

November 8, 2018 LWML Board Meeting

Members Present: Illa, Betty, Marie, Marsha, Renee, Tammie, Sandy, Jody and Cathy.

Illa opened with a Mustard Seed Devotion, "In the Word, of the Word."

Secretary's Report was reviewed. Jody made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Renee. All were in favor and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Jody made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Renee. All were in favor and it was approved.

Old Business

Votes were tallied from the three circle groups and the top three local charitable organizations selected from each group will be receiving a financial gift from us for them to use as they deem necessary. Call to Freedom (<http://calltofreedom.org/>) and St. Francis House (<https://horsepowersf.com/>) each received two votes and will receive a gift of \$650 each. Teen Town (<http://www.augie.edu/student-life/getting-involved/volunteer-services/salt/teen-town>), Days For Girls (<https://www.daysforgirls.org/>), HorsePower (<https://horsepowersf.com/>), Dress for Success (<https://siouxfalls.dressforsuccess.org/>) and Children's Inn (<https://chssd.org/childrensinn>) will all receive a gift of \$350 each. Betty made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Tammie. All were in favor and it was approved.

The Nominating Committee reports they have one nominee for the position of secretary, Jeannette Jensen, and one person for the position of treasurer, Shirley Wright, to serve on the Executive Board for a two year term, beginning in January of 2019. At the November Circle meetings, each circle will be asked if there are any additional floor nominations. If there are no additional names to be added to the ballot, then the circle may proceed with a vote. Paper ballots will be available for each circle to use. The votes will be counted and passed along to the Executive Board.

Discussion was had concerning some changes to language in the By-laws. These changes would state that circle chairs would make up the nominating committee in the future. We would also remove the line that states "no officer shall succeed herself in office." Cathy will work on the changes and present them to the December Board Meeting.

We are preparing for the Advent Meal on December 12th. We will serve chicken noodle soup and dessert. A sign-up sheet will be available for the circle meetings in November. Please prayerfully consider how you can help assist with this event.

Illa has packaged and sent the used stamps that have been collected. They were mailed to the Northern Illinois LWML chapter that is active in collecting/selling them. The profits go toward National Mites.

New Business

We reviewed some options that are available on Amazon to purchase new tablecloths for the Atrium. A 70" round, ivory tablecloth ranges in price \$9.14 - \$11.00. They are all made with 100% polyester material that is easy to care for. Mary Ann will give the final approval as to when to order the tablecloths, but we would like to find a place to donate the ones we currently have first to help with storage space. Sandy will check with Sioux Falls Lutheran School and see if they have any need for them. If not, we will ask St. Francis House. The cost of the tablecloths will be covered with the remaining funds in a CD from Lois Hammond that will come due in February 2019.

Jody is currently busy with the ingathering for the veterans. Sunday, November 11 will be the final collection date. The collected items will be presented to the Veteran's Outreach Center speaker that will be present at a luncheon on Tuesday, November 13th. This luncheon is presented by the Love Kitchen for the veterans in our congregation. Families, friends and neighbors are all welcome.

Jody is also working on the cheer baskets for the shut-ins at Christmas time. She brought in a bag filled with various items to let our shut-ins know they are in our hearts and minds. She will finish filling the bags and bring them to the conference room prior to November 28th. On November 28th, the OWL students will be making a craft that will be the final addition to the Christmas cheer baskets. Betty will be speaking with her circle members about which baskets they are willing to deliver. The middle school youth will deliver any remaining baskets.

Patty Peters has reached out to request ideas for a banner design to be used at the National Convention. If you have any thoughts on the banner for South Dakota, please turn them into Illa or directly to Patty by January 10th. The theme for the convention is "In Praise to the Lord."

Illa is asking the circle chairs to discuss possible fundraising ideas for 2019 with your circle members during the November meetings and then bring these ideas to the December Board meeting. We need a minimum of \$1200 to cover budgeted expenses for 2019.

Sandy shared the Mary circle has a speaker coming from Call to Freedom to present on Saturday, February 2nd at 1:00. This presentation is offered to increase awareness concerning the horrific fact that human trafficking is happening right here in our town. Call to Freedom's mission is to provide supportive services for victims and survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. They serve victims and survivors in Sioux Falls and the surrounding areas. Check their website for additional information about their services <http://calltofreedom.org/>. The presentation is open to all ages but will contain sensitive material.

Year-end reports are needed for each circle and board positions. Please have them in by the board meeting on December 13th. They will then be made available for all members at the joint meeting on January 19th.

For those participating in the Secret Sister program for the current year, please note that we will be doing reveals at the January 19th joint meeting.

Refrigerator Cleaning: November - Rebekah Circle. December – Mary Circle.

