management Firm, which is the Lutheran Church Extension Fund – Steward Account. Marilyn made a motion from committee to accept the changes. Motion passed.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Sherrie Schroeder given by President England**

Counselor	Rev. Eric VanSharrel, Christ the Redeemer, Tulsa Rev. Frank Kinast, Zion, Stillwater
V.P. Gospel Outreach	Lori Steele, Trinity, Broken Arrow
V.P. Communication	Susan Brunkow, First, Ponca City
V.P. Christian Life	
Recording Secretary	
Treasurer	Teresa Nightingale, Christ the Redeemer, Tulsa Katie Schroeder, St. John's, Okarche

## **DISTRICT CONVENTION 2010 - Carolyn Love**

Carolyn stated we will need all the elected and appointed officer reports for the manual by January 15, 2010. Departments should limit the reports to one page and appointed personnel should limit their reports to one-half page. The reports should be sent to Betty. Betty would like the reports in Arial narrow in 10 point. The left margin should be 1" and the right ½". The nominating committee is responsible for the officer candidate biographies and their pictures. The Convention Committee is responsible for the guest speakers along with their pictures. Johnny Barfield, LCEF, is sponsoring a wine and pretzel reception on Friday evening and LCEF will cover the registration and Saturday lunch for all pastors up to \$1500. All Zone Presidents are to bring their own banner pole. Banner poles will be provided at Messiah for the Worship Service. Carolyn stated the committee is considering giving a prize for the oldest convention bag from the District and possibly from National. Carolyn then showed the kerchief which will be the "special dress" for convention workers. It is a gold kerchief with a red logo. Kerchiefs will be on sale at the LWML Store and these will be purple with a gold logo. Carolyn stated she has given all Board members a list of both the District and Zone Convention committee members. Judy Roggow reported she has received the following requests for booth space at the convention: MEND; Thrivent; Concordia Life Care Community; Lutheran's for Life and Johnny Barfield, LCEF. Nancy West made a motion to accept the exhibitors presented. Motion seconded by Debbie Tabisz. MSC

## **OPEN FORUM – Bev England**

President England recommended that we no longer use evaluations at the close of the Fall Fests, instead listen to comments from the ladies present. Many expressed they would like the Fall Fests to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end with a luncheon at around 1 p.m. with a short closing devotion. She stated she observed at the Fall Fest she attended, many women left following the lunch break. She recommended the Bible Study and Mission speaker be scheduled back to back, allotting the Bible study one hour and the Mission speaker 40-45 minutes. The District President or her representative should be limited to 10 minutes. She also recommended asking the Pastors to keep their homilies to five to five or six minutes. Hymns could be limited to two to three verses. She asked that the emphasis not be placed on door prizes; the emphasis should be on the Word. President Bev stated we are running into more and more craft fairs and Oktoberfests so she recommends scheduling the Fests in September. Comments varied.

President England also asked Board members whether they preferred a retreat setting like Oakridge or in a hotel setting. Again comments varied.

The comments made by the Board will be taken into consideration.

## **ZONE REPORTS**

## ENID ZONE – Beth Schoeling

Beth reported the Fall Fest was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Breckinridge on October 10, 2009. There were 20 members, 21 delegates, 4 pastors and 10 guests in attendance for a total of 55. The offering collected was \$265. Lutheran World Relief items were dropped off at Ponca City or delivered to Wichita. Those in attendance were asked to submit names of students attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. The Alva society is making “goodie bags” for the college students. The societies were also asked to submit a list of their members with their telephone numbers. This will allow members to contact each other more easily and it will provide names and numbers for the nominating committee. Newly elected officers are Wilma Grimes, Vice President of Christian Life; Carol Betchan, Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Thelma Travis, Secretary. Most of the societies in the Zone have celebrated LWML Sunday with various activities.

