

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 6, 2010
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, BETHANY, OK**

MSC – Motion made, seconded and carried

The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma District Lutheran Missionary League met at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany, Oklahoma for their Board Meeting on March 6, 2010.

President England opened the meeting by recognizing the guests. Lori Steele introduced the Zone Public Relations representatives and Sherrie Schroeder introduced the candidates for office at the upcoming election at the District Convention. President England asked Board members to share cares, concerns and celebrations. Several were shared. Patti Ross is still on the road to recovery and Krystine Gibson is doing well. Marguerite shared that Virginia Von Seggern's son-in law died of cancer and his funeral is today. She reminded the Board that Virginia's daughter died shortly after the San Jose Convention. Kathie Gerdes stated that her son-in-law, Chris, was in ICU. Marilyn Alsip stated that she was having back pain and she will probably have surgery in May. Yvonne Moore's grandfather recently passed away. For celebrations, Judy Roggow reported that her grandson who only weighed 1 ½ pounds at birth, now weighs 5 ½ pounds and is at home. Betty Reichert reported that she has two grandchildren on the way. Marguerite's daughter is pregnant and Lisa Graf is also going to be a grandmother again. Carolyn Love reported her grandson who is graduating from high school is planning to go to Concordia, Nebraska, and possibly going into the ministry. Pastor Schroeder gave the opening Bible Study based on *Glorify God with One Heart One Voice*.

Those present were:

Bev England, President, MMV	Carolyn Love, V.P. Servant Resources
Debbie Tabisz, V.P. Christian Life	Nancy West, V.P. Gospel Outreach
Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary	June Wadley, Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Graf, Treasurer	Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Jr. Counselor
Linda Lee Kremeier, V.P. Human Care	Sharon Bomhoff, Kingfisher Zone President
Krystine Gibson, Structure, Special Gifts, Parliamentarian	Marilyn Alsip, Archivist-Historian
Marguerite Christman, Recycling, Meeting Manager, MMV	Kathie Gerdes, Lawton Zone President
Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator	Shari Stepanek, Oklahoma City Zone President
Grace Peterson, Miami Zone President	Jarie Coggins Panhandle Zone President
Carol Fruehling, Tulsa Zone President	Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone President
Karen Rumsey, P.R. Kingfisher Zone	Leola Thiemann, Ponca City Zone President
Lanece Young, Financial Secretary	Anita Miller, Field Reporter
Judy Roggow, District Planner	Nelly Castaneda, Heart to Heart
Yvonne Moore, YWR	Betty Reichert, District Editor, MMV
Denise Morris, P.R. Enid Zone	Lori Steele, Public Relations
Sharon Greene, P.R. Lawton Zone	Jill Fischaber, P.R. Oklahoma City Zone
Esther Bersche, Recording Sec. Candidate	Bonnie Schulze, P.R. Miami Zone
Ann Reedy, V.P. Gospel Outreach Candidate	Elizabeth Whitfield, P.R. Ponca City Zone
	Sherrie Schroeder, Nominating Committee Chair
	Katie Schroeder, Treasurer 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. Lisa Graf pointed out that Anadarko was misspelled in the heading. Jarie Coggins made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by Lisa Graf. MSC

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – June Wadley

June reported that the District Directory has been updated. She mailed invoices to all societies and she mailed delegate forms to all societies. Incoming correspondence consisted of thank you notes from Rev. Gary Brandt, Joanna Wescoatt, Joy Schweer and Ebba Johnson. The updated directories will be e-mailed to Board members. Nancy West, V.P. of Gospel Outreach stated she has received several thank you notes from grant recipients.