Upcoming Events

November 13th Veteran's Luncheon sponsored by the Love Kitchen

November 18th Eve Circle Meeting

November 20th Rebekah and Mary Circle Meetings

December 7th Mary Circle Christmas Potluck Party

December 12th Advent Meal

December 13th LWML Board Meeting

December 16th Eve Circle Meeting

December 18th Rebekah Christmas Party

January 19th Joint Circle Meeting – Bring your own lunch.

February 2nd Prayer Service at Resurrection Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD

February 2nd Call to Freedom Presentation in the Atrium

April 26-27 SD District Retreat at Divine Shepherd in Black Hawk, SD

May 31 -June 1 SD District Mission Trip to Orphan Grain Train headquarters in Norfolk, NE. We will work on sorting donations they have received. There will be a cost of approximately \$156 to cover the cost of the transportation and lodging.

June 20-23, 2019 National Convention Mobile, Alabama Theme "In Praise to the Lord" The bus will leave on June 18th and return on June 24th. Registration for the bus is due December 1st. The cost for the bus and two nights of lodging during the travel is approximately \$450. A deposit of \$200 is due by January 10th and the final payment is due May 1st. Registration for the convention and lodging in Alabama is not included in this price. March 1st is the convention registration deadline.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy VandeBraak

REBEKAH CIRCLE REPORT

DATE: 10/16/2018

SECRETARY: CAROL HARMS

PHONE: 605-361-3808

MEETING PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 17

HOSTESSES: JAN AND LU

TOPIC LEADER: ROSIE

OFFERING: \$55.00

MITES: \$57.00

CHILDRENS INN: \$41.15

BUSINESS

Carol reported sending \$72.65 to Children's Inn for Aug and Oct.

1 visitor Shirley Wright

Nominating committee needs 1 more name for Secretary for Guild and 2 for Treasurer. Please let committee of Marsha Kritzmire, Tammie Schultz or Kay Nelson know if you would like to serve or if you know someone who may.

A fund raiser is in effect in place of Soup and Pie. Please consider this and bring your donation to our November meeting in the gold envelope provided.

We went over a list of 16 charities. We each are to choose our top 3. They will be combined with results from all Circles to decide which 3 get the allotted funds available in our account. Top three for Rebekah are: #1 - DAYS FOR GIRLS, #2 - CALL TO FREEDOM and #3- ST FRANCIS HOUSE. Betty will take this information to the next board meeting.

December circle meeting will be December 18 at Sunhild Muldbakken's home (1209 E 29th St.) Janet Hamilton and Barb Langpap will be in charge of entertainment for this event. RSVP by the November meeting.

Betty asked for anyone who will be willing to deliver Cheer Baskets to shut-ins.

Mary Dunlap will no longer be making cards for shut-ins so we will purchase them. We will only send cards for Easter and Christmas.

Tuesday November 13 will be potluck for VETERANS hosted by Love Kitchen. There will also be an ingathering of warm clothing. Money is also welcome.

LWML will serve the Advent meal the evening of December 12. We will serve chicken noodle soup and desserts. We will also serve after the morning service that day. Sign-up sheet will be available in November.

Betty will clean refrigerators in November.

Our next meeting will be November 20 at 1:30 pm.

Hostesses will be: Coletta and Norma

Closed with Lord's Prayer

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CAROL HARMS

Mary Circle

October 16, 2018

Members Present: 7

Home: \$34.87

Mites: \$28.80

Members attending were Marsha, Sandy, Dianne, Donna, Lenny, Mary, and Jerilyn. We opened with the LWML Pledge.

Copies of the poem and envelopes of a Soupleless Tale were available. The envelope with donation is to be returned at the November meeting. Rather than having a Fall Soup Supper, these funds will go toward the 2019 LWML general fund.

Speakers Fred and Judy Davis gave a very informative and very interesting presentation at the September 15 joint meeting. About 100 people were in attendance for the breakfast.

Needed is one more person for the position of Secretary and two people for the Treasurer's position to serve on the Executive Board for 2019. If any questions or willing to serve, contact Marsha Kritzmire, Tammie Schultz, or Kay Nelson of the Nominating Committee.

We will be serving the Advent meal December 12. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November circle meeting.

Thank You to Mary Dunlap for making the cards for the shut-ins and college students. It was much appreciated.

The Proposed Budget for 2019 was reviewed and discussed.

There will be a luncheon for the veterans of the congregation November 13. An in-gathering of items needed for veterans will be presented to the Veterans Outreach Center speaker. Marsha shared one item often needed is meat. An idea presented was to purchase Hy-Vee gift cards from the Youth for this purpose.

Ideas for a banner design are needed for the 2019 National Convention. Give any thoughts to Illa or Patty Peters by January 10. The theme is "In Praise to the Lord". Registration for the bus is due December 1.

