

December 13, 2018 LWML Board Meeting

Members Present: Illa, Betty, Marie, Mary Ann, Shirley, Tammie, Sandy, Jody and Cathy.

Illa opened with a Mustard Seed Devotion on Psalm 199:50.

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

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

Mary Ann shared that she has sent the donation checks to the local charities. Call to Freedom has already responded with a thank you note.

The Soupless Soup Fundraiser donations totaled \$875.

Old Business

The revisions to the bylaws were discussed. Betty made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Illa. All were in favor and it was approved. Copies of the bylaws will be available at the January 19th joint circle meeting.

The Advent Meal was served on Wednesday, December 12th. 25 people attended the noon meal and approximately 80 attended the evening meal. A Thrivent Grant was used to purchase ingredients for the soup and desserts were donated by the circle members. \$281 was collected from the event and will be directed to the LWML general fund.

Tablecloths were purchased on Cyber Monday at a cost of \$3.59 each from www.linetablecloths.com. Thirty 70" round, ivory tablecloths were purchased. This allow for matching replacements on hand, if needed. Sandy has contacted SLFS about using the old tablecloths and will be in contact with the secretary again soon to determine if they will be able to use them. Mary Ann made a motion that the \$110.28 needed to cover the expense of the tablecloths come from the general fund and not be taken from the Lois Hammond CD as previously discussed. Tammie seconded the motion. All were in favor and it was approved.

Jody assembled 18 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. At this time, there are only 2 baskets that have yet to be delivered and they are located in the church office. 48 cards were also sent to various shut-in members.

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."

New Business

Illa made a motion that an additional \$100 be sent to seminary student Eric Larson for Christmas and it was seconded by Sandy. All were in favor and it was approved.

Membership lists for all circles are being updated and will be available at the January 19th joint meeting.

Year-end reports are needed for each circle and board positions. Please send them to Maxine in the church office. They will then be made available for all members at the joint meeting on January 19th.

Brainstorm for fundraising ideas. 50/50 Raffle, Baked Potato Bar on a Sunday following second service, Quilt Raffle, Make your own quilt square and Bingo Night.

Brainstorm for activities. Color Me Mine, Wine and Canvass, Catfish Bay, Schmeckfest, crafting with Pam Ricke, movie, A & R painting projects, bowling, cooking class and potluck. Service activities are also options and include ideas of Days For Girls and The Furniture Mission.

Discussion was had on activities to be held January through June. This is the tentative list and will be presented at the January joint meeting.

January 19th - Business Meeting at 11:30 in the youth room, bring your own lunch.

February 2nd - Call to Freedom Speaker at 1:30. This presentation is being offered by the Mary Circle 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.

March 13th – Lenten Meal with used book sale. Sandy will be the contact person to organize the book sale. The menu will be discussed at the January board meeting. We have \$115 remaining on a Thrivent Grant that can be used.

April 7th – Provide treats during Bible Class. Donations collected would go toward Mites.

DAYZ of Doing – Possible dates of May 4-5 or March 29-30

June – Speaker from Dress for Success. Their mission is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and life. Website <https://siouxfalls.dressforsuccess.org/>

Refrigerator Cleaning: December – Mary Circle. January – Eve Circle.

Upcoming Events

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 in Mobile, Alabama. The theme is "In Praise to the Lord." March 1st is the convention registration deadline.

Fall Rally in Hartford, SD

June 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy VandeBraak

Eve Circle

November 18, 2018

Meeting Place: Main Street Living Room

Attendance: 14

Mites: \$27.45 Home: \$28.00

Jody opened with a Mustard Seed devotion titled "Living in Prayer: For Others, O my God, I Pray!"

We welcome Lori Coufal to our circle this month. We look forward to creating stronger relationships as circle sisters as we Serve Jesus Christ by Serving Others.

We signed cards for the college students and for the shut-ins.

A quick discussion was had about holding the November meeting one week earlier in the future to avoid the conflict with the annual voter's meeting. Thank you to everyone for hanging in there as we had a lot of information to cover in a short amount of time. Please know we are still open to your brainstorming ideas and would love to hear them even if you were not able to share them today.

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.