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

Lisa stated her report covers both the third and fourth quarter. The present biennium ended on February 28, 2010. The third quarter treasurer/financial secretary’s report covers a period between October 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009. The balance on hand in the General Fund on October 1, 2009 was \$25,855.66 which included \$8,142.89 in the restricted Cartridge Fund. Receipts totaled \$21,325.99 and disbursements equaled \$18,204.93. The balance in the restricted Cartridge Fund as of December 31, 2009 was \$8,581.02. The balance in the unrestricted General Fund as of December 31, 2009 was \$20,976.72. The fourth quarter covers the period between January 1, 2010 and February 28, 2010. The balance on hand in the General Fund on January 1, 2010 was \$28,976.72 which included \$8,581.02 in the restricted Cartridge Fund. Receipts totaled \$23,193.64 and disbursements equaled \$28,390.57. The balance in the restricted Cartridge Fund as of February 28, 2010 was \$9,746.33. The balance in the unrestricted General Fund as of February 28, 2010 was 14,033.46. As of February 28, 2010 there was a balance of \$1,830.50 in the LCEF StewardAcct and \$4,231.50 in the Delegate Fund. Lisa stated she has paid all of the grants and has paid all the bills to National. She pointed out we have a little more than \$14,000 in the unrestricted General Fund and hoped we would delegate some of that money later in the meeting. Jarie Coggins made a motion to accept the treasurer/financial secretary’s report. Beth Schoeling seconded the motion. MSC

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Bev England

President England reminded officers to prepare for their officer transition. There will be a post convention transition meeting immediately following the convention. All appointed positions and committees will dissolve at the convention and reappointments will be made. President England stated she was contacted by Marilyn Laramy and Marilyn resigned her positions of Special Gifts Chairman and Parliamentarian effective immediately. President England asked Krystine Gibson to assume those two positions and Krystine graciously accepted. Krystine has met with Marilyn for the transition of the positions. Some of President Bev’s activities include the following:

- Blitz Team work continues with one coming shortly and two are in the works for the fall
- Sent Carolyn Love to the installation of Rev. Dr. Eugene Schneider, St. John’s, Lawton
- Met with Patti Ross, Marguerite Christman, Betty Reichert and Lori Steele regarding convention items
- Met with Lori Steele who will be assisting with some PR duties
- Attended the Convention Planning Committee Meeting at Messiah in Oklahoma City
- Met with Nancy West and Pastor Schroeder for Mission Grants selection process in Stroud
- Collected, sorted and ordered LWML items for the convention
- Assembled items and prepared programming for the Blitz’s
- Conferred with Zone presidents, obtaining PR Reps from their Zones and Fall Fest dates
- Edited articles for *The Lutheran Witness* and *The Voice of Service*
- Wrote thank you letters and notes
- Prepared agenda packets and coordinated activities for today’s Board meeting
- Ordered promotional items for the convention
- Planned with the meeting manager for the upcoming BOD dinner
- Attended the National LWML BOD meeting in St. Louis
- Attended a Theology and Worship Conference as an Oklahoma Lay Representative in St. Louis
- Attended an LWML Christ Candlelight Dinner at Holy Trinity in Edmond

JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Dwayne Schroeder

Pastor Schroeder reported he met with Nancy West and President Bev for the selection of mission grants. He has also been working on the worship service for the upcoming convention. He has invited pastors and church workers in the state to participate in the procession at the worship service. He stated he has only had four responses thus far. He asked Board members to encourage their pastors to register for the convention.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE – Debbie Tabisz

Debbie stated their visioning included encouraging prayer. This was encouraged at the Fall Fests, the Pastor's Wives' Conference and even at one of the Board meetings. They also wanted to encourage women in the District to write devotionals and Bible studies. Debbie stated her committee has been busy preparing and formatting the Bible Studies from the past couple of years to put on the Web site. She has been working on the upcoming convention by helping Judy Roggow with potential exhibitors, licensing for music and Gifts from the Heart staffing, litany and supplies. She reported the 2010 Prayer Service notices were sent to the Zone presidents. The theme this year is "Beautiful Feet". Her committee is also working on recommendations for the 2010 Fall Fest theme. The recommendations will be presented later in today's meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION – Audrey House presented by Betty Reichert

Betty asked if there is to be music with the convention opening video of the various churches in the District. Carolyn Love said there should be music and suggested a patriotic theme. In her written report, Audrey stated she has been collecting church photos for the convention video and assisting with the convention manual. In her written report, Sarah Ross, Web Servant, states she has updated the Web site with convention information. She asked if anyone has pictures from LWML events and if so, asks they be forwarded to her. Sarah also asks that when sending her Information for the Web site you put OK LWML WEB in the subject line. Lori Steele, Interim Public Relations Director, reported she has participated in Blitzes in Lutheran churches throughout the state, wrote articles for *The Lutheran Witness* highlighting activities in the Oklahoma District LWML and recruited PR Representatives from each Zone to assist with promotion of LWML activities. Anita Miller, Western Reporter, stated she has made telephone calls, attended the Fall Retreat in Anadarko and wrote an article for *The Voice of Service* about the Fall Retreat. Betty Reichert reported the following activities:

