

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LWML BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2010
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ENID, OK

The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma District Lutheran Women's Missionary League met at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Enid, OK on October 2, 2010 at 9 a.m.

President Bev England welcomed all board members to the meeting. She introduced and welcomed the PR Representatives and Christian Life Committee members who were in attendance. Pres. Bev then welcomed Rev. Scott Whittenburg, Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church and presented LWML gifts to him. President Bev England called the meeting to order in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. She asked for cares, concerns and celebrations. We remember Leslie, a young mother whose twin daughters died at birth and whom she, herself, has had a heart attack. Prayers are needed for Vicki Wing, who had back surgery, and for Pres. Bev's mother who is back at the care center. We are asked to remember Mary Myers, wife of Pastor Myers. Prayers of celebration are for new life for Pastor Myers, Carol Spangler, Doreen Walker and Juanita Sodowsky. We also celebrate the birth of granddaughters for Marguerite Christman and Betty Reichert.

Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Sr. Counselor led the opening devotions. He asked each lady to ask herself, "Why do I do what I do? What does God want me to do? What are the goals for my life? What is my mission statement?" Because of Jesus' "I AM" statements, we are changed. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life", and we hunger no more. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World," and we are no more in darkness. Because He said, "I am the Good Shepherd," we wander no more; we have security. Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," and we have no more death. He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," and we have no more lies; we aren't lost or on the outside. Jesus said, "I am the Vine," and we no longer have unfruitfulness. Pastor Schroeder asked, "Why are you here?"

Board Members and guests present were:

Bev England, President, MMV
Joyce Von Dielingen, V.P. Christian Life
Susan Brunkow, V.P. Communication
Linda Lee Kremeier, V.P. Human Care
Lori Steele, V.P. Gospel Outreach
Carolyn Love, V.P. Servant Resources
Esther Bersche, Rec. Secretary
June Wadley, Corr. Secretary
Katie Schroeder, Treasurer
Lanece Young, Fin. Secretary
Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, Sr. Counselor
Betty Reichert, Dist. Editor, MMV
Krystine Gibson, Structure, Spec. Gifts, Parliamentarian
Marguerite Christman, Recycling, Meeting Mgr., MMV
Joyce Watson, Panhandle Zone Pres.
Sharon Bomhoff, Kingfisher Zone Pres.
Judy Roggow, Enid Zone Pres., Dist. PR Comm.

Sharon Greene for Helen McDonald, Lawton Zone Pres.
Carol Fruehling, Tulsa Zone Pres.
Suzet Roggow, OKC Zone Pres.
Cherie Meislahn, Miami Zone Pres.
Debbie Hooper, Ponca City Zone Pres.
Delia Hansen, Teen Coordinator
Kari Clark, Teen Coordinator
Elizabeth Whitfield, YWR Committee
Nelly Castaneda, Heart to Heart Coordinator
Marilyn Alsip, Archivist-Historian
Ebba Johnson, Archivist- Historian Emeritus
Mary Olsen, Panhandle Zone PR Rep.
Beth Schoeling, Enid Zone PR Rep.
Jill Fischaber, OKC Zone PR Rep.
Mona Deering, OKC Zone Archivist-Historian
Myrna Lou Meyer, Christian Life Committee
Ruth M. Stuewe, Christian Life Committee

RECORDING SECRETARY – Esther Bersche

Esther presented the Minutes of the June 26, 2010 meeting with one additional name correction. Pres. Bev asked for further corrections. There being none, the motion to accept the minutes was made by Carol Fruehling, and Katie Schroeder seconded. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – June Wadley

June read a note from MEND Medical Clinic thanking the OK LWML for letting them be at the Convention in April. A second thank you note was read from the Grewe Family for the OK LWML donation of greeting cards to Concordia Theological Seminary. June also read a letter from Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso, TX thanking the OK LWML for the health items donated for their dorms.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Lanece Young

Lanece gave the Quarterly Report for July through Aug. 30, 2010. Total receipts from each zone were: Enid - \$688.18; Kingfisher - \$1738.57; Lawton - \$1285.59; Miami - \$2288.97; Oklahoma City - \$5006.23; Panhandle - \$543.88; Ponca City - \$1053.48; Tulsa - \$3338.99. Total Receipts were \$15,943.89.

TREASURER – Katie Schroeder

Katie gave the Treasurer's Report for the period of June 3, 2010 to Aug. 31, 2010. Because of some confusion on the reporting periods, a new financial report will be issued, and a vote will be taken by e-mail. She explained some changes in the format of the report. In response to a question, she reported that the Delegate Fund has a balance of \$5,037.58 as of August 31, 2010.

Officer and Committee Reports

PRESIDENT – Bev England

Pres. Bev asked everyone to read her printed report of the activities she had done from June 27, 2010 to October 2, 2010. Those items were:

- Attended anniversary celebration for Pastor Leonard Busch, Good Shepherd, Tulsa
- Attended anniversary celebration service and reception for Pastor Harold Klawitter, Trinity, Broken Arrow
- Planned 'Leader Summit' with MMVs and made many phone calls coordinating those activities
- Attended Carol Spangler's Memorial Service at First Lutheran, Tahlequah
- Conferred with Susan Brunkow and Sarah Ross on the OK LWML website
- Worked with *The Voice of Service* Editor, Betty, on favors, flyers, etc.
- Had telephone conferences with Marguerite, Meeting Manager, regarding 2012 Convention sites
- Conferred with VPs on their upcoming 'Visioning'
- Conferred with many Zone Presidents and officers regarding the Fall Fest elections, arrangements, etc.
- Authored 'Presidential Passages' article for upcoming *The Voice of Service*
- Attended two Fall Fests—Kingfisher and Ponca City Zones
- Had conference call with Carolyn Blum regarding MMV program and *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*
- Had conference call with Susan Brunkow
- Designed flyer with Susan for teens Call to Fall Fests
- Met with Lori Steele on mission grants and 'just catch up' items
- Attended and assisted in facilitation of the 'Leader Summit'
- Prepared Call to Meeting and Agenda for this meeting
- Prepared Presidential report for this meeting
- Prepared Report Packets for this BOD meeting

Pres. Bev emphasized that the LWML Blitz's are being scheduled by the MMVs for the fall. There were 17 requests at Convention. YWR candidates for the Peoria Convention should send their applications to Elizabeth Whitfield. Pres. Bev urged all creative people to send banner suggestions to Susan Brunkow, V. P. Communication, by Feb. 20, 2011. The design will be selected at the March 5, 2011 BOD meeting. Guidelines for the banner will be put on the OK LWML website. Pres. Bev needs a count of the number of people who signed up at the Fall Fests to ride the bus to Convention. Discussion continued on the possibility of needing a caucus room at the Peoria Convention. Lori Steele made the motion and Sharon Bomhoff seconded:

That the Oklahoma District does have a caucus at the Peoria Convention. The motion passed.

Since Mites are down, she asked everyone to encourage the members to continue donating.

VP CHRISTIAN LIFE - Joyce Von Dielingen

Joyce reported that the committee had prepared the Fall Fest materials. She had represented Pres. Bev at the Enid Zone Fall Fest. The committee has gathered information for the Fall Retreat for next year and *Mustard Seeds* for preparation of Spring Fling materials. Joyce has prepared and submitted the new *The Voice of Service* article, 'Food for the Soul'.

VP COMMUNICATION – Susan Brunkow

Because it takes special software to enable the forms to be filled in on the OK LWML website, Susan mentioned the District needs to consider the possibility of purchasing Adobe Software. It will be around \$400-\$500. She will send out to all Zone Presidents the guidelines for their reports to be sent to the website. Since *The Voice of Service* is tied to the board meetings, there will only be three issues a year resulting in a longer period of time between issues. Articles are due now for the next issue. Send pictures of the Fall Fests to Susan to be included on the website. Susan has sent monthly articles to the Oklahoma insert for *The Lutheran Witness*. She has edited Teen LWML Flyers and worked with Teen Coordinators on certificates. She developed a new LWR form for the website. She assisted the Web Servant in updating the District website and the Editor in proofreading *The Voice of Service*. Susan attended the OK District Leader Summit. She represented Pres. Bev and gave the President's report at the Panhandle Zone Fall Fest in Buffalo. Assistance was given to the planner with the decorations for the visioning meeting. Sarah Ross, Web Servant, updated the website and included quick links to the LWML forms. She investigated several types of software to improve the OK website. Betty Reichert, Editor of *The Voice of Service*, gathered articles and information for the summer *The Voice of Service* and created and edited the summer *The Voice of Service* and sent it to the Board of Directors, the societies, the national contacts and the website. District LWML PR Committee member, Judy Roggow, attended the Leader Summit at Midwest City on August 21 and the Enid Zone Fall Fest at St. John, Covington on Sept. 18, 2010. She planned and directed the meal for the Visioning meeting in Enid on October 1.

VP GOSPEL OUTREACH – Lori Steele

Nelly Castaneda, Heart to Heart Coordinator, reported that she had been at the Oklahoma City Zone Fall Fest. Lori reported that all the grants approved last meeting had been paid. Additional requests will be presented later. She had attended the Leader Summit on Aug. 21 and the Miami and Tulsa Zones Fall Fests in Adair and Tulsa as representative for Pres. Bev.

VP HUMAN CARE - Linda Lee Kremeier

Linda reported that she had attended the Leader Summit in August and the Lawton Fall Fest as representative for the OK District LWML. Each zone has been contacted requesting Lutheran World Relief final totals. The final total will be available after all zones have reported. Each society should communicate with its Pastor to let them know the LWML has Spiritual Kits available if needed. The committee, which also includes Thelma Travis and Gloria Bozarth, is working on a mission trip possibility.

VP SERVANT RESOURCES – Carolyn Love

The YWR Committee developed a flyer advertising the Fall Fests. YWR applications to attend National Convention are available from each zone or society president or on the OK LWML website. Send the applications to Elizabeth Whitfield before Dec. 1. Carolyn commended the MMVs along with Pastors Van Scharrel and Schroeder for the wonderful job planning and executing the Leader Summit in August. Krystine Gibson reported that five zones out of eight have updated their Zone Bylaws. She also reported a balance of \$33,011.97 in the Special Gifts Fund as of 8/31/2010. Since recycling is down, she encouraged everyone to advertise the recycling in their congregations. Carolyn has distributed YWR applications and guidelines to the Zone Presidents, been in contact with the YWR Committee for contacting young women, gave the President's report at the Oklahoma City Zone Fall Fest and attended funerals for two LWML members. Delia Hansen said that there had been two teen LWML gatherings in the summer. A flyer was distributed to encourage

teen participation at the Fall Fests. The Oklahoma District teens were featured in a "Teen Light" article posted on the National LWML website in September. She has been coordinating with Sarah Ross to update the Teen LWML webpage. Many of the teen groups were inactive during the summer months, however they are striving to pick-up programming once again. Teens at Faith Lutheran in Owasso are going to be making Christmas ornaments to sell at their church's craft fair in November, with the proceeds going to Mites. There are currently eight teen groups in Oklahoma with two more up and coming.

Pres. Bev asked everyone to invite teens to their meetings and to mentor them by letting them take an active role in the meetings.

Zone President Reports

ENID – Judy Roggow —Judy reported there were 28 paid registrations and two pastors at the Enid Zone Fall Fest on September 18, 2010 which was held at Covington. Pastor Eric Brown led the Bible study, and Nancy West was the mission speaker. Joyce Von Dielingen, V.P. of Christian Life, brought the District report and greetings from President Bev England. Pastor Tim Dorsch asked if the societies could again support 'Bibles for the Law Enforcement Officers'. He and the late Pastor Joe Myers were the chaplains for the law enforcement in Garfield County and gave the men and women *God's Word to the Nations* Bible. Each Bible costs \$20. The ladies will take this project idea back to their individual societies. Pastor Eric Brown installed the following new officers: President - Judy Roggow; V.P. of Human Care - Judy Winter; V.P. of Servant Resources - Denise Morris; Nominating Committee for District - Joy Schweer; Delegate for National Convention - Judy Roggow. The Fest closed with devotions and the ingathering dedication.

KINGFISHER - Sharon Bomhoff—All societies have resumed their monthly meetings, except Watonga which meets quarterly. St. John Lamplighters in Okarche celebrated their 30th anniversary of the society on Sept. 19 to coincide with the Mission Festival. The society furnished the chicken for the covered dish dinner, plus pens and notepads on each table. The group has adopted David Mews as their Seminary student. Our Savior in Guthrie will resume meetings in October. Their ongoing projects are World Relief quilts, Health Care Kits and Mite Sunday. Our Savior held a luncheon and prayer service on May 6, National Day of Prayer. St. John LWML Ladies Aid adopted Jeff Klade as their Seminary student and put together 31 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Both Trinity in El Reno and Emmanuel in Kingfisher continue with their local and outreach projects. Mt. Calvary in Watonga meets quarterly and has adopted a child from Africa as well as continues with its ongoing projects.

LAWTON – Helen McDonald—The report was given by Sharon Greene. The Fall Fest was held on Sept. 18 with 52 registered guests, ministers and delegates. Rev. D. Heitner of Good Shepherd in Duncan and Rev. Wm. Schneider of St. John in Lawton gave the Opening Meditation. The Bible study was led by Rev. Don Howard, Holy Cross. Linda Lee Kremeier, District V.P. of Human Care gave the Oklahoma District LWML report. Darcy Cline and Gayle Anderson told of their mission trip to Latvia, and Susan Smith told of her mission trip to China. All three ladies are from the Lawton LWML Zone. During lunch, Jeri Mosimann, Director of the Lawton Food Bank, visited with the group about the need for food because the number of requests has greatly increased over last year. Donations of food and money for a local ingathering were presented to Jeri. Dan Tucker gave a brief presentation on the Oklahoma District Disaster Relief program. Totals for Lutheran World Relief were: health kits-45, school kits-208, sewing kits-15, layettes-52, soap-15 lb.9 oz., and quilts-47. Collections were: registration \$520; LWML store \$108.85 and Mite offering \$242. Rev. David Thompson, First Lutheran, Chickasha installed the new officers. Closing with the LWR dedication was led by Rev. Richard Mayer, St. John in Lawton.

MIAMI – Cherie Meislahn—The Miami Zone Fall Festival was held on Sept. 11 with 50 members, three Pastors and one special guest present for a total attendance of 54. Pastor Dwight Moeller from Bethlehem, Adair led the opening and closing devotions. The Bible study was presented by the ladies from Miami. Vice President of Christian Growth, Lori Steele, shared information from Bev England, District President. The 2010-2012 officers installed were: Cherie Meislahn - President; Carolyn Bening - Vice President; Dianna Just - Secretary; Carolyn Bening - Delegate; Diana Just - Alternate; Grace Peterson - Nominating Committee Member. Nancy West, mission speaker, gave a presentation on her mission trip to Latvia. Offering collected was \$278. Registration fees collected were \$520. Expenses were \$93. LWML store collected \$44.50. Kits were collected for Lutheran World Relief.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Shari Stepanek, Past Pres. / Suzet Roggow, Pres.—There were 70 registrations plus five pastors at the Oklahoma City Zone Fall Fest on Sept 11. The mission speakers, Elizabeth Amendt and Julie Cable, shared their experiences in Latvia. The Mite offering was \$438; registration was \$650; LWML store was \$90. Expenses were \$75 for printing and a \$25 honorarium to each speaker. The following officers were elected: Suzet Roggow - President; Susan Anderson - Vice President; Elizabeth Amendt - Secretary; Judy Pendley and Suzet Roggow - Delegates; Mona Deering and Susan Anderson – Alternates; and Shari Stepanek - Nominating Committee Member.

PANHANDLE - Jarie Coggins, Past Pres. / Joyce Watson, Pres.—The societies of the Panhandle Zone met September 11 at Zion, Buffalo for a Fall Fest. About 20 members, guests and two pastors gathered for fellowship, fun, Bible study, and a mission report by Keah and Brian Payne, recently home from a Peace Corp tour. V.P. of Communication, Susan Brunkow, shared information from the District and gave greetings from Pres. Bev. Since a quorum was not present, volunteers were accepted for the offices of the Zone. Those volunteer officers were: Joyce Watson - President; Mary Olsen - Vice President; Vickie Bair - Secretary/Treasurer; Jarie Coggins - Nominating Committee Member; Mary Olsen - Delegate; and Rosemary Faust - Alternate. The Zone Bylaws revisions will be approved by the individual societies and reported to the past president in minutes as approved. LWR items will be determined and counted at a later date. Gifts of the Heart will be determined by the societies in their communities and reported later as well.

PONCA CITY - Debbie Hooper—The Ponca City Zone Fall Fest was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Guthrie on September 25, 2010. There were 50 in attendance—44 members, four pastors and two guests. Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, LWML Sr. Pastoral Counselor and author of the Fall Fest Bible Study, led the group Bible study. Newly installed Zone officers are: Debbie Hooper – President; Leola Thiemann - Vice President; Janet Bartels - Secretary/Treasurer; Arlene Riemer - Nominating Committee Member; Debbie Hooper – Delegate; and Brenda Nivens - Alternate. Elizabeth Whitfield agreed to continue serving as the Zone PR Representative. Mission speaker, Audrey Eggers, told of her five years as an ESL teacher in China. LWR items were 326 quilts, 14 blankets, 122 school kits, 15 sewing kits, 42 health kits, 11 layette kits and 56 lbs. of soap.

TULSA - Carol Fruehling—Tulsa Zone Board and society presidents met in mid July to begin planning the Tulsa Zone Fall Fest which was held Sunday afternoon, September 19 at Our Savior in Tulsa. Karen Meyer of Grace was in charge of registration, Christ the Redeemer prepared the packets, and Trinity of Broken Arrow organized the LWML store. Though it was on a Sunday afternoon, attendance was up over last year. There were 64 ladies and four pastors in attendance. Pastor Eric Van Scharrel, OK LWML Jr. Pastoral Counselor, led the Bible study, installed the new officers and led the closing devotions. Pastor Drier of Our Savior led opening devotions, and Patti Ross gave a mission talk and slide show on the LWML mission trip to Latvia. Officers elected were: Carol Fruehling – President; Susan Copen – Secretary; Sharon Schmidt - Vice President; Lanece Young - Delegate; Vicki Wing - Alternate; and Debbie Tabisz - Nominating Committee Member. Carol passed around the Tulsa Zone newsletter for everyone to see.

Action and Discussion Items

- President Bev recognized the former OK District Presidents Ebba Johnson and Marguerite Christman.
- Marilyn Alsip reported that Ebba Johnson, Mona Deering and she had met at Ebba's house to do their 'Visioning' last night.
- Ratify e-mail votes—Pres. Bev explained that because of time constraints, an e-mail vote had been taken on the grant written and submitted to National LWML by Pastor Riemer. The motion was made by Joyce Von Dielingen and seconded by Carolyn Love:
 - To ratify the vote taken by e-mail to approve the submission of the National LWML grant proposal from Pastor Riemer to build an addition to the hospital in India. The motion passed.
- Oklahoma District Convention final accounting—Marguerite reported that the account has been closed. There was a net balance of \$7294.64 which is to be divided ½ to the Delegate Fund and ½ to Mites. Katie Schroeder asked for clarification of the Mites. Marguerite said that because the money came from the attendees to the Convention, 25% would go to National Mites and 75% to Oklahoma Mites.
- District Leader Training Summit report—Betty Reichert said that committee members would probably be invited next time. The total cost was around \$1300. There were 45 attendees.

- Tri-Zone Spring Flings dates and locations—Cherie reported that the tentative date for the Spring Fling to be held in Owasso for Tulsa, Ponca City and Miami Zones is April 2, 2011. Sharon reported a tentative date of April 9, 2011 for the Spring Fling to be held at Trinity, Norman for OKC, Kingfisher and Lawton Zones. Judy reported that the Spring Fling for Enid and Panhandle Zones will tentatively be held on March 26, 2011 in Alva. The motion was made by Carolyn Love and seconded by Cherie Meislahn:
That we have Tri-Zone Spring Flings and accept the dates and locations as presented. The motion passed.
- V.P. of Christian Life, Joyce, reported that the theme for the Spring Flings is based on the *Mustard Seeds* “Living as a Woman in Mission”. A skit entitled “Patchwork of Wisdom” will be available. The Bible study will be based on three different *Mustard Seeds*: “Mirror, Mirror” from Prov. 31:30; “Mentor” from Prov. 28:6; “My Home, My Mission” from Matt. 28:19-20. One possibility is to construct a quilt at each Fling. The motion was made by Carolyn Love and seconded by Judy Roggow:
That the theme, as presented by the Christian Life Committee, be accepted for the Tri-Zone Spring Flings. The motion passed.
- Mission Grant Funding—Lori Steele, V.P. of Gospel Outreach read and acknowledged several notes thanking the OK LWML for funding the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Those were from Tyler and Abby Williams; Brian King; Dr. Dale A. Meyer, President Concordia Seminary; Elden and Molly Kohn; Chris, Sonja and Aria Weber; and Mr. and Mrs. James Fickenschler. Lori then read requests for the funding of the following grants:
 - \$12000 Seminary Tuition Assistance Fund (Grant #3)—to receive funds as available over the next months—discussion reduced this to \$6000 (1st half of the biennium request)
 - \$5000 MEND (Grant #4)—requested by November 2010
 - \$3000 Lutheran Braille Workers (Grant #8)
 - \$5000 Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (Grant #5)—completion of funding to be received from Dec. 31, 2010 through June 30, 2011 or as funds are available

Discussion from the floor added the following grants to be paid before the next board meeting in March:

- \$7000 OK District Ministerial Students (Grant #1)—A list is to be gotten from President Barrie Henke.
- \$3000 OK District Professional Church Workers Scholarship Fund (Grant #7)—We will add the 2nd Installment into the total amount of grant monies to be included in the motion

The motion was made by Carolyn Love and seconded by Suzet Roggow:

To pay these grant requests of \$29,000 as money becomes available. Pres. Bev requested that all those in favor, please stand and say aye. The motion passed.

Pres. Bev adjourned the morning session for lunch and reconvened at 12:34.

- Pres. Bev announced that Susan Brunkow had consented to be Convention Chairman for the 2012 OK District Convention. Debbie Hooper, president of the Ponca City Zone, will be the Host Convention Committee Chairman.
- Peoria Bus Information—Zone Presidents and Zone PR Reps will get the sign-up sheets from the Fall Fests to June Wadley who will give them to Gloria Bozarth.
- Report of Visioning Meeting—Pres. Bev stressed that the goals from the Visioning last night will be the OK District 2010-2012 goals. She recapped the goals from each committee as printed on the hand-out:
 - Christian Life—Spring Flings—theme, times, and Bible study as reported earlier; Fall Retreat will be October 21-22, 2011 at Canyon Camp and Conference Center in Hinton, OK. The theme will be “Hooked by Jesus”. “Food for the Soul” column in each issue of *The Voice of Service*
 - Communication—Interactive forms on website, board report packets available on website with password, guidelines for BOD report packet and VOS articles, VOS produced and distributed three times a year following the BOD meetings. Susan Brunkow moved that we spend up to \$500 to buy the Adobe Interactive Software. No second needed. During discussion, Krystine Gibson, Special Gifts Fund Chairman, recommended out of committee, that the monies to purchase the Adobe Interactive

Software for the OK LWML website, be spent from the Special Gifts Fund dividends. Susan then amended her motion to ask that the monies to purchase the Adobe Software come from the Special Gifts Fund dividends. No second was needed. The motion passed.

Gospel Outreach—Monthly Mission Memo (1-2 sentences) and prayer on website, grant highlighted each month and e-mailed to all District congregations to include in monthly newsletter and/or bulletin to encourage mission support through Mites, redefine grant proposal guidelines, submit a more balanced slate of grant proposals to include District, National, and International requests

Heart to Heart Sisters—Identify, within our district, multi-ethnic women; outreach—invite, include, educate; provide interpreters—written and verbal, sign language at convention be a budget item. Apply to Millneck Foundation for grants

Human Care—Encourage LWR collections locally, develop health kits for local disasters and increase communication about kits and needs, plan a Servant Event, find out missionary needs

Servant Resources—Young Women—Identify Zone Young Women Representatives, reception and introduction of District YWR candidates, bring candidates to March BOD meeting. Teen LWML—Increase active groups by three, incorporate teens into existing societies, unified (district wide) service project, work with Zone PR Reps for zone activities. MMVs—Two Blitz teams (East and West), spread the word of the Blitz, and send two women from OK for MMV training if offered. Special

Gifts/Structure—Update Special Gifts Brochure and envelopes, complete update of Zone Bylaws

Business Officers—Organize the business functions of the District LWML; evaluate job descriptions/guidelines for Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Special Gifts, Cartridge/Recycling Fund; draft, update, expand and revise job descriptions; timelines for each officer; present reviewed procedures; set guidelines for special project report requirements

Zone Presidents/PR Reps—Hold Zone Society President meetings after BOD meetings, concentrated effort for devotions at meeting—promote LWML Resources, Zone Presidents make a concentrated effort to visit societies

- Proposed 2011 meetings—March 5, July 9, Oct. 21 & 22 (Retreat and BOD)
- District Retreat—Canyon Camp and Conference Center, Hinton, OK Oct. 21 & 22, 2011
- District LWML 2012 Convention—National Center for Employee Development (NCED), Norman, OK April 13 & 14, 2012
- YWR attendance and selection—March 5, 2011 meeting
- All delegates to Peoria LWML Convention attend March 5, 2011 meeting
- Proposed Mission Trip or Servant Event—more to come

Special Reports

ARCHIVIST-HISTORIAN - Marilyn Alsip—Marilyn will be working to encourage each Zone Archivist to have each society in the zone appoint an archivist. She continues to work on the archives and is reorganizing the files. Ebba Johnson has been sorting through some of the boxes of files. Ebba is in the process of completing several archive safe photo albums by date and activity. Original copies are being transferred to archive safe boxes. Copies of the records will be kept in the file cabinets. Marilyn has purchased ten (10) Hollinger boxes, but the company inadvertently sent twenty (20). Marilyn also wishes to purchase three shelving units, five shelves high, at the cost of \$267.67. Carol Fruehling made the motion and Debbie Hooper seconded:

That Marilyn Alsip is allowed to purchase three shelving units for the cost of \$267.67. The motion passed.

MEETING MANAGER AND RECYCLING - Marguerite Christman—Marguerite reported that she had secured the arrangements, the contract signature by President and Vice President, and the deposit for the District Retreat at Canyon Camp and Conference Center, Hinton, OK for October 21 & 22, 2011. She made initial arrangements after the Ponca City Zone Board meeting to secure the site for the 2012 District Convention to be held April 13 & 14 at the National Center for Employee Development (NCED) Conference Center and Hotel, Norman, OK (contract pending). Arrangements were completed for the Leader Summit, August 21, 2010 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Midwest City, including hosting the Presenter, Linda Reiser, completing hosting arrangements at site including food, beverages, training room set up, and internet access with lap top computers. Marguerite continued to update the summary report with District

Convention income and expenses. She followed up on information to update the district personnel roster, PR Reps, Delegates to Peoria, and Nominating Committee members from the zones. She continued to seek verification of attendance to the Visioning meeting to be held Friday, October 1, at St. Paul Lutheran Church and to seek housing arrangements from a variety of hosts in the Enid area. Marguerite completed plans for hostesses to prepare and serve the Friday evening meal and made arrangements for break out rooms for the various groups to meet. She confirmed attendance and noon lunch count with members of the BOD, Committee members, Zone PR Reps, Zone VPs and Zone Archivists-Historians. Further, she verified site arrangements at St. Paul Lutheran Church for Saturday, October 2, for OK District LWML Board of Directors meeting, including meal count of attendees. She urged everyone to be accurate in their reservations for lunch, because we have to pay for all reservations whether the person eats or not. Marguerite asked everyone to put the recycling information out in the bulletins. In this quarter, she reported that we received \$1722.98 in funds and spent \$1736.99. Requests for shipping labels are down. She keeps track of the labels that she sends out. Since starting the recycling program in Nov. 2003, \$61,432.42 has been collected from the recycled articles. The total amount sent to National Mites is \$15,318.12. The amount given to the district Special Gifts is \$6,143.29. This leaves a net amount of \$39,931.01 in the Recycling Fund for activities in our District. Total expenditures have been \$29,759.09. Balance in the Fund as of 8/31/2010 is \$10,171.92.

Stamps should go to Debbie Hooper, Ponca City Zone President. Debbie will take the stamps to the lady in Cushing who trims them. Betty Reichert asked that she be given an article to place in *The Voice of Service* giving the guidelines on collecting the stamps. Marguerite suggested that the guidelines also be put on the OK LWML website.

PARLIAMENTARIAN/ SPECIAL GIFTS – Krystine Gibson—Krystine reported that only two zones have not updated their bylaws. Collections for the Special Gifts Fund in September were \$135. Two hundred sixty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents (\$269.53) was received from the Recycling Fund making total receipts of \$404.53.

CLOSING DEVOTIONS – Lori Steele—Lori's devotion, entitled "A Time Such As These", was written by Alberta Barnes in 2002.

Pres. Bev adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m. in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. She challenged everyone to go and 'Launch for the Lord'.

Esther Bersche, Oklahoma District Recording Secretary

RECAP OF ACTIONS TAKEN

1. Lori Steele made the motion and Sharon Bomhoff seconded:
That the Oklahoma District does have a caucus at the Peoria Convention. The motion passed.
2. The motion was made by Joyce Von Dielingen and seconded by Carolyn Love:
To ratify the vote taken by e-mail to approve the submission of the National LWML grant proposal from Pastor Riemer to build an addition to the hospital in India. The motion passed.
3. The 2011 Tri-Zone Spring Fling dates and locations presented were: April 2, 2011 in Owasso for Tulsa, Ponca City and Miami Zones; April 9, 2011 at Trinity, Norman for OKC, Kingfisher and Lawton Zones; March 26, 2011 in Alva for Enid and Panhandle Zones. The motion was made by Carolyn Love and seconded by Cherie Meislahn:
That we have Tri-Zone Spring Flings and accept the dates and locations as presented. The motion passed.
4. V.P. of Christian Life, Joyce, reported that the theme for the Spring Flings is based on the *Mustard Seeds* "Living as a Woman in Mission". A skit entitled "Patchwork of Wisdom" will be available. The Bible study will be based on three different *Mustard Seeds*: "Mirror, Mirror" from Prov. 31:30; "Mentor" from Prov. 28:6; "My Home, My Mission" from

Matt. 28:19-20. One possibility is to construct a quilt at each Fling. The motion was made by Carolyn Love and seconded by Judy Roggow:

That the theme, as presented by the Christian Life Committee, be accepted for the Tri-Zone Spring Flings. The motion passed.

5. Lori then read requests for the funding of the following grants:

\$12000 Seminary Tuition Assistance Fund (Grant #3)—to receive funds as available over the next months—discussion reduced this to \$6000 (1st half of the biennium request)

\$5000 MEND (Grant #4)—requested by November 2010

\$3000 Lutheran Braille Workers (Grant #8)

\$5000 Food Bank at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (Grant #5)—completion of funding to be received from Dec. 31, 2010 through June 30, 2011 or as funds are available

Discussion from the floor added the following grants to be paid before the next board meeting in March:

\$7000 OK District Ministerial Students (Grant #1)—A list is to be gotten from President Barrie Henke.

\$3000 OK District Professional Church Workers Scholarship Fund (Grant #7)—We will add the 2nd installment into the total amount of grant monies to be included in the motion

The motion was made by Carolyn Love and seconded by Suzet Roggow:

To pay these grant requests of \$29,000 as money becomes available. Pres. Bev requested that all those in favor, please stand and say aye. The motion passed.

6. Susan Brunkow moved that we spend up to \$500 to buy the Adobe Interactive Software. No second needed. During discussion, Krystine Gibson, Special Gifts Fund Chairman, recommended, out of committee, that the monies to purchase the Adobe Interactive Software for the OK LWML website be spent from the Special Gifts Fund dividends. Susan then amended her motion to ask that the monies to purchase the Adobe Software come from the Special Gifts Fund dividends. No second was needed. The motion passed.

7. Carol Fruehling made the motion and Debbie Hooper seconded:

That Marilyn Alsip is allowed to purchase three shelving units for the cost of \$267.67. The motion passed.

Esther Bersche, OK District Recording Secretary