

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 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 November 1, 2008 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

President England opened the meeting by recognizing the many guests attending this meeting. She asked Board members to share cares, concerns and celebrations. Several were shared. The Bible Study "Fruit-bearing that Lasts into Eternity" was led by Pastor Henke. President England thanked both of the counselors for all they do for the LWML.

Those present were:

Bev England, President, MMV
Cindy Boster for Debbie Tabisz, V.P. Christian Life
Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary
Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Jr. Counselor
Linda Lee Kremeier, V.P. Human Care
Sharon Bomhoff, Kingfisher Zone President
Marilyn Alsip, Archivist-Historian
Marilyn Laramy, Special Gifts, Parliamentarian
Marguerite Christman, Recycling, Meeting Manager, MMV
Shari Stepanek, OKC Zone President
Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator
Grace Peterson, Miami Zone President
Carol Fruehling, Tulsa Zone President
T.J. Smith, YWR Coordinator
Lanece Young, Financial Secretary
Jeannie Merrill, OKC Zone Servant Resources
Susan Brunkow, Leader Development
Jill Fischaber, OKC Zone Human Care
Mona Deering, Archivist-Historian, OKC Zone
Mary Beck, Archivist-Historian, Ponca City Zone
Bernice Ehnert, Archivist-Historian, Holy Trinity, Edmond
Alexis Wasson, Field Reporter

Carolyn Love, V.P. Servant Resources
Nancy West, V.P. Gospel Outreach
Audrey House, V.P. Communication
June Wadley, Corresponding Secretary
Rev. Barrie Henke, Sr. Counselor
Patti Ross, Resources, P.R. Director
Krystine Gibson, Structure
Kathie Gerdes, Lawton Zone President
Linda Jo Allen, V.P. Miami Zone
Wilma Grimes, V.P. Human Res., Enid Zone
Susan Anderson, OKC Zone Secretary
Jarie Coggins, Panhandle Zone President
Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone President
Leola Thiemann, Ponca City Zone President
Anita Miller, Field Reporter
Nelly Castaneda, Heart to Heart
Judy Roggow, District Planner
Karen Rumsey, Guest, Kingfisher Zone
Debbie Hooper, Ponca City Zone V.P.
Cindy Fischaber, V.P. Human Care, Enid Zone
Elaine Roth, Archivist-Historian, Kingfisher Zone
Ebba Johnson, Archivist-Historian Emeritus
Diane Alden, Archivist-Historian, Tulsa Zone

President England stated that BOO (BigTime Officer Orientation) continues. President England asked Audrey House, V.P. of Communication to address the Board. Audrey stated that her committee involves the store, the LWML section of the *Lutheran Witness*, and the Web site. Working with Audrey are Patti Ross, the P.R. Director, and Anita Miller, Alexis Wasson and Marci Beikmann field reporters. Patti is also in charge of the LWML store. Audrey reported that there are now videos on the Web site. Patti Ross, P.R. Director, stated that there are several new resources available. Products are intended to be used for meeting helps, for visibility in the congregation and the community and for Christian growth. Patti stated that the profits from resource sales cover the expenses of the National LWML business office. She then showed the Board several of the new resources that are available. President England then called upon Susan Brunkow, Leader Development. Susan chaired the BOO event on Friday evening. England stated that Susan did a

wonderful job with the event. Susan talked to the Board about planning LWML events. She provided Board members with a check list covering various aspects of planning that should be addressed. She gave the following suggestions: arrive early; double check on all arrangements with your chairman; have a plan B for emergencies; monitor the sequence of events and time flow; see that the food is on time; make sure all payments are made and oversee clean up and lock up.

President England stated that Carolyn Love is acting as the treasurer today. If Board members need reimbursement for travel or other expenses, they should fill out a voucher and turn it in to Carolyn. She encouraged members to car pool where possible to cut meeting costs. She stated that meetings cost around \$1600.00 and car pooling helps to reduce that cost.