- Gathered articles and information for the convention issue of *The Voice of Service*
- Created and edited the Spring issue of *The Voice of Service*
- E-mailed the Spring issue of *The Voice of Service*
- Sent *The Voice of Service* and convention information to Sarah Ross for the Web site
- Prepared Board of Director's favors for the president
- Submitted a report for the Board of Director's meeting
- Prepared the Communication Committee Report for the Board of Director's meeting
- Gathered information for the convention manual
- Created the convention manual
- Sent the convention manual for proofing and printing
- Designed inserts for the convention tote bag tags
- Designed and printed the convention opening worship bulletin covers
- Designed and printed note cards, magnets, t-shirt transfers and buttons for the convention
- Attended the Fall Retreat and the Board of Directors meetings

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH - Nancy West

Nancy reported that the visioning for her committee was to give a greater connection to the ladies of the Oklahoma District to their mission. In that vain, there will be a mission trip to Latvia July 2–19, 2010. Six ladies from the Oklahoma District will be going on the trip. If anyone else is interested, the registration deadline is March 15, 2010. The cost of the mission trip is between \$2500 and \$2600. Another of her committee's visioning goals was to encourage grant writing and follow-up on mission grants funded. At the District Convention, the Gospel Outreach booth will show follow-up to the 2008-2010 grants. Nancy reported she had received 34 grant requests and 25 made the ballot. Nancy made a motion from committee that the grants published in the Spring issue of *The Voice of Service* be approved for the 2010 District Convention ballot. Motion passed. Nancy reported the following activities during the past quarter:

- Attended various District Convention meetings
- Scheduled and chaired several Gospel Outreach committee meetings
- E-mailed every grant submission contact person to let them know if their grant made the OK District Convention ballot
- Communicated with committee members and President England on Mission Grant selection matters
- Typed all selected grants for the convention manual
- Wrote 'micro' grant descriptions for *The Voice of Service*
- Wrote an article on the Latvia Mission Trip for *The Voice of Service*, *The Oklahoma City Zone Newsletter* and *The Lutheran Witness*
- Wrote the Gospel Outreach committee report for the convention manual
- Wrote the vice president's report for the convention manual
- Sent checks and notes of encouragement to seminarians
- Requested payment of all remaining 2008-2010 biennium grants February 1, 2010
- Worked with Betty Reichert to get the OK District Web site updated to show all grants paid
- Chaired and implemented a "Sew 4 Haiti" day at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, January 26. Thirty-six ladies from Holy Trinity and St. Mark, Edmond and St. Peter, Apache came to sew
- Packaged all good (totes, quilts, cots and foam pillows) into bags for the airplane trip to Haiti after church January 31, 2010. The plane delivered all goods February 1, 2010
- Hosted the OK District President and two past presidents at the Holy Trinity "Candlelight with Christ" dinner on February 20th
- Requested updates on paid mission grants to share with conventioners at the OK District Convention at the Gospel Outreach booth
- Sent requests for photos for the mission grant video
- With the Gospel Outreach committee members, created a Gospel Outreach booth with details and photos from the 2008-2010 grant recipients
- Worked with St. Mark officers on dividing tasks covering all the needs for convention
- Created the design for gift bags for convention VIPs
- Purchased 'Made in Oklahoma' goodies to place in VIP bags
- Creating, writing and re-writing sketches for the convention
- Gathering give away elements for convention bags

VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE - Linda Lee Kremerier

Linda stated the visioning for her committee was to develop Spiritual Kits at the individual society level. Linda reported Human Care will have a booth at the District Convention. The display will show examples of Spiritual Kits and some ideas for societies to use. She hopes societies are starting to think ahead to World Relief items for next fall. Linda said it has been suggested the District rent a truck and select pickup locations to transport LWR items to Wichita. This might be more cost effective for societies. Many people are working on the Convention Servant activities. She hopes every woman will consider being a part of these activities. The Servant activities start at 9:00 a.m., Friday. President England stated there was

a “Mini Mission Trip” in Enid to sew curtains for Camp Lutherhaven. Twenty-six woman, many pastor’s wives participated.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES – Carolyn Love

Carolyn reported she has received over 2000 cards for the servant activity at the Convention. Of those, 1425 were unused and these have been matched to envelopes. An additional 686 card fronts have been received and these will be used at the servant activity. Ed Meyer has arranged for Thrivent to donate \$1000. Ed is also getting folders, notepads and pencils for the convention. Carolyn coordinated with Susan Brunkow and her committee identifying and inviting young women to the convention and corresponded with Delia on ideas for a Teen booth at convention. She attended both the CPC and Host Convention Committee meetings. Carolyn contacted the Zone presidents for items for the Bed/Bath activity that will replace the Braille activity. Bonnie Schulze is making bags for the Bed/Bath items and bandanas for the table decorations. There have been some changes in the Interest Sessions. LCMS Human Care will be on Friday only and Mend Pregnancy Center will be on Saturday only. We will be wrapping books for Putnam Heights in Oklahoma City as well as Kendell-Whittier in Tulsa. Carolyn stated Susan Brunkow was unable to attend today’s meeting and so she would be reporting for Susan. Susan has been the chairman of the Leader Development Committee. Their goal was to have 3 Blitzes each quarter and Carolyn stated that the committee has surpassed that number. Susan has taken over the YWR program as coordinator. She has identified 59 young women and has sent out cards encouraging young women to attend the convention. Susan has several events planned for the YWR women at the convention. These include special registration gifts, YWR servant activities, YWR orientation, a YWR exhibit booth, 2 YWR luncheons, special interest session, a YWR social and a YWR prayer walk. One of the long range goals of the YWR program was to revise the bylaws and guidelines and to establish Zone YWR groups. Some work has been done on this but much remains to be done. Krystine Gibson, Structure stated her goal was to get all of the Zone bylaws updated. Thus far Kingfisher, Lawton and Ponca City Zones have been updated. Krystine stated that she would like the other Zone bylaws updated by the Fall Fests. On January 22, 2010, Krystine received the approved amendments of our Bylaws from National. Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator, reported Betty helped design a flyer which will be sent to all of the churches in the Oklahoma District. The Teens will join the YWRs for their luncheon where Katie Gifford will be speaking. The Teen Committee’s goal was the Teen Newsletter and this has gone very well. The National Teen Committee has requested e-mails and telephone numbers for all Teen groups. A Teen distribution list is being compiled and published on their Web site. Names and addresses are being sent in as permission is obtained from all the groups in the District. The National Teen program has a new Web site. Pictures have been forwarded for posting and Faith Lutheran Church in Owasso has submitted an article for the Web site. Delia stated a new parent release form for publishing of photos has been released by the National Teen Committee and all teen groups in the Oklahoma District have received a copy. There will be a Teen booth at the District Convention which will include a game and give aways. Betty asked if the Teen flyer should be put on the Web site. It was recommended that it should. Betty will send the information to Sarah Ross.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President England asked to ratify the online votes taken during the quarter. Beth Schoeling made a motion that the Oklahoma District have a credit card. Jarie Coggins seconded the motion. MSC Nancy West made a motion from her committee to pay all remaining grants. Motioned passed. Lisa Graf made a motion to raise the convention registration from \$40 to \$45. The motion was seconded by Kathie Gerdes. MSC

NEW BUSINESS

Marguerite Christman stated the pre-convention Board meeting will be at 6:30 p. m. on April 15, 2010 at *A Spot For Tea*, 3812 N. MacArthur Boulevard in Oklahoma City. The cost for the participants for the dinner is \$12. Marguerite also passed around a sheet with the hotel reservations. She asked Board members to provide their credit card information so she can secure the reservations. Carolyn Love gave some convention updates. Carolyn stated we had to change one of our Servant Activities to Bed/Bath items for the Yzleta Mexican Mission. Bonnie Schulze has made 40 cloth bags for the items. Lois Hulings of