## KINGFISHER ZONE – Sharon Bomhoff

The Kingfisher Fall Fest was September 26 at Emmanuel in Kingfisher. Linda Clausen, from Loyal, OK, was the guest speaker. Marguerite Christman was the Bible study leader and Yvonne Moore had a YWR presentation. There were 46 in attendance – 15 delegates; 20 members; 5 pastors and 6 guests. The Mite offering was \$398.55 and the LWR shipping expense offering was \$123. Mt. Calvary, Watonga donated \$300 for LWR. Societies donated 54 pounds of items to LWR. The revisions of the Kingfisher Zone Bylaws were voted on and approved. St. John’s LWML served ice cream and cake at Shamrock Nursing Home for September birthdays and participated in the community Fall Fest for the youth by playing bingo and the Lamplighters had a cakewalk at the same event. Mt. Calvary gave \$300 to the Watonga grade school for children needing supplies at the beginning of the school year.

## LAWTON ZONE – Kathie Gerdes

Following the August BOD meeting, Kathie contacted all of the societies in the Zone by e-mail with information about various items discussed at the Board meeting, particularly about the Fall Fest and Fall Retreat. Copies of the proposed Zone Bylaws changes were mailed to each society followed by a telephone call to each president or contact person. On August 25<sup>th</sup> the Zone Board of Directors met at Holy Cross in Lawton, to discuss the By-laws revisions and to share information for the upcoming Fall Fest and Fall Retreat. The Zone Fall Fest was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter’s in Apache. Five pastors and one vicar were in attendance bringing the overall attendance to 36. The business meeting mainly focused on the bylaw revisions. All passed as presented. LWR items included 64 layettes, 10 quilts, one blanket, 44 health kits, 207 school kits, 22 sewing kits and 11 pounds of soap. The Mite offering was \$201.55 and sales from the LWML Store brought in \$162.

## MIAMI ZONE – Grace Peterson

The Miami Zone Fall Fest was held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at St Paul’s in Fairland. Attendance included 42 members, 3 pastors, and special guest, Bev England. Lilliam Wojahn was also in attendance. She is a 96 year old woman who has been a District LWML member since 1947. The ladies of Fairland prepared the lunch and Pastor Moeller, from Adair, led the Bible study. The ladies of St. John in Pryor continue to collect and ship cartridges, cell phones and other electronic equipment, submitting 35 items during the quarter. Special Mite Sundays are held the first Sunday of the month and along with “Treasure Chest” collections have been able to remit \$487.79 to the OK District LWML. All monthly mission projects to date have been delivered to the recipient agencies. LWR items included 59 school kits, 11 health kits and 7 sewing kits. Redeemer in Claremore had their annual German Dinner, serving 400 meals and the funds for their mission projects was \$3,700. They are also sewing turbans for the Claremore Hospital Auxiliary for cancer patients. Bethlehem in Adair celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and the ladies issued an anniversary cookbook. They also purchased a stained glass window in honor of John and Marian Doennig who are now deceased.

## OKLAHOMA CITY ZONE - Shari Stepanek

The Oklahoma City Zone Fall Fest was held at Faith Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. Registration included 67 ladies, two pastors one guest speaker and 7 youth helpers for a total of 77 in attendance. They gathered 1307 pounds of LWR items. At the opening worship service \$467.84 was collected for Mites. Sales at the LWML Store netted \$345. Everything for the Fest was donated by various societies except for \$50 for printing. The Zone was able to send \$620 to the District. Holy Trinity, Edmond, held a quilting Blitz and tied 18 quilts. They have started a Tuesday night LWML on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. They created and donated the centerpieces for the Zone Fall Fest. For LWML Sunday they had a member dress up as a giant Mite box for the children's sermon. St. Paul's in Wellston had a fund raiser at the Wellston Community Fair, made Kettle Corn and Funnel cakes plus they sold chances on a quilt they had made. In addition they hosted a back to school ice cream social in August. Our Savior, Bethany, celebrated LWML Sunday and collected Mites from the congregation. They are working on favors for Heritage Park Nursing Home. St. Mark's, Edmond, created and donated the table favors for the Fall Fest, assembled 40 school kits for Hope Center in Edmond and 50 school kits for an orphanage in Mexico. Faith, Oklahoma City, hosted the Fall Fest. They prepared and donated the lunch. They hosted their annual Trunk-or-Treat for neighborhood children and served box lunches to the Angel Food workers. St. John's, Moore prepared a Reformation meal; sponsored at "Sweet Shoppe" at the Moore Fall Festival; collected items for Blue Star Moms from "In As Much" and helped needy people at "Our Father's Business, which is located in Moore. Zion, Oklahoma City, sponsored an Ice Cream Social; held a tea for church members and guests; will hold an October Fest with proceeds given to the Salvation Army and Jesus House. Zion observes Mite Box Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Christ, Mustang, held a Septemberfest Craft Show and raised \$1,500. An LWML Blitz is scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup>. They purchased a gift for their World Vision child and donated \$100 worth of door prizes for the Fall Fest.