England then divided the Board into various groups for half an hour to share ideas. The Zone Presidents will meet with her, the vice presidents are to meet with Nancy West, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, communication and public relations will meet with Audrey House, Vice President of Communication, human care will meet with Linda Lee Kremeier, Vice President of Human Care, servant resources will meet with Carolyn Love, Vice President of Servant Resources and the secretaries will meet with Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Gloria Bozarth

Gloria asked those present to sign the attendance roster being passed around. She asked if there were any corrections to the August 2008 Board of Director's minutes. Having no corrections Linda Lee Kremeier made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Sharon Bomhoff. MSC

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – June Wadley

June reported that the directory of the elected officers, counselors, appointed personnel and committees and the Zone officers has been distributed today. The individual society information will be distributed at the February Board meeting. She asked the Zone Presidents to make sure that their societies get accurate information to her. June also shared a thank you letter and a picture from the Eddie Hosch family for our District's financial support. He is a seminary student at Concordia, Ft. Wayne.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lanece Young for Lisa Graf

The quarterly treasurer's report covers the period between July 1, 2008 and September 30, 2008. The balance on hand in the general fund on July 1, 2008 was \$65,009.39 which included \$11,123.32 in the restricted cartridge fund. Receipts totaled \$21,129.75 and disbursements equaled \$53,289.56, leaving a balance in the general fund of \$32,849.58 minus the restricted cartridge fund of \$10,433.56. The balance in the unrestricted general fund as of September 30, 2008 was \$22,416.02. Lanece Young, Financial Secretary, reported that in October, she has received \$1637.43 for Mites and \$966.02 for the Delegate Fund from the Fall Fests. Lanece reported that she has only received Fall Fest monies from three zones – Ponca City, Kingfisher and Tulsa. President England asked the other Zone Presidents to visit with Lanece sometime today and reminded them that the Guidelines specify that the monies be sent in three to five days following the Fall Fest. Patti Ross asked Zone Presidents to remind their societies to send in their Delegate und money. A motion was made by Beth Schoeling to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Kathie Gerdes. MSC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –Bev England

President Bev stated that it was a busy three months since the last Board meeting. She applauded the Board Vice Presidents for working on some of their goals set at the Planning/Visioning meeting in August. Some of the activities she participated in are as follows:

- 1 Coordinated and facilitated an LWML Blitz along with Patti Ross and MMVs Marguerite Christman, and Betty Reichert at Good Shepherd in Tulsa resulting in a new society with 21 members.
- 2 Along with Susan Brunkow, Marguerite Christman, former President, Patti Ross and past Convention Programming Chairman, Betty Reichert updated and revised the Oklahoma District Convention Guidelines in conjunction with the Structure Chairman.
- 3 With the above mentioned individuals, the Oklahoma District Zone Guidelines were also updated.
- 4 She attended a convention site meeting with Gloria Bozarth, Chris Lee and Marguerite Christman. The facilities were toured and the convention guidelines were reviewed for the OKC 2010 LWML District Convention.
- 5 She conferred with corresponding secretary, June Wadley, on the District Directory updates.
- 6 Bev attended four Fall Fests.
- 7 She worked on BOO preparations and facilitated a portion of the program.
- 8 She conferred with Zone Presidents to obtain updates on new officer information.
- 9 She wrote articles for *The Lutheran Witness* and *The Voice of Service*.
- 10 She conferred with the Vice Presidents regarding their goals set at the Visioning/Planning meeting.
- 11 She conferred with Teen Coordinator, Delia Hansen, in preparing the District's new Teen newsletter, *Teen Talk*.
- 12 She conferred with V.P. Linda Kremeier and Heidi Thoden regarding Spiritual Kits.
- 13 She conferred with VP Carolyn Love and YWR Coordinator, T.J. Smith, regarding YWR Zone programming and a YWR *Reflections* newsletter.
- 14 She attended the Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis in October.
- 15 She prepared for today's meeting by writing reports and assisting with the distribution of reports.

Meetings and events President England participated in during the past quarter included:

- 1 August 10, 2008 – Installation of Vicar Chris Tiews at Grace, Tulsa
- 2 August 23, 2008 – Enid Zone Fall Fest at Zion in Alva
- 3 September 12, 2008 - Site meeting for the 2010 District Convention and OKC Archivist-Historian meeting with Marilyn Alsip in Midwest City
- 4 September 13, 2008 – Kingfisher Zone Fall Fest at Our Savior in Guthrie
- 5 September 14, 2008 – LWML Blitz – Good Shepherd in Tulsa
- 6 September 20, 2008 – OKC Zone Fall Fest at Immanuel in Oklahoma City
- 7 September 27, 2008 – Miami Zone Fall Fest at Redeemer in Bartlesville
- 8 October 24-26, 2008 – Attended the Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis
- 9 October 31, 2008 - Attended BigTime Officer Orientation at Good Shepherd in Midwest City
- 10 November 1, 2008 – Board of Director's meeting at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Bethany

President England reported that the slate for national officers has come out and Patti Ross is on the ballot for Vice President of Christian Life. President Bev also reported that Marguerite Christman has been appointed as the National Convention Manager. She will be in training at the Portland convention and will be the manager for the Peoria and Pittsburgh national conventions.

SENIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Barrie Henke

To the tune of *I'll Fly Away*, Pastor Henke reported that he attended the Fall Fests in Duncan, Tulsa and Newkirk.

JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR – Rev. Dwayne Schroeder

Pastor Schroeder reported that he attended the Fall Fests at Alva, Kingfisher, Guthrie and Oklahoma City. He also attended the BOO on Friday night.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE – Cindy Boster for Debbie Tabisz

Cindy reported that the Christian Life Committee received positive feedback on the opening devotion and Bible study for the Fall Fests. The committee is looking for women to write Bible studies, short stories, devotions and prayers. So far they have 3 women who have indicated their willingness to write the aforementioned. The committee is planning half day workshops in February and in August for those interested in writing materials. They are also planning a fall 2009 Pastor's wives retreat. The retreat will run from a Thursday afternoon through a Saturday late morning or early afternoon. More information will be shared at the February Board meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION – Audrey House

Audrey reported that she brainstormed ideas for the Web site and worked on podcasts for the site. The mission video is up and Cindy Newkirk's presentation will be online soon as will be Rev. William Diekelman's presentation. Audrey also reported that she attended the Assembly of Leaders in St. Louis. She stated that the field reporters have been busy helping to gather mission stories. Audrey stated that she is encouraging her committee to connect via Skype so that they can work on projects like creating a promotional video for the District. The communication committee is also in the process of creating an IPOD "*Minutes of God*" series. Audrey reported that her committee encourages individual societies to obtain *The Voice of Service* electronically. Betty Reichert, District Editor, created the Summer VOS, she distributed the publication to the printer and to the e-mail contact list. Betty designed the logo for BOO and created the flyer and registration as well as assisted in editing the booklet for that event. She designed the Oklahoma District Teen LWML logo, added graphics to the Teen gathering flyer and designed and helped create the first Oklahoma District Teen LWML newsletter. Betty also gifted today's Board members with a homemade jar of jam. Public Relations Director, Patti Ross, reported that she attended the Enid Fall Fest and she attended the Blitz at Good Shepherd in Tulsa. She assembled materials for BOO. Patti assembled and mailed welcome information packets to nine pastors and vicars who are new to the Oklahoma District. She attended and set up the LWML store at the Tulsa Fall Fest. Ross printed copies of the VOS for Good Shepherd in Tulsa and for the pastor's packets. She has inventoried store items returned from Miami, Tulsa and OKC Zones. She saw that the *Lutheran Witness* articles were submitted for the August, September and October deadlines. Patti encourages Board members to send in any photos of themselves and others in their LWML clothing from far and near places for the Web site.

VICE PRESIDENT OF GOSPEL OUTREACH – Nancy West

Nancy reported that there are three requests for grant payments. They are the Outreach and Support for the Cristo Rey Ministry, Concordia Seminary (Ft. Wayne) Food and Clothing Co-op and Oklahoma District Ministerial Students. The seminary students at Concordia, St. Louis are Christopher Griffith, Jacob Hummal, Clifton Loman, Daniel Ross and Tyler Williams and the students at Concordia, Ft. Wayne are Jay Hobson, Edward Hosch III, and Matthew Tasse. Nancy made a motion from her committee that the Board authorize funding the full grant to Cristo Rey Ministry for \$3000.00, half of the grant for the Ft. Wayne Food and Clothing Co-op for \$5000.00 and half of the grant for the Oklahoma District Ministerial Students for \$6,000.00. Motion passed. Nancy stated that the Mission Grant video is on the Web site. She has extra copies on CD/DVD if Board members would like one. Nancy stated that one of the goals of her committee was to make a fun video about writing mission grants and put that information on the Web Site. Another goal her committee developed is to visit and encourage other societies. Her committee will be going to Wellston on December 4, 2008 to talk about Mites among other things.

