

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 3, 2008
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 May 3, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

President Bev England opened the meeting by recognizing past president Patti Ross and thanking her for her dedication and hard work over the past four years. Bev then introduced the newly elected officers. She also recognized the outgoing officers. Next she introduced the appointed personnel. The appointed positions are: Patti Ross, PR Director; Betty Reichert, Editor; Field Reporters, Marci Beikmann, Anita Miller and Alexis Wasson; Meeting Manager, Marguerite Christman; District Planner, Judy Roggow; LWML Store, Patti Ross; Archivist-Historian, Marilyn Alsip; Archivist-Historian Emeritus, Ebba Johnson; Web servant, Sarah Ross; Structure, Krystine Gibson; Parliamentarian/ Special Gifts, Marilyn Laramy, Heart to Heart, Nelly Castaneda; YWR Coordinator, T.J. Smith, Teen LWML Coordinator, Delia Hansen and Printer Cartridge Coordinator, Marguerite Christman. Sr. Counselor, Rev. Barrie Henke led the Bible Study based on "Fruit that will Last", John 15:16.

Pastor Henke next installed the elected officers who were not at the District Convention. Those officers were June Wadley, Carolyn Love and Rev. Dwayne Schroeder.

Those present were:

Bev England, President, MMV	Carolyn Love, VP Servant Resources
Audrey House, VP Communication	June Wadley, Corresponding Sec.
Lisa Graf, Treasurer	Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Jr. Counselor
Rev. Barrie Henke, Sr. Counselor	Marci Beikmann, Field Reporter
Linda Lee Kremeier, VP Human Care	Patti Ross, PR, LWML Store
Sarah Ross, Web Servant	Sharon Bomhoff, Kingfisher Zone Pres.
Krystine Gibson, Structure	Marilyn Alsip, Archivist-Historian
Marilyn Laramy, Parliamentarian, Sp. Gifts	Katherine Gerdes, Lawton Zone Sec.
Marguerite Christman, Mtg Mang, Recycling, MMV	Jeannie Merrill, OKC Zone President
Myrna Lou Meyer, Panhandle Zone Pres.	Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator
Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone President	Pat Hinkel, Miami Zone President
Leola Thiemann, Ponca City Zone President	Mary Ames, Tulsa Zone VP
Anita Miller, Field Reporter	T.J. Smith, YWR Coordinator
Lanece Young, Financial Secretary	Betty Reichert, Editor, MMV
Judy Roggow, District Planner	Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary

RECORDING SECRETARY – Gloria Bozarth

Gloria asked if there were any corrections to the February 2008 Board of Director's Minutes. There were no corrections. A motion was made by Carolyn Love to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Beth Schoeling. MSC Gloria passed around an attendance sheet asking new Board members to give their e-mail addresses. She also passed around a birthday list asking new Board members to list their birthday.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – June Wadley

June handed out changes to the directory which gives information on the new officers and new appointees.

Incoming Correspondence:

- Greetings from Cindy Newkirk;
- A copy of a letter sent by Carol Diekelman to the seminary students

Quarterly changes:

- Redeemer/Bartlesville – decrease to 42;
- First Lutheran/Tahlequah – decrease to 25;
- Messiah/Vinita – decrease to 10;
- Zion/Alva – decrease to 15;
- St. John's/Granite – decrease to 12;
- St. Paul's/Fairland – decrease to 15;
- Trinity/Blackwell – decrease to 10;
- Trinity/Woodward – increase to 20;
- Mt. Olive/Miami – increase by 8

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lisa Graf

Lisa reported that all receipts should now go to Lanece Young the Financial Secretary. Money should no longer be sent to Lisa. A letter has gone out to all societies giving them the new address for sending receipts. She stated that each Board member should have an expense voucher and she asked that these be filled out and given to her during the meeting. She stated that the District pays \$.30/mile for travel. President England will approve the voucher and then she, Lisa, will write a check for re-imburement. Lisa stated that when Board members order items from National, they need to send a voucher to her so she can pay the bill.