The Ingathering for the veterans was completed on Tuesday, November 13th. The collected items were presented to the Veteran's Outreach Center speaker at the luncheon held on the 13th presented by the Love Kitchen for the veterans in our congregation. \$450 in Hy-Vee gift cards and various toiletries, clothing, backpacks and a tent were donated. Thank you to everyone who helped support this event.

Donations were collected for the Soupless Soup Supper today. These funds will go toward the general fund for the 2019 calendar year.

New Business

LWML Executive Board positions. Jeannette Jensen as secretary and Shirley Wright as treasurer are the current nominees. We asked twice for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Nancy made a motion to approve Jeannette as the secretary of the LWML Executive Board. Tammie seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Tammie made a motion to approve Shirley as the treasurer of the LWML Executive Board. Jody seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved. These positions will begin January 1, 2019 and run through December 31, 2020.

Joan Sebesta is in the process of applying for a Thrivent Grant to be used for the December 12th Advent Meal. Nancy or Mary Ann will assist her in the process of applying. November 21st will be the deadline to apply and meet the time requirements set by Thrivent.

A sign-up to help serve for the Advent Meal on Wednesday, December 12th was passed around. Thank you to all of those who signed up. It looks like this will be a great event. We will send out a copy of the final list once the other circles have an opportunity to fill in where they are able to help.

Jody shared about working on the cheer baskets for the shut-ins at Christmastime. She has filled gift bags with various items to let our shut-ins know they are in our hearts and minds. She has the bags completed and has brought them to the conference room. 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.

A Secret Sister reminder was given to make your reveal prior to or on January 19th. We will discuss and begin the Secret Sister program for 2019 at the joint meeting on January 19th. Please let Jody or Cathy know if you are interested in participating but are unable to attend the meeting.

The Executive Board is asking for fundraising ideas for next year. Let's brainstorm. We came up with the ideas of a 50/50 Raffle, Baked Potato Bar on a Sunday following second service, Quilt Raffle, Make your own quilt square and Bingo Night. If anyone has any additional ideas, please send them to Cathy or Jody as soon as possible.

What type of social activities would you like to see Eve Circle participate in during 2019? How often would you like events like this? Are you still interested if there is a cost? Ideas that were discussed included Color Me Mine, Wine and Canvass, Catfish Bay, Schmeckfest, crafting with Pam Ricke, movie, A & R painting projects, bowling, cooking class and potluck. Service activities are also options and include ideas of Days For Girls and The Furniture Mission. We will still hold our regular meeting during the 9:15 Bible Study hour even if an activity will be held that day. We will keep the meeting and fellowship time separate. If you have any additional ideas, please let us know as soon as possible. We will try to have one event in addition to our regular business meeting each month. We are open to any ideas that will promote the growth of our relationships as sisters in Christ. Jody and Cathy will work on a 2019 calendar of meetings and activities. While we realize that life is busy at times and there may be some events that you are not able to attend, we hope that having this calendar prepared early will allow you to plan accordingly. We will have these calendars available for you at our January 20th Eve Circle meeting.

Eve Circle Christmas Party. We will meet at Pizza Ranch on 41st Street on Sunday, December 16th at 1:00 to enjoy food and fellowship. All family members are welcome to join in this event. Watch for an email requesting your RSVP so that we can reserve the proper amount of space. We will still have our regular business meeting at 9:15 during the Bible Study time in the Main Street Living Studio.

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

Upcoming Events

December 12th Advent Meal – We will be serving a lunch and dinner meal of chicken noodle soup and dessert.

December 13th LWML Board Meeting

December 16th Eve Circle Meeting, 9:15 AM, Main Street Living Studio

December 16th Eve Circle Christmas Party at Pizza Ranch on 41st at 1:00 PM. Families are welcome to join. Please RSVP

January 19th Joint Circle Meeting, 11:00 AM in the Youth Room. Please bring your own lunch.

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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. Registration for the convention and lodging in Alabama is not included in this price. March 1st is the convention registration deadline. ***Jody is interested in driving to help cut costs. If anyone is interested in carpooling rather than taking the bus, please talk with Jody as soon as possible.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy VandeBraak

OCTOBER REBEKAH CIRCLE REPORT

DATE: 11/20/2018

SECRETARY: CAROL HARMS

MEETING PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 12

HOSTESSES: Coletta and Norma

TOPIC LEADER: ROSIE

OFFERING: \$34.00 MITES: \$34.00 CHILDRENS INN: \$28.00

BUSINESS

Betty ask for nominations from the floor for the position of Sec. along with Jeanette Jensen and for the position of Treas. Along with Shirley Wright (for Guild) there were no additional nominated so members vote on Jeanette and Shirley. All members present signed Christmas Cards for shut-ins.