Marguerite Christman gave a devotion before lunch titled “*Pumpkins and Jesus*”.

Lunch Break

The afternoon session was opened with a devotion by Judy Roggow, District Planner.

VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN CARE – Linda Lee Kremeier

Linda reported that she and Judy Roggow attended the Ponca City Fall Fest in Newkirk. They each said a few words of welcome and presented a short sketch about going to the Portland convention. She stated that at the Kingfisher Fall Fest she also had the opportunity to urge societies in her zone to make more LWR kits. Linda related that she and her committee have developed Spiritual Kits. Each kit consists of a Bible (new or almost new), *Portals of Prayer*, *LWML Quarterly*, prayer book, a pencil and notepad, an LWML tract and even an LWML bear. Also suggested was encouragement cards with Bible verses or even small personal notes put in the Bible with scripture references. She stated that Heidi Thoden is working on the graphics for a flyer to be placed inside of each kit stating who we are and that God loves them and so do we. She encourages each zone society to make these kits to be used in times of disaster such as fire or a flood and to let her know when one is given to an individual or family. She also stated that it was suggested that bereavement kits be made. The Human Care Committee is also looking at possible mission trips in which the District might participate. Linda reported that she was still waiting to hear from a few zones on their LWR count.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SERVANT RESOURCES – Carolyn Love

Carolyn reported that Leader Development and MMVs have been busy. The goal of these committees was to visit three societies each quarter. On September 14, 2008, Bev England, Betty Reichert, Patti Ross and Marguerite Christman visited Good Shepherd in Tulsa to talk about LWML. They attended church and stayed for an organizational meeting. Twenty-one women joined their LWML that day. The MMVs have been in contact with Hope in Sulphur, Redeemer in Shawnee and Holy Cross in Lawton and they have an activity planned with St. Paul’s in Enid on November 2, 2008. The goal of the Structure Committee was to encourage zones and societies to update their bylaws. Suggestions for updating the Panhandle Zone have already been given and the other seven zones are being reviewed. The Teen coordinator’s goal was to develop a Teen newsletter and this has been accomplished. The YWR goal was to develop a Zone Young Women’s program and the guidelines have been drawn up. Susan Brunkow, Leader Development reported that twenty-seven individuals attended BOO the previous evening. She asked those who attended BOO to fill out the evaluation sheet in the back of their booklet and turn it in to her committee. President England related the MMVs experience at Good Shepherd in Tulsa where twenty-one women came together to form a LWML society. Krystine Gibson, Structure Committee reported that today she was able to hand out six recommendations on changes in bylaws to the Zones and the other two will be worked up in the near future. Krystine asked the Zones to meet with their officers and societies to update their bylaws and then bring those updated bylaws to the February 2009 meeting for approval and then those updated bylaws would be voted on by the individual Zones at their 2009 Fall Fests. Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator stated that her committee developed and published the first Teen newsletter. She thanked those who assisted her. She also reported that there would be a Teen gathering on November 16, 2008 at Messiah in Oklahoma City. She will be going to Tulsa in the near future for the same type of activity. There is a new Teen group that has been established at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Bethany. T.J. Smith, YWR Coordinator reported that she has received six applications for YWRs to represent the District at the Portland convention. Her committee will be introducing the applicants at the February Board meeting. At that meeting the Board of Directors will vote on which two women will be our representatives and alternates. Her committee, with the help of Marguerite Christman, have put together a handbook for the young women’s program. Her committee will have a meeting before the February Board meeting with the Zone Vice Presidents. The

Zone Vice Presidents will be responsible for the YWRs at the Zone level. T.J. reported that her committee will also have a newsletter, *Reflections*, which will be printed in conjunction with *Teen Talk*.

MEETING MANAGER AND RECYCLING – Marguerite Christman

Marguerite reported the following activities:

- 1 She continues to gather information regarding the 2010 convention at the Express Event Center in Oklahoma City, including hotels, meals, etc.
- 2 Along with the president, updated and revised the OK District Convention Guidelines with the approval of the structure chairman, previous president and the convention programming chairman.
- 3 She arranged for an on-site visit and tour September 12th for the 2010 convention co-chairmen and the president to the Express Event Center, at which time the updated guidelines were also shared.
- 4 She sent by e-mail, Participant Release Forms to the attendees attending the October 31 – November 1 meetings and arranged for housing needs to be hosted in private homes.
- 5 She verified site arrangements at Good Shepherd for the October 31 BOO training, including a meal count.
- 6 She verified site arrangements at Lutheran Church of Our Savior for the November 1 Board of Directors, BOO training and archivist-historians training including a meal count.

Under recycling, Marguerite reported that during the past quarter the program has received \$983.64. From that 25% or \$245.91 has gone to National Mites and 10% or 98.36 has gone to the Special Gifts Fund. She handed out a flyer outlining the various items that can be collected for recycling and encouraged Zone Presidents to share that information with their societies.

SPECIAL GIFTS FUND REPORT – Marilyn Laramy

Marilyn reported that the balance on hand in the Special Gifts Fund as of June 30, 2008 was \$25,541.43. Interest for July-September was \$185.01 leaving a total on September 30, 2008 of \$25,726.44. She also reported that since October 24, 2008 she has received an additional \$5876.46.

DISTRICT PLANNER – Judy Roggow

Judy reported that she attended the District goal planning meeting on August 1, 2008 and the District Board meeting on August 2, 2008 at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Bethany. She attended the Ponca City Fall Fest at St. John in Newkirk representing the District with Linda Lee Kremeier. She and Linda Lee performed a sketch promoting the upcoming Portland convention.

ARCHIVIST-HISTORIAN – Marilyn Alsip

Marilyn reported that she has received the twenty archive safe boxes ordered and she is in the process of transferring and organizing files for the boxes. At today's meeting she is meeting with Zone archivist-historians. Elaine Roth is the new archivist-historian from Kingfisher Zone and Mona Deering is the new archivist-historian for the OKC Zone. The biennial report to the National LWML Archivist-Historian has been completed and mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

During today's meeting those in attendance voted on banner design submissions for the District's Portland

banner. The submission from the Miami Zone was selected.

President England asked the Board if they would like to have Tri-Zone Spring Flings. She explained that the officers who attended the Assembly of Leaders put together a program for the Spring Flings. She stated that they could present the program three times but not eight times for the eight individual zones. Gloria Bozarth made a motion that in the spring of 2009 the District have Tri-Zone Spring Flings. Motion seconded by Carolyn Love. MSC The proposed dates for the Spring Flings are March 7, 2009 for Tulsa, Miami and Ponca City Zones, March 8, 2009 for Lawton, Kingfisher and Oklahoma City Zones and March 14, 2009 for Panhandle and Enid Zones. Audrey House made a motion to accept the proposed dates and the configuration of zones. Motion seconded by Carol Fruehling. MSC

President Bev again reiterated that the National Mites is behind in collection. Earlier in the meeting the Board collected \$487.62 to be sent to National Mites. She would like the Board to pre-approve \$10,000 to be sent to National as the money comes into the District. Jarie Coggins made a motion to send \$10,000 to National as funds become available. Motion seconded by Sharon Bomhoff. MSC The motion was amended by Jarie Coggins to read that that the Board send \$10,000 to National Mites as money becomes available before March 31, 2009, Motion seconded by Sharon Bomhoff. MSC

President England stated that traditionally the offerings taken at the Fall Fests go to National Mites and the left over money from registration goes to the general fund. She would like a motion to go into the minutes specifying the distribution of Fall Fest monies. Jarie Coggins made a motion that the money collected at the Fall Fest offerings be sent to National Mites and the left over registration money be placed in the Delegate Fund. Motion seconded by Shari Stepanek. MSC

Krystine Gibson stated that her committee has revised the following guidelines;

- 1 Oklahoma District Zone Guidelines
- 2 Zone Spring and Fall Event Guidelines
- 3 Zone Event Guidelines for Host Society
- 4 Zone Nominating Committee Guidelines
- 5 Oklahoma District LWML Convention Guidelines
- 6 District Treasurer Position Description
- 7 District Financial Secretary Description

A motion was made by Carolyn Love from the Structure Committee to accept the above mentioned guidelines. Motion passed. It was stated that there are presently no guidelines for Gospel Outreach. Those will be submitted at a later date.