The quarterly treasurer's report covers the period between January 1, 2008 and February 29, 2008. The balance on hand in the general fund on January 1, 2008 was \$35,962.81, receipts totaled \$118,196.92 and disbursements equaled \$76,877.42 leaving a balance in the general fund of \$77,282.31 minus the restricted cartridge fund of 11,777.20. The balance in the unrestricted general fund as of February 29, 2008 was \$65,505.11.

The annual Treasurer's report covers the period between April 1, 2007 and February 29, 2008. The balance on hand in the general fund on April 1, 2007 was \$39,838.56, receipts totaled \$184,752.31 and disbursements equaled \$147,374.36 leaving a balance in the general fund of \$77,216.51 minus the restricted cartridge fund of \$11,711.20. The balance in the unrestricted general fund as of February 29, 2008 was \$65,505.31

Myrna Lou Meyer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Audrey House. MSC

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Lanece Young

Lanece stated that the address where receipts should be sent is P O Box 1685, Owasso, OK 74055.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bev England

President England asked Board members to approve the above mentioned appointed positions. A motion was made by Gloria Bozarth and seconded by Carolyn Love to approve the appointments. MSC Bev reported that Marguerite Christman has been appointed as the new National Convention Manager. Bev also acknowledged other members of the District serving at the National level. They are: Patti Ross, Leader Development; Myrna Lou Meyer, Mustard Seed Task Force and Wendy Bacon, Teen Task Force. President England stated that there will be a Visioning Departmental meeting at the next Board meeting which will be August 1 -2, 2008. All committee members are encouraged to attend. We will look at the

primary targets from National and see how we can apply those targets to our District during the next biennium. One of the MMVs will facilitate the meeting and Judy Roggow, District planner, will be the scribe. Bev reported that on October 24-26 there will be an Assembly of Leaders training by National. Bev will be attending and she has asked Audrey House and Lisa Graf to attend with her. Both have agreed to attend. The District will fund part of the expenses. Carolyn Love made a motion to send Bev, Audrey and Lisa to the Assembly of Leaders training, seconded by June Wadley. MSC Bev handed out a personnel roster and a LWML organizational chart.

JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Dwayne Schroeder

Rev. Schroeder stated that he was observing, rejoicing and getting ready to serve the Oklahoma District LWML.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE – Krystine Gibson for Debbie Tabisz

In her written report, Debbie thanked Susan Copen and Cindy Boster for serving on the Christian Life Committee for the past biennium. For the 2008-2010 biennium, Cindy Boster and Pat Bartley will serve on the committee. Debbie would like to continue with the theme “Fruit that will Last” with the scripture John 15:16 for the Fall Fests. A motion was made from the committee that for the 2008 Fall Fests we continue with the convention theme of “Fruit that will Last” with the scripture reference of John 15:16 “*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.*” be used. Motion passed. Debbie stated that during June her committee will be sending out sample agendas and a flyer that can be used in each zone for the Fall Fests.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION – Audrey House

Audrey thanked her past committee consisting of Anita Miller, Delores Withers, Sarah Ross and Marci Beikmann for their hard work during the past two years. Audrey’s new committee consists of Patti Ross, PR; Betty Reichert, Editor; Anita Miller, Alexis Wasson and Marci Beikmann, Reporters and Sarah Ross Web Servant. Audrey reported that convention photos can be viewed at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/oklwml/>. Anita Miller, outgoing Public Relations Director, reported that she created and set up a display board at the convention in Claremore advertising the 2009 National convention in Portland, Oregon. She also provided convention highlights for the Board of Directors and forwarded them by email to zone presidents. Newly appointed Public Relations Director, Patti Ross, stated that the results of the convention survey were on pages 42-45 of the meeting packet. She also stated that some District level products were in the planning stages and if Board members have suggestions for products, they should contact her with their ideas. Betty Reichert, Editor, asked the zone presidents to send her their zone reports electronically so she could use that information in the *Voice of Service*.

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH – Audrey House for Nancy West

Nancy’s written report shows that she wrote and sent letters to grant submitters who made the ballot, re-typed all grants for the convention manual, wrote short ballot “blurbs” for each grant for the convention manual, gathered photos and images for the mission grant movie, wrote congratulations and regret letters to all grant writers and sent fund request forms to all the accepted grant writers. She also wrote a sketch for the OKC Zone’s invitation to the 2010 convention. In addition she manned the Mite booth at the convention. She reported that the “Lasting Fruit Basket” raised \$248.00 for mites.

Audrey House stated that Nancy has nine grant requests she would like to present to be funded at today’s meeting. Six of the grants will be fully funded and three will be partially funded. The grants are:

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| 1. Disaster Relief – Greensburg, KS | \$5000 |
| 2. Serving Justice – God’s Word for Peace Officers – OK | \$1963.50 |

3. International Student Ministry – OSU Stillwater	\$750
4. Preparing Pastors Worldwide, St. Louis, MO	\$6000
5. Science Lab for Redeemer High School – OKC	\$4895
6. Jesus’ Lambs Preschool, Tuition Assistance, First, Tahlequah, OK	\$3050
7. Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, Summer Training – OK District	\$1000
8. The Rock After School Program – Zion, Lahoma, OK	\$1800
9. Jesus’ Lambs Noah’s Ark Play Structure – Tahlequah	\$4900
	\$29,358.50

A motion coming from the Gospel Outreach requests that the above listed grant requests be funded for a total of \$29,358.50. Motion passed.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that at the May meeting the Board usually sends half of the grant money for the Oklahoma Professional Church Workers Student Aid Fund. A motion was made by Audrey House and seconded by Beth Schoeling that we send \$6000 to the Oklahoma Professional Church Workers Student Aid Fund. MSC

VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE – Linda Lee Kremeier

Linda Lee reported that she is working on appointing committee members. She would like to have the committee members located in the four quadrants of the state. Agreeing to be committee members are Kari Clark for the SE and Heidi Thoden for the NE part of the state. President England stated that National has asked each District to appoint a Disaster Relief Coordinator and she has appointed Linda Lee. Bev would like to see the LWML respond in a timely manner to any disaster that occurs in the District. President England asked Linda Lee if she had the Lutheran World Relief pick up dates. She does not. President Bev asked Linda Lee to obtain that information and forward that information to Betty for the *Voice of Service* and to Sarah for the Website.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES – Carolyn Love

T.J. Smith, YWR Coordinator, reported that thirteen young women attended the convention in Claremore. Two worked in the daycare and some could only make it on Saturday. Activities included a devotional walk and a special servant activity of making note cards. She reported that former LWML Presidents, Linda Reiser and Virginia Von Seggren and VP of Communication, Sandy Hardies met with the YWRs. The young women especially enjoyed meeting with the Bible study leader, Cindy Newkirk. Cindy took the YWR banner home with her to California to hang in her School House. From her committee, T.J. made a motion to make Cindy Newkirk an honorary member of the Oklahoma YWRs. Motion passed. Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator reported that there was an LWML Teen gathering in Tulsa in February. Teens and adults from Grace and Our Savior attended. Grace Teens have been meeting since late in 2007 and Our Savior is interested in establishing a group. A new Teen group has been established at Faith in Owasso. Eight Teens attended the Claremore convention. On Friday evening an icebreaker activity took place so the Teens could get acquainted. On Saturday the Teens participated in several servant activities, sang songs and took a reflective walk. They joined the convention for the Bible study and the keynote speaker. During lunch the Teens met with Marguerite Christman, Sandy Hardies and Cindy Newkirk. Krystine Gibson, Structure, stated that the revised Oklahoma District LWML Bylaws are available. She furnished copies to the Board members today. The revised bylaws will go out to the Zone Presidents and they will be posted on the Website. A copy will also be sent to National. Betty Reichert gave the MMV report. She reported that Bev England represented the LWML as a member of the LLL Oklahoma District Round Table Forum at Immanuel in Oklahoma City, she served as a member of the LCMS Oklahoma District Seminary Candidate Review committee and she was the facilitator for the follow-up Visioning Workshop at Trinity in Broken Arrow. Marguerite Christman has met with the ladies in Shawnee and Ada in an effort to reactivate their societies. Betty has resolved some issues with the Mary-Martha society at Mt. Olive in Miami concerning

their VOS subscription. She also participated as one of the “interrupters” at the Claremore convention.