The charities to get monies at the end of the year. Call to Freedom and St Francis House \$650.00 each. Teen Town, Days for Girls, Horse Power, Dress for Success and Children's Inn will get \$350.00 each.

Members turned in envelopes with donations for "Soup less Tale". Monies will be used in 2019.

We will have our Christmas Gathering with pot luck at church atrium on Tues Dec 18 at 12 noon. You may bring spouses or friend.

Some members signed up to deliver Cheer Baskets to shut-ins. Middle School youth will also be delivering cheer baskets.

Remember to bring use postage stamps & put in the basket on shelf near LWML table.

Had a discussion about table clothes. New ones can be purchased for around \$10.00 each. They are made to 100% polyester and are easy care. The cost to be covered with remaining funds for Lois Hammond Estate that comes due in Feb 2019.

Illa reported that \$500.00 was given to Veterans Outreach along with in gathering items at potluck Nov 13. Illa asked for ideas from all circles for fund raising ideas 2019.

LWML will serve Chicken Noodle Soup and desserts after advent service on Dec12 after both services

The SD District LWML is looking for a banner for convention in Mobile Ala for 2019 the theme is "In Praise To The Lord" let Betty know

Dates to remember: Dec 12 Advent meal, Dec 18 Rebekah Circle Christmas Gathering at church, Jan 19 joint circle meeting and secret sister reveal (bring your own lunch), Sat Feb 2 Prayer service at Resurrection SF, Feb 2 Call to Freedom Presentation in Atrium at 1:00 pm open to all ages

Our next meeting will be December 18 12:00 p.m.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CAROL HARMS

Mary Circle

November 20, 2018

Members Present: 8 Guest: 1
Home: \$29.07 Mites: \$32.02

Attending were Val, Dianne, Sandy, Marsha, Donna, Dorothy, Judy, Mary, and Jerilyn. Sandy gave a devotion from Phil. 4:4-8, "Always Reasons to Give Thanks".

We voted for secretary and treasurer for the 2019 Executive Board. With no additional floor nominations, we voted by paper ballot Jeannette Jensen, Secretary and Shirley Wright, Treasurer.

Chicken noodle soup and dessert will be served for the Advent meal, December 12th. Sign-up sheets were available.

Luncheon, presented by the Love Kitchen, for the Veterans Outreach Center was Tuesday, November 13th. There was an ingathering of items for the veterans. Marsha shared that the speaker stated that one greatly needed item for the center is detergent, which can be dropped off at the Center any time.

Any ideas for a banner design to be used at the National Convention can be turned in to Illa or Patty Peters by January 10th. Theme for the convention is "In Praise to the Lord".

Email Sandy with fundraising ideas for 2019. A minimum of \$1200 is needed to cover budgeted expenses for 2019.

A speaker from Call to Freedom will speak on Saturday, February 2. The time has been changed to 1:30. She will speak for an hour, which will include questions. There will be a Minute for Ministry and information will be sent to different churches. Mary will check with the speaker regarding publicity. Coffee and cookies will be served. Each Mary circle member will bring three dozen cookies.

Dorothy will clean refrigerators in December.

We will continue to meet at 4:45. There will be no meeting in December. We will have a Christmas Potluck, December 7th at 6:00 and play Bunco. Mary and Donna will each bring a hot dish. Dianne and Jerilyn will bring salad. Sandy will make homemade ice cream for dessert. A collection will be taken for an Angel Tree gift.

Officers for our circle will be Mary Dunlap, President and Jerilyn Harris, Secretary-Treasurer.

Jerilyn will send a year-end report to Illa by December 13th.

Secret Sister will be revealed at the January 19th joint meeting.

The gold envelopes for the LWML fund were turned in.

We welcome Judy Cain to Mary Circle – 6101 W. Aviary Place 57107
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Birthdate – February 4

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris