

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 2, 2009
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, BETHANY, OK**

MSC – Motion made, seconded and carried

The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League met at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany, OK for their Board Meeting May 2, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

President England opened the meeting by recognizing the guests attending the meeting. She asked Board members to share cares, concerns and celebrations. Several were shared. A Bible study based on Psalm 27 was led by Pastor Dwayne Schroeder.

Those present were:

Bev England, President, MMV	Carolyn Love, V.P. Servant Resources
Nancy West, V.P. Gospel Outreach	Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary
Lisa Graf, Treasurer	Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Jr. Counselor
Marci Beikmann, Field Reporter	Linda Lee Kremeier, V.P. Human Care
Sarah Ross, Web Servant	Sharon Bomhoff, Kingfisher Zone President
Marilyn Alsip, Archivist-Historian	Marilyn Laramy, Special Gifts, Parliamentarian
Marguerite Christman, Recycling, MMV, Meeting Manager	Kathie Gerdes, Lawton Zone President
Jarie Coggins, Panhandle Zone President	Shari Stepanek, OKC Zone President
Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone President	Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator
Leola Thiemann, Ponca City Zone President	Grace Peterson, Miami Zone President
Anita Miller, Field Reporter	Carol Fruehling, Tulsa Zone President
Betty Reichert, District Editor, MMV	Lanece Young, Financial Secretary
Yvonne Moore, YWR	Joanna Wescoatt, YWR
Louise Holt, Delegate	Dianna Just, Delegate
Tanya Hercyk, Delegate	Joyce Watson, Delegate
Bonnie Giese, Nominating Committee	Sherrie Schroeder, Nominating Committee
Wilma Grimes, Nominating Committee	Bonnie Schultze, Nominating Committee
	Cherri Stegemoeller, Nominating Committee

RECORDING SECRETARY – Gloria Bozarth

Gloria asked those present to sign the attendance roster being passed around. She asked if there were any corrections to the February Board of Director’s minutes. Having no corrections, Jarie Coggins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Carol Fruehling. MSC

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – June Wadley given by Gloria Bozarth

Outgoing Correspondence:

Cards to: Joel Bacon, Bob Perry, Carolyn Love’s mother, Audrey House and June Wadley.

Incoming Correspondence:

Copy of a letter to Jan Wendorf LWML President from Connie Lewellen, Treasurer of Holy Trinity, Edmond, acknowledging the Mite gifts sent in memoriam for Pat Henke.

Copy of a letter to Greater Salina Community Foundation from Connie Lewellen, Treasurer of Holy Trinity, Edmond acknowledging the \$100,000 check received from the Foundation in memoriam for

Pat Henke.

A copy of a letter to the members of the LWML at Holy Trinity, Edmond from Jan Wendorf, LWML President, thanking them for their generous gift to the LWML Mites.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - Lisa Graf

The quarterly treasurer's report covers the period between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009. The balance on hand in the general fund on January 1, 2009 was \$19,853.74 which included \$9,202.00 in the restricted cartridge fund. Receipts totaled \$39,261.28 and disbursements equaled \$44,527.67. The balance in the unrestricted general fund as of March 31, 2009 was \$5,055.76. Lisa stated that she was able to pay the additional \$10,000 to LWML Mites that the Board had voted to send at a prior Board meeting. Lisa also presented the annual treasurer's report which covers the period between March 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009. The balance on hand in the general fund as of March 1, 2008 was \$77,216.51 which included \$11,711.20 in the restricted cartridge fund. Total receipts were \$118,872.22 and total disbursements equaled \$181,501.38. The balance on hand in the general fund on March 31, 2009 was \$14,587.35 minus the restricted cartridge fund of \$9,531.59. The balance in the unrestricted general fund on March 31, 2009 was \$5,055.76. Lisa pointed out that as a District we have been able to pay out over \$98,000 for District Projects/Mission Grants. She also stated that we have sent over \$36,000 to LWML Mites. Lanece Young, Financial Secretary, reviewed the monies she has received from the individual zones during the period between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009. Linda Lee Kremeier made a motion to accept the treasurer/financial secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Nancy West. MSC President England reminded Board members that if they drove alone to today's meeting they would be reimbursed for mileage one way and if they carpooled they would be reimburse both ways. Reimbursement is \$.30 a mile.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Bev England

President England stated that it, again, has been a busy quarter. She informed the Board members that Pastor Barrie Henke, our Senior Counselor, was elected President of the LCMS Oklahoma District this past weekend. Pastor Henke desires to finish his term as Senior Counselor Oklahoma District LWML, if possible. Some of President Bev's activities include:

- 1 Attended and assisted in presenting programs at all three Spring Flings
- 2 Visited Camp Lutherhaven
- 3 Co-coordinated plans for more Blitz's in the District
- 4 Met with Candace Bielss, DCE at Good Shepherd, Tulsa, regarding their society
- 5 Met with PR Director, Patti Ross, to review articles and flyers
- 6 Worked with Audrey House and Betty Reichert on various flyers and handouts
- 7 Worked with Debbie Tabisz reviewing plans for Wives of Pastors' Retreat and the upcoming District Retreat
- 8 Met with the Convention Planning Committee for our 2010 OK District Convention to be held in OKC
- 9 Met with Spring Fling Tri-Zone planners and presenters
- 10 Conferred with Zone Presidents to obtain updates on new society officer information
- 11 Authored articles for *The Lutheran Witness* and *The Voice of Service*
- 12 Conferred with VP Nancy West on Heart to Heart Sisters program and Mission Grant Forms
- 13 Conferred with VP Carolyn Love regarding presentation of YWRs at BOD meeting
- 14 Attended the commissioning service for Walt Sabourin, Deacon at Grace Lutheran in Tulsa
- 15 Conferred with VP Linda Lee Kremeier, Pastor Wescoatt and Dorothy Gilbreath regarding the Mission Trip to Lutherhaven
- 16 Attended a Campus Ministry Workshop at Grace in Tulsa
- 17 Prepared reports for the upcoming 2009 LWML convention in Portland, OR

- 18 Attended, brought greetings and assisted with the LWML exhibit at the LCMS Oklahoma District Convention in Norman
- 19 Prepared the agenda, attended and coordinated the activities for today's BOD meeting

JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Dwayne Schroeder

Pastor Schroeder reported that he attended the 2010 Convention Planning meeting this morning prior to today's Board meeting. He reported that he attended one Spring Fling and that Pastor Henke attended two Spring Flings.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE – Debbie Tabisz

Marguerite Christman reported for Debbie about the Pastors' and Vicars' Wives Retreat. She stated that about 50 women have signed up. The retreat will be in Oklahoma City, May 8th and 9th. It will begin on Friday afternoon and end on Saturday afternoon at about 2:30. The speaker is Renee Gibbs. The retreat will be held at the IBLP Training Center located at 5th and Main in Oklahoma City. Carolyn Love reported on the Fall Retreat that will be held on October 23rd and 24th, 2009 at the Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Anadarko, Oklahoma. The theme of the retreat is "A Time To..." based on Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven". The objectives are that each participant: become aware that time is a gift from God; realize that time should be used to its fullest in glory to God; resolve to use his/her time in three specific ways – for God, for others and for oneself and become aware that God, as the Giver of time, forgives any unwise use of time and enables each one to use time wisely. The registration fee is \$65 and registration deadline is October 8th, 2009. President England stated that the November Board meeting would be at the retreat beginning at noon on Friday the 23rd. Betty Reichert reported that the theme for the Fall Fests will be the same as the 2009 LWML Convention in Portland – "Look to the Hills God Reigns". The scripture reference is Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" Sharon Bomhoff made a motion to accept the theme "Look to the Hills God Reigns" for the Fall Fest. Motion seconded by Nancy West. MSC Carolyn Love made a motion from committee that the theme for the Fall Retreat be "A Time to..." and that the registration fee be set at \$65.00. Motion passed.

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH – Nancy West

Nancy stated she has been busy this quarter. Some of her activities include:

- 1 Attending the Zone LWML Prayer Service at St. Mark, Edmond
- 2 Received and processed Grant Fund requests
- 3 Received grant checks from Treasurer, Lisa Graf. These checks were forwarded with a hand written note of encouragement to the recipients
- 4 Obtained information to update the OK District Mission Grant Web Site to send to Sarah Ross
- 5 Studied Fall Retreat materials and completed the Bible study
- 6 Drove to Anadarko for a Fall Retreat site visit and planning session
- 7 Worked with Audrey House to edit and update Mission Grant Guidelines on the OK District LWML Web Site
- 8 Worked on Heart to Heart ideas to welcome and promote ethnic diversity in the OK District

Nancy stated she was excited the OK District can now submit grant proposals online. Nancy also reported that she was in charge of the sketches for the Fall Retreat which will be entitled "Alice in Purpleland". Nancy reported her Heart to Heart Committee will need to be revamped. One of the committee members has family health issues and another has gone back to work full time. Nancy made a motion from committee to pay the following grant requests as money becomes available: Camp Lutheroma for

\$5000.00, Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ for \$1000.00 and International Student Ministry – OSU for \$750.00. Motion carried. Nancy also reported she received a thank you letter from Production of Braille Magazine for receiving our grant of \$4000.00.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION – Audrey House given by Betty Reichert

Audrey's written report shows that she assisted in creating the Spiritual Care Kit logo, District Brochure and the Retreat logo. She attended and presented at the Buffalo Spring Fling; created an online Mission Grant Proposal Form that can be filled out and submitted online; assisted with web updates; she will create an online registration form for the Fall Retreat and she plans to attend the Oklahoma Pastors' Wives Retreat. Sarah Ross, Web Servant, reported that Web Site updates include: newsletters; Portland Convention information, Mission Grant forms; Mission Challenge "Curtains for Lutherhaven" registration form; Spiritual Care Kit information and forms; Writer's Brochure; new District Brochure; LWML Blitz cards and Hit the Road Cards. Betty Reichert, District Editor, stated that she gathered articles and information for the Spring VOS, created and edited the VOS and e-mailed the publication. She attended the Spring Fling in Tulsa. Betty worked on the graphic design for the District Brochure, "On the Road" cards, "LWML Blitz" cards, Prayer cards, the Retreat logo and the Spiritual Care Kits logo. She also printed flyers and cards for the Spring Flings. Betty designed cards for BOD favors, she submitted a report for the Board meeting and she prepared the Communication Committee Report for the Board meeting. Patti Ross, Public Relations Director, in a written report, reported that she attended and presented at all three Spring Flings. Following the Buffalo Spring Fling she went to Lutherhaven to measure for curtains. Patti attended and presented at three Blitzes. She picked up a resource order at the LWML store in St. Louis. She ordered and organized materials and resources for the LWML display table at the Oklahoma District LCMS Convention. She also ordered resources for packets to be used at the Pastor' Wives Retreat. Patti reports that she continues to work on the LWML Leader Development Committee. Today she will give LWML greetings at the LLL Convention in Broken Arrow. Anita Miller, Western Reporter, stated that she contacted and encouraged Myrna Lou Meyer to write an article about the new *Mustard Seeds*. She attended the Spring Fling at Buffalo and wrote an article for the VOS. Alexis Wasson, Eastern Reporter, by written report, wrote an article about the District Convention for the Summer VOS, helped compile the master mailing list for the VOS and printed and mailed copies of the VOS.

VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE - Linda Lee Kremeier

Linda Lee reported that there would be a Mission Trip to Camp Lutherhaven June 4-6, 2009. Registration is \$20.00 and registration forms are available today. The mission project will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 4 and end at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 6. She encouraged those who plan to attend to bring sewing machines with an extension cord and ironing boards and irons. Those attending will be sewing curtains. Linda Lee requested donations of bottled water and food. Lisa Graf offered to bring bottled water. Marci Beikmann will be preparing the food. Carol Bilyeu has volunteered to purchase the food and Dorothy Gilbreath has volunteered to purchase the fabric. Linda Lee stated that 24 have signed up for the trip at this time.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES - Carolyn Love