PARLIAMENTARIAN AND SPECIAL GIFTS – Marilyn Laramy

Marilyn gave the fourth quarter Special Gifts Fund report. Balance on hand 12/31/07 was \$26,490.90; interest January-March, 2008 was \$256.95. On 2/4/08 the cartridge fund contribution was \$166.53 and donations equaled \$90.00. There were withdrawals for the 80th Anniversary book printing on 3/3/08 of \$1,377.92 and on 3/25/08 of \$502.98. A cartridge fund contribution and donations on 3/10/08 were \$233.66. The balance on hand as of 3/31/08 was \$25,357.14. Interest accrued from April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2008 was \$3,141.54 and interest used 3/31/08 was \$1,880.90. The offering at the convention designated for the Special Gifts Fund came to \$3,550.66 leaving a balance in the Special Gifts Fund of \$28,907.80.

ARCHIVIST-HISTORIAN – Marilyn Alsip

Marilyn reported that the total cost for printing the Anniversary book was \$1,880.90. She stated that as of this date she has 140 books that have not sold. The books will be on sale at the Fall Fests. Copies can be purchased from Marilyn for \$10.00 if they have to be mailed, \$8.00 if they do not need to be mailed. Marilyn stated that the biennial report to the National LWML Archivist-Historian is due between June 15, 2008 and July 1, 2008. She outlined the items missing and ask Board members to send those items to her if they have access to them.

DISTRICT PLANNER – Judy Roggow

Judy reported that she, Krystine Gibson and Beth Schoeling will be working to revise the guidelines for rallies and workshops. They will have a rough draft ready to present at the August Board meeting.

MEETING PLANNER AND CARTRIDGE RECYCLING FUND – Marguerite Christman

Marguerite reported that since recycling started in November 2003 the Oklahoma District has made \$48,734.93. Twenty-five percent of the fund goes to National Mites and ten percent goes into the Special Gifts Fund. \$19,178 of that money has gone to fund District projects and training. Recyclable items include ink jet printer cartridges (no Epsoms), laser jet printer cartridges, cell phones (no cords), pagers, PDAs, laptop computers (include auxiliaries including cords), I-Pods, DVD video games and portable players, MP3 players and digital cameras.

As meeting planner, Marguerite asked that Board members leave their name tag. She will be looking for housing for the August Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President England stated that she has received a request from National to appoint a coordinator for Short Term Mission Challenges. She asked Linda Lee Kremerier, VP of Human Care, to fill this appointment. President England also reported that she has received an email regarding the broadcasting of the Lutheran Hour in Oklahoma. In order to keep this broadcast, various individuals and organizations are asked to help fund the endeavor. The cost for each broadcast is \$145.00. Mary Ames made a motion to send \$145.00 to Bott Radio Network to fund one broadcast of the Lutheran Hour, seconded by Sharon Bomhoff. MSC

CONVENTION REPORT – Pat Hinkel and Betty Reichert

Pat reported that the actual planning for the convention started a year in advance. She had several unusual things to deal with. First and foremost is the fact that the Claremore Expo Center is not a convention facility. This means that a lot of the customary needs could not be met. There was no preparation kitchen, dining service, meeting rooms or carpeted areas. It was one large open exhibition hall. Secondly, the management of the facility changed several times between making the original contract to hold the hall for the meeting dates and the actual convention. The nature of the convention necessitated procuring extra tables and sound equipment to make the hall meet the desired plan. Planning meetings were held every few months to pull the information together. These meetings were also a time to answer questions and give suggestions as to how something could be achieved. One of the biggest struggles was finding someone to be the chairman of the childcare committee. The Tulsa Zone came to the rescue with a volunteer and then we proceeded to reserve a building across the parking lot. The building was rented from the Rogers Country Agriculture Department to use as a daycare facility. It had no furniture or toys, so some were borrowed from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Claremore. The Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ volunteered to help with the children on Saturday. All meals had to be brought in by caterers and served by volunteers. Pat stated that she believed the convention was a success and for that she thanks the hard working committee chairmen, her local society that turned out in large numbers and most importantly God, who gave all the strength to meet the challenges.

As chairman of the District Convention planning committee, Pat proposed that the following people or organizations who made contributions of their time and talents during the Claremore convention be compensated in this manner:

Setting up, managing and taking down sound equipment – Jim Wyum;	\$200
Setting up and taking down chairs and tables – Thunderbird Youth Academy;	\$150
Childcare on Saturday – Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ;	\$150
Supervising childcare on Friday – Dee Schultz;	\$100
Printing/laminating signage – Vinita High School DECA;	\$50
Organizing/overseeing registration – Ed & Karen Meyer – restaurant gift card	\$50

The motion from committee was called by President England. Motion passed.

Pat also requested the following people/organizations that helped in preparing for the convention be acknowledged with thank you notes from the Oklahoma District Board:

- Preparing convention bags and loading them for transport
Carolyn Piguet and Shane Emberson;
- Preparing signage for convention areas
Emily Colvin and DECA students;
- Sewing neck scarves for the Miami Zone hostesses
Susanna Franklin and FACS students;
- Loan of a large screen for projecting convention information
Audrey House (and her school district)

Betty acknowledged the Miami Zone for all their hard work to make the convention a success. She also acknowledged Pastor Henke for writing the worship service. Betty asked that a thank you note also be sent to Pastor Henke. Betty reported that all the large bills from the convention have been paid and there is approximately \$3000 left in the convention account. Linda Lee Kremeier made a motion that any funds left over after all expenses from the convention are paid should be placed in the delegate fund. Motion seconded by Lisa Graf. MSC Myrna Lou Meyer asked that Diana Just also be sent a thank you note for providing the tellers the scan tran machine.

ZONE REPORTS

ENID ZONE – Beth Schoeling

Beth reported that sixteen ladies from the Enid Zone attended the convention in Claremore, one attending for the first time. The convention was enjoyed by all. She reported that one of her societies has hosted their annual confirmation, graduate and new member dinner. This is a potluck dinner with the LWML ladies setting up and providing the bread and handling the kitchen duties. This year they also recognized newly baptized individuals. Gifts for the new members, graduates and confirmands were purchased at the convention LWML store. Baptized babies receive books and other items while on the cradle roll. The Enid Fall Fest will be on August 23, 2008. It will be hosted by Zion Lutheran in Alva. She is hoping for a large attendance because of the earlier date.

KINGFISHER ZONE – Sharon Bomhoff

Sharon reported that Mt. Calvary in Watonga is collecting health kits. Trinity in El Reno gave a special donation to a young girl and her baby. Monthly they deliver tracts and Portals of Prayer to the two nursing homes and hospital in El Reno. They also delivered clothes to Delores Sanders, a missionary in El Reno. The TLC Guild gave a donation to the Women's Service Center and a donation to Mobile Meals. St. John's Ladies Aid collected money for mites and sent money to an Adopt-a-Student. They play Bingo with First Shamrock residents each month. In March they had a birthday party at the Cimarron Care Center. For Easter they placed 20 Easter lilies in the church. Five members attended the District Convention. They gave \$80 to the Special Gifts Fund at the convention. St. John's Lamplighters reports that T.J. Smith made the Kingfisher Zone banner for the District convention. They prepared the Lenten meal on February 13. A donation was given to the Okarche Community Fair and the Garden Club for the community Easter Egg Hunt. Six members attended the Claremore convention. In January they made bibs for the Kingfisher Regional Hospital. They also gave a donation to Camp Lutherhoma and Camp Lutherhaven. In February they gave a donation to Braille Workers. They served dinner for the first Lenten service. They put a cross in front of the church and draped it in with a purple cloth until Good Friday when they replaced the purple cloth with a black drape. On Easter Sunday they covered the cross with flowers. The Lamplighters took a special offering for the 80th Anniversary receiving \$160.00 for the Special Gift Fund. The Fall Fest will be September 13, 2008 at Our Savior in Guthrie.