Marguerite Christman shared information about the upcoming Portland convention that will be held on June 25-28, 2009. There will be an Oklahoma caucus on the Thursday prior to the convention from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

ZONE REPORTS

ENID ZONE – Beth Schoeling

Beth reported that the Enid Fall Fest was August 23, 2008 in Alva. The guest speaker was Brent Roggow and the Bible study was led by Pastor Mark Bersche. Information from the District was distributed to those in attendance. The Zone is getting back to quilting and collecting other LWR items. One society hosted a “Tea”. It is a tradition they would like to do each year. Most of the zone’s societies have celebrated LWML Sunday. St. Paul’s in Enid has yet to have theirs. The delegate to Portland will be Louise Holt from Garber. The nominating committee member is Wilma Grimes.

KINGFISHER ZONE – Sharon Bomhoff

The ladies of the El Reno LWML sent \$100.00 to Paul and Karen Vollrath who are Bible translators from Texas. They also sent \$50.00 to Youth and Family Services, mobile meals and Russell Murray. They placed *Portals of Prayers* and tracts in two nursing homes and in Parkview Hospital. In September Renee Hord, a missionary from Taiwan, was their guest speaker. Three ladies attended the Fall Fest. One hundred dollars was given to the TLC Mission Guild. LWML Sunday was October 12, 2008 and they had a birthday party for the residents in the Care Living Center on October 16, 2008. St. John's in Okarche sponsored a birthday party at First Shamrock. Five women attended the Fall Fest. They have adopted a seminary student to sponsor and they purchased linen to make baptismal napkins. St. John's Lamplighters in Okarche had seven members attend the Fall Fest. Chad Boggs is their adopted student and the offering at Thanksgiving will be sent to him. A special Christmas offering will go to Daniel Deardoff, a seminary student. They have given school kits to Cristo Rey for the Mexico mission and they gave items to the El Reno Women's Shelter. Mt. Calvary in Watonga had four women attend the Fall Fest. They served the District Pastors refreshments on October 13th. Their local projects include the Food Bank and the Angel Tree at Christmas. In December they will attend the Gospel Sing Christmas program in Clinton. Our Savior in Guthrie collects items for LWR throughout the year and they send clothing and other supplies to Concordia Seminary. They hosted the Fall Fest for the zone. Karen Rumsey was elected president of their society.

LAWTON ZONE – Kathie Gerdes

The Lawton Zone Fall Fest was held at Good Shepherd in Duncan with forty-two people in attendance which included five pastors. The mission speaker was Audrey Eggers. Present at the meeting were the granddaughter of the District's 1st Vice President and the niece of the District's 1st Treasurer. Several women from St. John's in Lawton were in attendance. That society was one of the founding groups. Newly elected officers are: President, Kathie Gerdes; V.P. of Christian Life, Gayle Anderson; V.P. of Human Care, Darcy Cline; V.P. of Gospel Outreach, Yvonne Moore and Secretary-Treasurer, Helen McDonald. Cherri Stegemoeller will serve on the District nominating committee.

St. John's in Granite sent 344 pounds of items to LWR which included sixteen quilts. The women of Holy Cross continue to support the church's food bank for the needy as well as working with the campus ministry at Cameron University and ministering to families at Ft. Sill. The women at St. Peter's in Apache help with funds and time for community projects. The women of St. John's in Lone Wolf collect items for LWR and work with a local nursing home. St. John's in Lawton celebrated LWML Sunday by wearing handmade silk purple and gold corsages and by participating in the service. They will be sponsoring a community wide turkey dinner in early November with the funds raised used to support various projects inside and outside of the church. Good Shepherd in Duncan is working to revitalize their society. They will be sponsoring a Brat Fest which is a fund raiser open to the community.

MIAMI ZONE – Grace Peterson

The Miami Zone held their Fall Fest at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bartlesville. There were twenty-two delegates, eighteen members, two pastors and one vicar in attendance. Vicar Matt Ulmer led the opening devotion. The women from Messiah in Vinita led the Bible study. Pastor Trinidad Castaneda was the guest speaker and gave a slide presentation of his mission work in El Manto, Mexico. Officers elected are as follows: President, Grace Peterson; Vice President, Linda Allen and Secretary-Treasurer, Dianna Just. Grace Peterson will be the delegate to the Portland convention and Linda Allen is the alternate. Immanuel in Grove is a new society and reported that they have held their first LWML Sunday celebrated as an LWML society. They are having a kitchen shower on November 16, 2008 to stock the kitchen in their own church which is under construction. Claremore reported that their German dinner was a big success and provided them with funds for missions. The LWML at Redeemer in Bartlesville enjoyed a pizza lunch after

their LWML Sunday and listened to a presentation by Dianna Just on her two summers in China.