Carolyn reported that she has met with Debbie Tabisz, Nancy West and Linda Lee Kremeier at Oakridge Camp and Retreat Center to tour the campground and plan for the October Retreat. She met with Gloria Bozarth, Chris Lee and Marguerite Christman to review appointments and updates for the 2010 District Convention. She has corresponded with the YWRs about the upcoming Portland Convention. The MMVs have had Blitzes at Bethlehem in Adair and at Immanuel in Garber and they will have a Blitz at Christ in Perry on Sunday, May 3rd. Blitzes are planned for Our Redeemer, Cushing and for Grove. Carolyn stated that the Structure Committee encourages zones and societies to update their bylaws. The Leader Development Committee members participated in the Spring Flings and the members are on the District

Convention Planning Committee. Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator, reported that three editions of *Teen Talk*, the Oklahoma District's Teen Newsletter, have been published and distributed. The "Third Annual Teen Gathering" for the Tulsa area teens was held on February 15, 2009. Eight teens and five adults attended the event. All teen leaders have been asked to complete their background checks. Delia plans to obtain Teen LWML registration forms from each Teen group and send the forms to the national Teen LWML Committee. President England stated, that with regret, she has received a letter of resignation from T.J. Smith, YWR Coordinator. President England stated that she has talked to Karen Rumsey who is the PR Director for the Kingfisher Zone. She has asked Karen if she would fill the post for the next year and Karen agreed to do so. Beth Schoeling made a motion to accept the appointment of Karen Rumsey as YWR Coordinator. Motion seconded by Kathie Gerdes. MSC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President England asked the Board to ratify the two e-mail votes that were taken during the quarter. The first vote was to ask the Board to change the location for the Fall Retreat from Canyon Camp to the Oakridge Christian Camp in Anadarko. The second vote was to approve an idea proposed by Marilyn Alsip to develop a small booklet for the 2012 District Convention relating memories and antidotes and personal experiences of Oklahoma LWMLers. The name of the booklet will be "Shared Memories". The 2012 Convention will be the Oklahoma District's 85th Anniversary. Both votes were passed by e-mail. President England asked the Board to ratify the e-mail votes. The votes were ratified.

NEW BUSINESS – Bev England

President England stated that during the past year we have had two notable deaths to spouses of OK District Board members, President England proposed a Designated Memorial for Richard Laramy and Pat Henke. Nancy West made a motion to send \$500 to LWML Mites in memory of Richard Laramy and \$500 in memory of Pat Henke. Motion seconded by Lisa Graf. MSC

President England stated that she has had an Oklahoma District Banner made that can be used for all sorts of district events. The banner is purple and is about 6 foot long. The cost of the banner was \$100. President England asked the BOD to approve reimbursement of \$100 to her for the cost the banner. Jarie Coggins made a motion to reimburse President England for the Oklahoma District banner cost. Motion seconded by Carolyn Love. MSC

Lunch Break
Song led by Delores Withers

ARCHIVIST – HISTORIAN – Marilyn Alsip

Marilyn reported that during the past quarter, she had continued to get minutes into archive safe sleeves and boxes. Correspondence files have also been filed in archive safe boxes. Marilyn noted that since the advent of wide computer use and e-mail, there is little correspondence. She reminded Board members that we need a hard copy of letters and memos that are written. Sturdy shelving has been purchased, set up and is being used at this time. An additional shelf unit might be needed. A LCMS Archivist meeting is scheduled in St. Louis in October 2009, but due to the cost, economy and Marilyn's health, she indicated that it is best for her not to attend this year. The display for the Oklahoma District LWML at Portland is in the planning stage. One of the LWML women at Good Shepherd has agreed to do the layout and design for us. Some items needed for the display are YWR, Teen and mission trip photos. Ebba Johnson is archiving all photos and noted that several years of photos are missing. Ebba is requesting photos of any OK District LWML function and conventions for the years from 2003 to present. Please write the date, place, occasion and names, if possible, with the photos.