LAWTON ZONE – Kathie Gerdes for Gayle Anderson

Kathie reported that Gayle has not received information from the zone societies in regards to monthly meetings. She will make contacts to collect election results in May. St. John in Lawton had seven ladies and one vicar attend the Claremore convention. Kathie Gerdes from Granite also attended. She has been in contact with Cheri Stegmoeller in Duncan about the Fall Fest. Cheri and her society have committed to host the 2008 Fall Fest. A date for the Fall Fest has not been set.

MIAMI ZONE – Pat Hinkel

Pat reported that this has been an unusual time for the Miami Zone because they were the host zone for the 2008 convention. Eight relatively small societies make up the zone. She praised the ladies in her zone for coming together for a successful convention. The ladies of the Miami Zone continue to collect mites, gather health and sewing kits, make quilts and donate school supplies for the children in Mexico. The Fall Fest will September 27 at Bartlesville and the ladies of Vinita will be in charge of the Bible study.

OKLAHOMA CITY ZONE – Jeannie Merrill

The ladies at Trinity in Norman created Easter cards for the residents at Sterling House. They had a Bunco Night with the OU students/LSF on March 25th. Before they had dinner and played Bunco, they had a vesper service for the Feast of Annunciation lead by Vicar Kirkup. The women at Holy Trinity in Edmond continue to make coffee on Sunday mornings. The proceeds go to the vicar at the end of the year to help defray his last year expenses at the seminary. They hosted an Oasis meal with the proceeds being matched by Thrivent for the Light on the Word Mission. They have completed 17 quilts for LWR and last month they shipped nine large boxes of cartridges. The LWML continues to help with the Angel Food Ministries by taking and filling orders for pick up at HTLC. They also provided lunches every Wednesday at noon during Lent following the noon services. They did the same for the Maundy Thursday service. The ladies

also helped with the EGGSTRAGANZA held at Holy Trinity for the community. Faith in Oklahoma City set up and helped to provide soup suppers before the Lenten services. They also help to set up and provide breakfast brunches once a month. The LWML continues to work with the Angel Food Ministries by filling orders for pick up at the church. Four of their ladies attended the Claremore convention. Mona Deering made the Oklahoma City Zone banner and the LWML Archivist-Historian banner for the convention. The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Bethany has agreed to host the District LWML meetings for the next two years. They will prepare a light breakfast and lunch as well as prepare the meeting area. They have continued to prepare monthly luncheons for the students and staff of Redeemer Lutheran High School and also provided a meal for the Prospective Student Open House in February. On Palm Sunday they held their annual Box Lunch Fund Raiser. A Young Women's group is currently in the planning stages, as well as some multi-generational activities. Their Mitey Mouse campaign has been blessed to collect at least a hundred dollars for Missions each time he passes among the pews. Immanuel in Oklahoma City made Valentines for their shut-ins and held their annual birthday party. They have made 15-20 quilts and have put together 29 school kits for LWR. St John's in Moore held a Stone Soup Luncheon with Nancy West, CCCS, as the guest speaker. Members of St. John's quilting group taught WCSS members and guests how to tie quilts. They collected Kleenexes for the Grace Living Center and they mailed Valentines to their shut-ins. They also took Valentines to Concordia Living Center residents at the assisted living and nursing units. The ladies sponsored a blood drive for the Oklahoma Blood Institute. Donations were made to the Camp Lutheroma Capital Fund Campaign and to Food for the Poor. A collection of bath towels, hand towels and wash clothes were given to the OKC YMCA. The ladies at Messiah in Oklahoma City volunteered at the Infant Crisis Center sorting and packing items for the center and then went out to lunch. In March, the women made and delivered Easter baskets to the shut-ins. On Easter morning the women helped "dress the church" with Easter lilies. Six women attended the convention in Claremore. A date has not been set for the Fall Fest.