Bring items for the St. Francis House to the November meeting.

Since there will be no Christmas Luncheon, it was suggested that our circle have a Christmas Potluck. Check your calendars – possibly the 7th or 14th of December.

We will have a speaker from Call to Freedom on a Saturday at 1:00 in February. Sandy will check with Maxine on dates. Mary will check with the speaker. It was suggested to have Jacob and the Youth come.

We voted on the organizations that we would like to support with funds at the end of 2018:

- #1 – Call to Freedom – 8 votes
- #2 – St. Francis House – 5 votes
- #3 – Lunch is Served – 3 votes
- Teen Town – 3 votes

Sandy led the topic, "His Blessing of Showers", from the Fall Quarterly, closing with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris

Eve Circle

October 21, 2018

Meeting Place: Main Street Living Room

Attendance: 15

Mites: \$96.84 Home: \$55.16

Mary Ann opened with a description about one of the organizations supported by LWML Mission Grants. Harvest Wind Sewing Factory in Parmelee, SD requested and received a grant to purchase an additional quilting machine and funding to help train extra employees. They can be found on Facebook and Etsy at...

https://www.facebook.com/pg/harvestwindslc/about/?ref=page_internal

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/HarvestWinds?ref=l2-shopheader-name&fbclid=IwAR36UmSIRvDfuKrc7URlkVb-5DPNzHc3c9ICCI5d9jJuSNa2IVjZz64DA#about>

This is the information they provide about their company, "We started our shop a year ago with a wing and a prayer ... We started with five people and after a year we have over 15 Native Americans that work with us. Our shops goal was to offer employment to people in our community on the Rosebud Reservation. When you buy from Harvest Winds you are helping people who never had jobs before till they started working with us." The LWML mites can have a huge impact on our communities.

We welcome Jeannette Jensen and LeAnn Werner to our circle this month. We look forward to creating stronger relationships as circle sisters as we Serve Jesus Christ by Serving Others.

Old Business

The nominating committee, which consists of Kay Nelson, Tammie Schultz and Marsha Kritzmire, are still working to find candidates to fill the positions of Secretary and Treasurer for the Executive Board beginning January 2019. Jeannette Jensen has offered to fill the Secretary position but there is still a need for a Treasurer. Please prayerfully consider serving on this board. It involves one meeting a month in addition to the normal circle meeting/activity. We are able to partner together to make these positions more feasible for everyone. Talk to anyone on the nominating committee or Mary Ann if you are interested in serving on this board.

We will also be having some shifts in the leadership of the Eve Circle. Jody Huebert and Cathy VandeBraak will be serving as Co-Chairs and Sara Francis will be serving as Secretary. These names will be given to the Executive Board in November. We are so thankful for Mary Ann Zinnel and Nancy Kraayenhof for their service over the last year.

New Business

Mary Ann read a letter from Seminary Student Eric Larson. He shared about his family settling into their new home and routine as he begins the journey of becoming a pastor. He expressed his gratitude for our support.

A Soupleless Tale was read and information was provided about the funds raised through this will go into the 2019 LWML general fund. If members would like to participate, they may return the envelope at the November meeting.

The LWML Board has asked the circles to review a list of charitable organizations. All of these organizations provide much needed support to the community of Sioux Falls in a variety of ways. Some discussion was had about various personal connections or experience members have had with some of the organizations. We voted for three organizations that we would

like to support with the funds we currently have in our account. HorsePower, Dress for Success and Children's Inn/Children's Home Society were the top choices for Eve Circle. There was lots of positive feedback about supporting local organizations that we have not supported in the past.

Joan Sebesta offered to apply for a Thrivent Grant to be used for the December 12th Advent Meal. Mary Ann will assist her in the process of applying.

Information will be forthcoming about cheer baskets for the shut-ins at Christmas. The kids from the Wednesday night OWL will be making a craft that will be used in the baskets. Jody Huebert is gathering ideas and will make the final decision about the baskets and distribution.

The proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. We will vote on the budget during our January 2019 meeting.

A Secret Sister reminder was given that there are only a couple of months left before you make your reveal.

Following the late service today, we will have our nacho bar and craft activity.

***Update: 23 people enjoyed lunch. 17 people participated in the crafting. Pam Ricke did a wonderful job having everything prepared to lead us through a fun Give Thanks/Jingle Bells reversible wooden block craft. It was a fantastic time of fellowship and getting to know our LWML sisters better. Thank you to Jody Huebert and Cathy VandeBraak for preparing the lunch. Many thanks to Wayne Hofer and Mark VandeBraak for their help with serving and cleaning up which allowed everyone to participate in the craft time. There were many requests to do this event again.

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