MEETING MANAGER, CARTRIDGE RECYCLING – Marguerite Christman

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

- 1 Continue gathering information regarding the 2010 OK District Convention site at Express Event Center, Oklahoma City, including hotels, meals, etc.; arranged for President Bev England to sign the contract on site and have requested a check to be paid as the deposit for the facility
- 2 Made round trip travel arrangements for the OK Delegation to attend the LWML Convention being held in Portland, OR, June 25-28, 2009
- 3 Made housing arrangements for many from the OK District including the OK Delegation which included block housing for 11 rooms at the convention hotels in Portland
- 4 Gathered information and sent the Convention Registration forms for the OK Delegation to the LWML Convention in Portland
- 5 Arranged for the OK District LWML Vice Presidents' Retreat Planning meeting at the 2009 OK District LWML Fall Retreat site at the Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Anadarko, secured this site by having President England sign the contract and requested and sent a deposit check
- 6 Confirmed meeting space, housing, and meal arrangements in securing the site for the OK District Pastors'/Vicars' Wives Retreat in Oklahoma City
- 7 Attended 2010 OK District LWML Convention planning meeting update at Trinity, Norman of core personnel on April 15th
- 8 Verified site arrangement for the 2010 Convention Planning Committee meeting a Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany for Saturday, May 2 at 8 a.m.
- 9 Verified site arrangements for the OK District LWML Nomination Committee meeting at Lutheran Church of our Savior, Bethany for Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m.
- 10 Verified site arrangements at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany for Saturday, May 2 BOD meeting including a meal count

In regard to the Cartridge Recycling Fund, Marguerite reported that during the past quarter the fund took in a little over \$1,060. At a prior Board meeting we voted to take up to \$2,000 from the cartridge fund to pay the expenses for the YWRs to go to the 2009 LWML Convention in Portland, OR. Those expenses have been paid. From the inception of the Cartridge Fund, the District has raised \$53,957.42. Twenty-five percent of that was sent to LWML Mites and 10 percent has been given to the Special Gifts Fund. The current balance in the cartridge fund is \$9,593.82. Marguerite stated that it is the policy adopted by the Board that, on a quarterly basis, it be evaluated whether or not the expenses for the Board meeting be taken out of the Cartridge Fund. Jarie Coggins made a motion that the expenses for today's Board meeting be taken out of the Cartridge Fund. Motion seconded by Beth Schoeling. MSC

SPECIAL GIFTS – Marilyn Laramy

Marilyn reported that the balance in the Special Gifts Fund as of December 1, 2008 was \$31,846.36. Interest from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 was \$198.14. Deposits equaled \$428.85 leaving a balance on March 31, 2009 of \$32,473.35. Marilyn stated that \$2071.54 in interest is available to be used by the District. Linda Lee Kremeier made a motion from committee that the money to purchase the curtain fabric for the Lutherhaven Mission project be taken out of the Special Gifts Fund's interest. The amount is approximately \$1200.00. Motion passed.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LWML PLANNER – Judy Roggow

By written report, Judy reported that she attended the 2010 Convention Planning Committee on February 7, 2009 at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany, OK. She also attended the OK District Board Meeting the same day. On March 7, 2009 she was a presenter at the LWML Tri-Zone Spring Fling at Grace

Lutheran in Tulsa and on March 14 she was a presenter at the LWML Panhandle and Enid Zone's Spring Fling in Buffalo, OK. Judy has also revised the Exhibitor Information Letter and Exhibitor Application Form for the 2010 Oklahoma District Convention.

PORTLAND CONVENTION – Marguerite Christman

Betty Reichert revealed the Beautiful OK District Banner she designed and made for the 2009 LWML Convention to be held in Portland, OR. The banner will be carried in the District President's processional Friday morning by President England. The banner will be on display in the Exhibit Hall (Evergreen Park) along side of the OK District Table. Servant activities will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration for the convention at this time is about 2000. The opening worship is Thursday at 6:45 p.m. Delegate orientation is Thursday at 3 p.m. President Bev stated that the District photo will be at 5 p.m. Friday in Hall A. The caucus will be Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Convention newspaper is *The Hilltop Proclaimer*. President England asked attendees to refer to the newspaper to find out where the caucus would be held. The Teen event – *she, me and He* will be held at a Friday dinner. The Mission Pledge Walk will be Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONVENTION 2010 – Carolyn Love

The 2010 OK District Convention will be held in Oklahoma City April 16th and 17th. Carolyn stated that all the committee members have been appointed except one. Servant activities will include marking Spanish Bibles, wrapping books for Kendall Whittier School's Under Privileged Kids Association and working on Braille material. For the Gifts from the Heart, it has been recommended to designate The Children's Center and Infant Crisis Services, Inc., both located in Oklahoma City. Shari Stepanek will look into finding an Honor Guard for the opening ceremony. Interest Sessions will include LLL – Lutheran Hour, Rev. Joe Meyers, MEND Pregnancy Center, Katy Gifford for both Teens and YWRs and Heart to Heart. Carolyn then showed the proposed logo. There will be a luncheon for the YWRs and the pastors. At the August meeting we will have samples of the decorations and the registration form. Pastor Schroeder will be working on the worship service. Jarie Coggins made a motion to accept the presented logo. Seconded by Carol Fruehling. MSC. Gloria Bozarth made a motion to designate The Children's Center and Infant Crisis Services, Inc. for Gifts from the Heart. Motion seconded by Linda Lee Kremerier. MSC Gloria stated that Sherrie Schroeder was Financial Chairman for the convention and she will need to open a convention account in July so that we can start paying expenses. Beth Schoeling made a motion to allocate \$500 for the convention fund. Seconded by Jarie Coggins. MSC

ZONE REPORTS

ENID ZONE – Beth Schoeling

Beth reported that her societies are quilting, gathering items for kits and preparing dinners. Several societies are having dinners to honor new members, confirmands, baptisms and graduates. Two churches in the Enid Zone will be celebrating 110 year anniversaries in 2009. The Fall Fest will be held at Immanuel in Breckinridge on October 3, 2009. There will be an election of officers and the ingathering will be for the Breckinridge Community Center.

KINGFISHER ZONE – Sharon Bomhoff

Sharon reported that Mt. Calvary in Watonga will work with the local food pantry as a project. Their society will be going to quarterly meetings rather than monthly meetings. Trinity in El Reno had a special guest, Diana Dawkins from the Women of Faith to promote "The Women of Faith Presents a Grand New Day". The 2009 event will be at the Ford Center on October 30th and 31st, 2009. The Trinity LWML is also assembling bags containing coloring books and reading material for children to use during worship

services. Our Savior in Guthrie is changing their meeting time to the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. They hosted two Lenten meals, made an Easter Banner and they are working on layettes for LWR. The St. John's Ladies Aid tied three quilts for LWR and they conduct a Bible study from the *Quarterly* on the first Wednesday of the month. The St. John's Lamplighters served two Lenten meals. The proceeds will go toward the cost for members to attend the LWML Convention in Portland, OR. The LWML at Emmanuel in Kingfisher hosted a Seder meal on April 4, 2009. There will be approximately twelve ladies from the Kingfisher Zone attending the convention in Portland. The Fall Fest will be September 12, 2009 at Emmanuel in Kingfisher.

LAWTON ZONE – Kathie Gerdes

After the February Board meeting, Kathie was able to contact all the society officers and give them a summary of the meeting. First Lutheran in Chickasha did a wonderful job hosting the Spring Fling. There were ninety registrants with a total of ninety-one present including the presenters, two pastors and one vicar. The Lawton Zone was well represented with five of their congregations participating. The ingathering for the Pregnancy Testing and Counseling Center was tremendous. On March 28, 2009, members of the Lawton Zone Board of Directors met at St. John's in Granite. They revised the bylaws and they will submit a draft to the District Structure Committee. They also will send a draft to each congregation so that the bylaws can be reviewed locally and then voted on at their next zone business meeting. The Fall Fest will be on September 19 or 26, 2009 at Apache.

MIAMI ZONE – Grace Peterson

Several members from the Miami Zone enjoyed the Tri-Zone Spring Fling. Miami was in charge of the decorations. Grace thanked Cherie Meislahn for the table decorations. Grace also thanked Betty Reichert who designed the bookmarks for the favors and the members of Messiah for putting them together. She also thanked the Tulsa Zone for the lunch and the Ponca City Zone for the booklets. Plans are being made and funds are being raised to send the Miami Zone President to the LWML Convention in Portland, OR. Grace congratulated the Claremore society who served a second German Dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity who will be building a Lutheran Thrivent home in Claremore. They have raised over \$6,000 as part of the 10 percent of the total cost which will be donated by Thrivent. The Fall Fest will be held September 12, 2009 at Redeemer in Claremore.