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City has been approved to buy books for Putnam Heights School. They have received \$1000 from the Oklahoma City chapter of Thrivent to purchase the books. Carolyn stated we have received a lot of money to purchase Spanish Bibles. Jarie Coggins made a motion to use the excess money collected for mission grants for the next biennium. The motion was seconded by Debbie Tabisz. Motion failed. Carolyn stated the excess money for Spanish Bibles is \$912.56 and she has received another \$150 today. A case costs approximately \$75 and contains 24 Bibles. Nancy West made a motion to use the excess money to buy additional Spanish Bibles. The motion was seconded by Jarie Coggins. MSC Judy Roggow stated, as of today, we have received 16 requests for booths and we are still waiting to hear from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation and LCMS World Relief and Human Care but we are holding space for them. We need 26 tables, 40 chairs and 6 electrical hookups. Marguerite will assign the space for the booths. Nine will pay for the space and 9 will be gratis. Carolyn stated Betty has made a logo for the children's t-shirt. Sherrie Schroeder, convention treasurer, states we have \$1581.30 in the convention checking account. President England stated she received an invitation letter from the LWML ladies of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Enid offering to host the Board of Director's meetings for the next biennium beginning with the second meeting in 2010. Jarie Coggins made a motion to accept the Enid invitation. The motion was seconded by Sharon Bomhoff. MSC President Bev thanked Shari Stepanek and the ladies of Lutheran Church of Our Savior for hosting the Board for the past biennium. President England reminded Board members of upcoming meetings. The 2010 Board meetings will be on June 26 and October 20. The Departmental Visioning and Board of Directors will be on October 1-2. There will be a Leader Training Summit at Good Shepherd in Midwest City on August 21. The Summit will include Zone Presidents, Zone PR Reps, Zone Vice Presidents (1 per Zone), District Vice Presidents, PR Director, Meeting Manager and Presenters. Debbie Tabisz, V.P. of Christian Life, presented three Theme/Scripture possibilities for the Fall Fests. Debbie made a motion from her committee to use the theme "Know Him, Walk with Him, Glorify Him" with the scripture reference Psalm 86:11-12 "*Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.*" Motion passed. Lisa Graf again reminded Board members that we have a little over \$14,000 in our account. Lisa made a motion to send \$10,000 to National Mites. The motion was seconded by Nancy West. MSC Lisa stated the District has never had a credit card before. She recommended guidelines be developed. President England recommended that Lisa Graf and Lanece Young get together with Krystine Gibson to develop guidelines for using the credit card and bring that forth at the June BOD meeting. President England introduced the Peoria Convention bus chairman as Gloria Bozarth.

ARCHIVIST-HISTORIAN – Marilyn Alsip

Marilyn reported work on the correspondence files from the past has been completed. She noted that all of the paper files are part of our history and she has some concerns that history may be lost by using electronic correspondence rather than paper correspondence. She is still working on the biennial report for the LWML National Archivist-Historian. Zone Presidents have been contacted regarding items needed to complete the report. The report will be mailed shortly after the District Convention. The report will be sent to the newly appointed National LWML Archivist-Historian, Barbara Huggins.

SPECIAL GIFTS – Krystine Gibson

Krystine reported that on June 30, 2009 there was \$32,881.05 in the Steward Account LCEF. Interest accrued was \$172.15 and there was a disbursement of \$1,467.82 from the accrued interest for Camp Lutherhaven draperies, giving the account a balance of \$31,585.38 on September 30, 2009. During the third quarter \$180 was received for memorials, \$110.52 came from the cartridge fund and \$170.33 came from interest, leaving a balance of \$32,046.23 on December 31, 2009. Krystine stated she would take stamps that Board members may have brought and she will send them to Stillwater.

DISTRICT PLANNER – Judy Roggow

Judy reported she attended the District Board of Directors meeting at the Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center on October 23 and attended the District Retreat at the same center on October 23-24, 2009.

She sent reminders to exhibitors for the District Convention in April and sent checks to Sherrie Schroeder from exhibitor fees. Judy corresponded with Bev England, Carolyn Love and Marguerite Christman concerning the District Convention.

NOMINATING CHAIRMAN - Sherrie Schroeder

Sherrie presented the following slate of officers:

Vice President of Christian Life
Darcy Cline
Joyce Von Oielingen
Vice President of Communication
Susan Brunkow
Vice President of Gospel Outreach
Ann Reedy
Lori Steele
Recording Secretary
Susan Anderson
Esther Bersche
Treasurer
Teresa Nightingale
Katie Schroeder
Pastoral Counselor
Rev. Eric Van Scharrel
Rev. Frank Kinast

Sherrie recommended the acceptance of the slate as presented. Leola Thiemann made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Motion passed.