OKLAHOMA CITY ZONE – Shari Stepanek

Ninety-six registered for the Fall Fest. There were four pastors and four guests. The offerings totaled \$556.00. The LWML store sold \$434.75 worth of merchandise and nine Anniversary books sold for \$72.00. Faith in Oklahoma City is preparing to distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families. St. Mark in Edmond is preparing for an Angel Tree project. Messiah in Oklahoma City sponsored a presentation by Pastor and Shirley Henschel on their trip to China. Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Bethany hosts the Board of Director's meetings and supply monthly luncheons for Redeemer Academy. Zion in Oklahoma City will be assisting with upcoming Advent and Christmas activities. Immanuel in Oklahoma City made and sold glass tree ornaments to raise money to attend LWML conventions and they sponsor a Teen LWML. St. Paul's in Wellston helped sponsor a community luncheon with Thrivent to benefit the Community Library and resumed Afterschool Friday Fellowship in September. Trinity in Norman assembled fifty-one health kits and held their quarterly meeting with the theme of Antique Treasure Show with each woman sharing an antique or treasure. Christ in Mustang hosted a craft show in September. St. John's in Moore helped with the Fall Festival, had a Stone Soup luncheon and collected groceries for seminary students in St. Louis. Good Shepherd in Midwest City marked ninety-eight Bibles for the Mexico mission, sponsor the Book Nook and provide Thanksgiving baskets for MWC area families. Cristo Rey in Oklahoma City held VBS in Enid for a Hispanic community. Holy Trinity in Edmond hosted a salad luncheon with guest speaker Sandra Keller who shared her experiences on her mission trip to China. They also sponsor a November Craft Fair.

PANHANDLE ZONE – Jarie Coggins

The Panhandle Zone's Fall Fest was held at Hope Lutheran Church in Boise City. Pastor John Miller gave the opening devotion. Anita Miller, Field Reporter and Lisa Graf, Treasurer brought greetings from the District. Dianna Just was the speaker. The luncheon was served by Texhoma and Boise City. Bible Study leaders were Vickie Bair and Ramona Dies from Buffalo. Twenty-seven attended the Fall Fest which included three pastors. The offering totaled \$262.00. The officers elected are Jarie Coggins, President; Joyce Watson, Vice President and Vickie Bair, Secretary-Treasurer. Joyce Watson was selected as the delegate to the Portland convention and Jarie Coggins as the alternate. The District Nominating Committee member is Esther Shelby. Ramona Dies is the Human Care Chairman, Debbie Bohlmann will continue as the recycling chairman and Nancy Meyer is the Archivist-Historian. Approximately 2614 pounds of items were sent to LWR.

PONCA CITY ZONE – Leola Thiemann

Leola stated that she is still working on a Zone Directory. The Fall Fest was held at St. John's in Newkirk. The opening devotion was given by Rev. Jim Dehne of Newkirk. Bible Study leaders were Tanya Hercyk, Kathryn Prescott and Arlene Riemer. The mission speaker was Gloria Schwisow who is a member of Holy Trinity in Edmond's mission team to Servant's of the Heart in Guatemala City, Guatemala for the last two summers. Linda Lee Kremeier and Judy Roggow brought greetings from the District. The results of the elections are as follows: Leola Thiemann, President; Debbie Hopper, Vice President; Esther Bersche, Secretary-Treasurer; Joan Miller, nominating committee member; Rev. Jim Dehne, Pastoral Counselor; Tanya Hercyk, delegate to the Portland convention with Shelly Sitton serving as the alternate. Thirty-eight attended the Fall Fest which included one pastor and one seminary student. The offering was \$157.00. Since the last Board meeting Leola has visited the society at Zion in Guthrie. She will be visiting with the society in Cushing in November.

TULSA ZONE – Carol Fruehling

Eighty-four individuals attended the Tulsa Zone Fall Fest. Lutheran World Relief items totaled 3718 pounds.

President Bev England led the Board members in a closing devotion. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Gloria Bozarth, Recording Secretary
Oklahoma District