OKLAHOMA CITY ZONE – Shari Stepanek

Shari reported that Faith in Oklahoma City hosted a spaghetti supper with the movie "Fireproof" as a fund raiser and they help support the Angel Food program. They meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. St. Mark in Edmond are assembling school kits for missions and they hosted the Zone Prayer Service. They meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Our Savior in Bethany hosted the OK Board of Directors meetings. They made box lunches on Palm Sunday as a fund raiser. They meet monthly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. St. Paul's in Wellston continue with the Children's Friday Fellowship. They have started a quilting class and they host senior luncheons and Bingo. Holy Trinity in Edmond had Pat Edwards from Birth Choice and the Blue Star Mothers as guest speakers. In May they are making Confirmation Banners and they are having a Ladies-Only-Swim-Party-Cookout. Trinity in Norman assisted Teen LWML collect items for Birth Choice and make receiving blankets. They hosted a Bunco night and they continue to raise funds by serving Sunday morning snacks. Good Shepherd in Midwest City packaged 100 pounds of sugar for the Mid-Del Food Pantry. They also continue with Bible studies and visiting Manor Care Nursing Home. Zion in Oklahoma City refurbished the nursery and kitchen. They have designated Infant Crisis, Inc. as a continuing project. They served meals for Lenten dinners. Messiah in Oklahoma City made and delivered Easter Baskets for shut-ins, had a Bible study led by Chaplain, Kathy Brown and prepared a dinner for the March voter's meeting. The date and location of the Fall Fest has not been established.

PANHANDLE ZONE – Jarie Coggins

Jarie reported that the Enid and Panhandle Zones met on March 14th in Buffalo for the Oklahoma LWML Spring Fling with forty-two attending. There was a wonderful presentation of ideas, suggestions, information and the Word was received. Great fellowship and food was shared and memories were made. Their mission projects were greatly blessed. The societies are continuing their individual mission projects. The Fall Fest will be held in Guymon on October 17, 2009.

PONCA CITY ZONE – Leola Thiemann

Leola reported that she and the elected zone officers manned the registration table for the Spring Fling held in Tulsa. Six of the seven societies in the zone were represented at the Fling, including one pastor and one child for a total attendance of 25 to 30 from the zone. On February 14th Leola attended the Tulsa Zone Executive Board meeting where Spring Fling planning was one of the chief agenda items. On April 8th she visited with the Deborah Circle of Trinity Lutheran in Blackwell. She gave them a brief Sioux Falls convention report and then spent time reviewing the guidelines for hosting a zone event. Blackwell will be hosting the Fall Fest on September the 19th. Their mission speakers will be Rev. Carlton and Arlene Riemer who have just returned from their mission trip to India. On May 3rd, Leola joined the District's Blitz team at Christ Lutheran in Perry.

TULSA ZONE – Carol Fruehling

The Tulsa Zone Board and Society Presidents met at Grace on February 14, 2009. They finalized plans for the Tri-Zone Spring Fling and took a tour of Grace so that everyone would be familiar with the layout for the event. Everyone was reminded to turn in their Mites to help meet the LWML Mite goal. They were also reminded that invoices for the *Quarterlies*, and Delegate Fund have been sent out and should be paid as soon as possible. Presidents were encouraged to personally invite their pastor's wives to attend the retreat in May. Everyone was encouraged to register for the convention in Portland. They also spent some time discussing the bylaws and the new zone newsletter. Carol stated that the Spring Fling was a wonderful event with 142 members attending. Pastor Mason Beecroft from Grace conducted the opening devotions. LWML presenters were Wendy Bacon, Bev England, Judy Roggow, Patti Ross and Rev. Barrie Henke who led the Bible study. Ponca City Zone coordinated registrations, Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa provided breakfast, Bethlehem in Adair provided table decorations and Grace Lutheran provided lunch. Table favors were courtesy of Messiah in Vinita. Gifts from the Heart included donations of food and women's personal items which were distributed to the South Peoria Neighborhood House and Glory House. The Fall Fest will be held September 26, 2009 at Trinity in Broken Arrow.

Dianna Just gave a closing devotion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

GLORIA BOZARTH, Recording Secretary
Oklahoma District