MEETING MANAGER-RECYCLING – Marguerite Christman

Marguerite stated general activities of her position were preformed as required, including responding to/filing correspondence, faxes, U.S. mail, e-mail and telephone calls. More specifically, these activities included:

- Continued gathering information regarding the 2010 convention site at Express Event Center, Oklahoma City, including hotels, meals, etc.
- Confirmed block of hotel rooms at the convention hotel and another nearby hotel
- Made and confirmed housing arrangements of members of the BOD at the convention hotel
- Confirmed travel and housing arrangements for guest speakers at convention
- Secured venue for Young Women gathering Friday night
- Confirmed caterers for three meals at convention
- Collaborated with *The Voice of Service* Editor to get convention items in the Spring 2010 issue
- Secured honor guard for convention
- Confirmed arrangements for the Pre-Convention BOD dinner
- After getting quotes from possible convention decorators have determined it is too costly to have pipe and drape in exhibit area
- Am working with Convention Chairmen regarding arrangements at convention for meal servers, interest sessions, Saturday noon special lunch gatherings and properties needed.
- Confirmed attendance and lunch meals with members of the BOD, Zone PR Representatives, YWRs and Candidates for office at this meeting
- 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, March 6 for OK District LWML Board of Directors meeting, including meal count

Marguerite stated that she had cartridge activity from each Zone during the past quarter. Since the inception of the Cartridge Fund in 2003 we have received \$57,148.47. Of that \$14,287.13 has gone to National Mites, \$5,714.89 has gone to the Special Gifts Fund and \$37,146.45 has gone for District expenses. The balance in the cartridge fund as of February 26, 2010 is \$9,746.33.

CONVENTION UPDATES

Ladies attending the convention for only one day will pay the full registration. The men who will be serving the Friday dinner do not have to pay for the meal; however, the Board recommends that the meal be paid for on the society level. The money should be sent to Sherrie Schroeder and designated “men server’s meals”. Gloria Bozarth will keep track of the men who have been volunteered. President England turned the Board’s attention to the detailed agenda for the convention. President Bev went through the detailed agenda. The video will be shown during the Friday opening singing which occurs at 1:00 p.m. During the opening the Honor Guard from Choctaw High School’s Junior ROTC will present the colors and a teen from Holy Trinity, Edmond, will sing the National Anthem. This will occur after the banner processional. President England stated she would like signing at the worship service and at the convention. She will talk to Delia Hansen and Lori Steele to set up a schedule. Betty Reichert will look into getting the voting machine. President Bev also stated bottles of water and sodas would be available for \$1.00 at the cookie bar. There will be an offering at the Friday worship service and at the Saturday closing service. Carolyn Love made a motion to have both offerings go to Mites. Motion seconded by Kathie Gerdes. MSC

ZONE REPORTS

TULSA ZONE – Carol Fruehling

The Tulsa Zone Fall Fest will be on September 19, 2010 at Our Savior in Tulsa. Carol stated her first Zone Board meeting will be March 13, 2010. She will emphasize PR for the District Convention and obtain delegate lists. She will also start thinking about candidate for Zone offices and finalizing the changes to their constitution and bylaws. Carol is looking for volunteers to work at the LWML store during the convention and hopes to have some volunteers from each Zone.

PONCA CITY ZONE – Leola Thiemann

The Ponca City Fall Fest will be on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Zion Lutheran Church in Guthrie. Their mission speaker will be Audrey Eggers. There will be the election of officers and the delegate for the National Convention. Leola reported one of the changes to the bylaws of the Zone was to add the appointed office of Public Relations Representative. Elizabeth Whitfield of Zion in Stillwater has agreed to serve in the position. She has been busy promoting the District Convention. All societies in the Zone were happy to help with the towel sets for the Bath/Bed Kits for the Yzleta Mexican Mission.

PANHANDLE ZONE – Jarie Coggins

Jarie reported the Panhandle Zone’s Fall Fest would be at Zion Lutheran in Buffalo. She reports the societies were active during the Christmas and New Year holidays in their congregations and in their communities. Information about the mission projects for the District Convention has been distributed. Young women are being sought to encourage them to attend the District Convention. Information for the upcoming Fall Fest is being gathered. Archive materials were gathered for the Zion historian and sent to the District Archivist-Historian.