## PANHANDLE ZONE – Jarie Coggins

No report.

## PONCA CITY ZONE – Leola Thiemann

Ponca City Zone's Fall Fest was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church in Blackwell. Total attendance was 37 and an offering of \$189.95 was received. The total LWR collection was 1,614.25 pounds which included 263 quilts; 19 blankets; 178 school kits; 31 health kits; 20 sewing kits; 50 layettes and 34 pounds of soap. Their mission speakers were Rev. Carlton and Arlene Riemer who returned in May from a mission trip to India. Rev. Riemer also led the Bible study. Rev. James Dehne led the opening and closing devotions. The District representation was President Bev England. The revisions of the Bylaws proposed by the Executive Board were approved. The Executive Board of the Ponca City Zone met on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Blackwell to share the information from the August District Board meeting. The District Blitz team made presentations at St. John's, Blackwell on August 30<sup>th</sup>, Zion Stillwater on September 20<sup>th</sup> and Our Redeemer, Cushing on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Deborah Circle of Trinity, Blackwell, collects non-perishable snacks and finger foods and prepares "Goodie Baskets" at Christmas time that are delivered to shut-ins. Our Redeemer, Cushing, sponsors a seminarian at Ft. Wayne each year, sending him \$200 in August, \$200 at Christmas and \$100 at Easter. Zion, Guthrie, decided since all kids like to get candy at Halloween, they sent a box of candy to the individuals serving on their prayer chain. St. John's, Newkirk hosts and prepares a "Devotional Breakfast" about four times a year. Christ, Perry has "Quilters for Christ" each Tuesday for all women of the congregation during which they construct quilts for LWR; fleece blankets for preemies in the Oklahoma City hospitals; baptismal banners; confirmation banners and school bags for LWR and their Learning Center. The ladies of First Lutheran in Ponca City hold a Christmas party every December and invite the ladies from Newkirk and Blackwell. The ladies of Zion, Stillwater host a Valentine Bingo party with prizes and snacks each February for clients of the Payne County Sheltered Workshop/M-Power, Inc.

## TULSA ZONE - Carol Fruehling

The Tulsa Zone Board and Society Presidents met in mid August to begin planning the Tulsa Zone Fall Fest. Trinity in Sallisaw was in charge of registration; Our Savior, Tulsa prepared the packets and Trinity, Broken Arrow hosted the event. The Fall Fest was held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Although attendance was down, the 48 ladies and six pastors who attended were treated to an interesting talk and slide show by Susan Fluegge, wife of Rev. Glenn Fluegge, a LCMS missionary in Africa. A special offering for the Fluegge's ministry was \$383.50. Mite offering was \$215 and the LWML Store netted \$454. Overage after expenses from the registration was \$230. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 15 churches, including churches from the Miami Zone, brought a total of 3108 pounds of items for LWR. The LWR items included 203 quilts; 79 sewing kits; 69 layettes; 667 school kits; 377 health kits, three blankets and 151 pounds of soap.

A closing devotion was given by President England.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Gloria Bozarth. Recording Secretary  
Oklahoma District