PANHANDLE ZONE – Myrna Lou Meyer

Myrna reported that Boise City leaguers have offered to host the Fall Fest which will be held on September 27, 2008. Texhoma will assist them. Diana Just will be the speaker, giving a presentation on her mission trip to China. The Lamplighters at Hooker bring layette items to each meeting and will have quite a good number of kits ready by fall. They are planning their annual Senior Supper, an event at which they honor all graduates of Hooker High School. Buffalo's LWML sponsored an Easter brunch and will team with other church members to sponsor a bake sale for a church member's benefit. Boise City and Woodward have new presidents, Gerry Snap and June Brown. The Boise City ladies are visible at many community events. Woodward's society has changed meeting days several times in an attempt to find the best time for the greatest number of ladies. Guymon's Piecemakers spent many hours organizing their work area when recent remodeling was completed. Their many cardboard boxes and plastic tubs were emptied into floor to ceiling cabinets. Over 100 quilts are finished and they are eager to start their summer schedule of quilting one day each week.

PONCA CITY ZONE – Leola Thiemann

The Ponca City Zone Fall Fest will be held September 20, 2008 at Newkirk. Blackwell will be in charge of registration. Leola reported that there are seven societies in the Ponca City Zone. Their elected officers are Leola Thiemann, President; Arlene Riemer, Vice President and Esther Bersche, Secretary-Treasurer. Jean Heister of Stillwater has agreed to keep track of the zone quilts, health kits and other LWR donations as Human Care Chairman. Mary Beck of Guthrie has agreed to be Zone Archivist-Historian.

TULSA ZONE – Mary Ames for Susan Copen

The Tulsa Zone Fall Fest will be on September 20, 2008 at Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa. The Tulsa Zone had their second annual joint prayer service on April 26, 2008 at Grace Lutheran Church in Tulsa. The service was written by Pastor Beecroft of Grace and was very uplifting. The ladies of Grace hosted a salad luncheon following the service. The ladies of Our Savior in Tulsa purchased 100 flowers before Easter and planted them around the church. The American Red Cross gave a presentation to the group on First Aid Basics and their DCE gave a presentation on communication. They served a Wednesday Lenten meal and

they served a Valentine brunch between services in February. They send cards and goods to college students each month. They have crafts and scrapbooking on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Mite Box Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Twelve women attended the Claremore convention. Christ the Redeemer has two LWML groups. Fifteen women attended the Claremore convention with five of them being delegates. Their associate Pastor, Eric Van Scherral also attended. The banner committee made the Tulsa Zone banner for the convention. Teresa Nightengale was in charge of the convention store. Lanece Young was elected to be District Financial Secretary. They have Mite Box Sunday the first Sunday of the month and all the ladies try to dress in purple to remind the congregation that it is Mite Box Sunday. The ushers bring the Mite Box up front to the altar as a reminder. The ladies continue to make quilts for LWR and currently along with their Outreach committee are collecting soap in their "rub a dub dub bring soap to the tub" campaign. They are also collecting LWR items which is a year round project. The ladies from First in Muskogee had four adults; two children and their pastor attend the Claremore convention. Susan Copen from their society was the song leader at the convention. The women of Servants of the King in Glenpool have a Bible study/brunch on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month and on the 3rd Saturday they also have their meeting. Their group takes care of the altar. In February they had a "Ladies Tea" and invited all the women of the congregation. It was also a surprise baby shower for one of their members so they had a great turnout. They collected items for the District convention ingathering. They had six ladies and their Pastor attend the convention and they collected \$100.00 for the 80th Anniversary Offering.

Gloria Bozarth. Recording Secretary
Oklahoma District LWML