OKLAHOMA CITY ZONE - Shari Stepanek

The Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, September the 11th. The host church has not been determined. St. Johns in Moore sent Valentine Cards to college age students and to shut-ins. St. Pauls in Wellston made 720 fried pies as a fund raiser for their youth group. Good Shepherd in Midwest City gathered large amounts of donated items for the Children's Center. Faith, OKC, hosted a "Birthday Party for Jesus" and took children caroling. Christ in Mustang hosted a Blitz in November. Their mission project for this year is LWR. St. Mark in Edmond hosted their annual Advent by Candlelight Tea with 80 in attendance. Messiah in OKC assembled Spiritual Care Kits. Our Savior in Bethany enjoys hosting the District Board of Directors. Holy Trinity in Edmond hosted over 100 women for the Candlelight for Christ dinner. They are also busy making quilts and bags for Haiti. Zion in OKC is getting ready to host the Prayer Service on March 13th. Immanuel in OKC made 10 quilts and helped host Lois Hulings retirement party. Trinity in Norman has a monthly BUNCO party and they hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the entire congregation. Trinity in Ardmore is busy making the table decorations for the District Convention. Cristo Rey is helping the youth make tamales for a fund raiser.

MAIMI ZONE - Grace Peterson

The Fall Fest will be September 11th at Bethlehem in Adair. Grace reports she has loaned out the CDs with various speakers and the Bible Study from the National LWML Convention. She has spoken at one society meeting and showed the overview of the convention. E-mail and snail mail has been sent to all societies to keep them updated on the District Convention and other District news.

LAWTON ZONE – Kathie Gerdes

The Lawton Zone Fall Fest will be on September 18th at Holy Cross in Lawton. St. Peter, Apache women have been collecting Best Choice labels and Box Tops for Education for Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Miami. In addition to getting cell phones and ink cartridges to Lawton for mailing, they had a cake for confirmation Sunday on February 7th. St. Johns in Lawton had a brunch for their regular meeting on February 6th and used the LWML Prayer Service for those in attendance. On March 7th, the Dorcas Guild will hold a spaghetti dinner and silent auction to benefit 3 women from the group going on short term mission projects this summer. Gayle Anderson and Darcy Cline will be going to Latvia with the LWML sponsored mission and Susan Smith will be going with the LCMS mission trip to China. Kathie reports Sharon Greene of St. John's in Lawton has been appointed as the Zone's Public Relations Representative.

KINGFISHER ZONE - Sharon Bomhoff

Kingfisher Zone's Fall Fest will be on September 25th at St. John in Okarche. The Lamplighters are providing devotional booklets for children ages 3-5 and 8-12. The ladies continue to collect items for LWR. The offering from the Advent dinner was given to the adopted seminary student. St. John's LWML had a Christmas and Valentine party. They contribute to the St. Louis seminary student fund. They are working on school kits and they donated soap and shampoo for the servant activity at the District Convention. Trinity in El Reno has donated money to Rene' Hord and Paul Vollrath who are missionaries and donated money from a Thanksgiving project to Roger Peters who is studying to be a Lutheran minister. They visit a local nursing home and donate money to various local missions. Mt. Calvary in Watonga has adopted a child through the "1001 Orphan" which is a LCMS World Relief program. They are donating \$75 for the Spanish Bibles. The LWML at Our Savior in Guthrie is working on their Spiritual Care Kits. They served a Lenten meal on February 24th and they plan to have a fundraiser for Spanish Bibles. The LWML at Emmanuel in Kingfisher had two fundraisers. One for Josh Krepel who will be attending seminary and one to cover travel expenses for LWML Conventions. They made Christmas treats for shut-ins and celebrated birthdays at two nursing homes.

ENID ZONE – Beth Schoeling

Beth stated the Fall Fest would be held in Covington and could be either September 18th or the 25th. She stated the Board could decide. There is only one other Fall Fest scheduled on the 18th so it was recommended that the Fall Fest be on the 18th. Beth Schoeling made a motion to have the Enid Fall Fest on September 18th. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Love. MSC The Zone continues with making quilts, collecting items for LWR, having Bible studies and collecting Mites. They have helped with Lenten meals and remember shut-ins with gifts and prayers. They honor graduates and confirmands with dinners and gifts in the spring. The Enid Zone will update their bylaws at the Fall Fest.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Gloria Bozarth
Oklahoma District Recording Secretary