

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2019

Conference Room

Members Present: Cathy VandeBraak, Jody Huebert, Jeannette Jensen, Mary Dunlap, Tammie Schulz, Kay Nelson, Shirley Wright

- I. Opening Devotion – Jody opened with a Mustard Seed devotion on Prioritizing.
- II. Introductions - went around the table and had everyone introduce themselves and what position they have on the Board this year.
 - a. Jody Huebert – mission coordinator
 - b. Cathy VandeBraak– Vice President of Board
 - c. Jeannette Jensen – Board Secretary
 - d. Mary Dunlap – chair of Mary Circle
 - e. Tammie Schulz – Resource Coordinator
 - f. Kay Nelson – chair of the Rebekah circle
 - g. Shirley Wright – Board Treasurer
- III. Secretary’s Report was reviewed. Jody made a motion to approve minutes as presented from the December 2018 meeting, second by Tammie S. – all in favor, yes. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Shirley handed out copies of the December report, reviewed. She had a question about the Extension Fund CD balance and what we wanted to do with this CD. Discussion. Decided that we should keep and roll over at this time. Shirley does have some other questions and will be reaching out to Mary Ann for assistance.
- V. Old Business
 1. Tablecloth donation update. Cathy has not heard if SF Lutheran was interested in our old tablecloths, she will follow-up with SF Lutheran. We need the space to store the new ones. Tammie would like one of the old tablecloths to make a banner. If the SF Lutheran school declines, suggestion was made to donate the rest to a local charity. The Union Gospel Mission now has a thrift store we could donate. Will wait to hear back from Cathy.
 2. Membership lists for all circles have been updated and will be available at the January 19th joint meeting.
 - a. Mary noted that we need to add Julie Rames to the Mary Circle list.
 3. Year-end reports for each circle and board positions. Maxine printed these and they will be available at the January 19th joint meeting.
- VI. New Business
 1. Jody opened the mail, we received several thankyou notes to the LWML for the cheer baskets and donations – notes were passed around for group to read.
 2. Chez has asked if LWML would be willing to help with the busy bags. She is looking for help making sure they were cleaned out and all had toys, paper, crayons, etc in them each time. Discussion, concern about availability of members to be at church regularly to assist, creating a schedule, asking some small group of people to help. Suggestion made that we give back to Chez to present the opportunity to the congregation to seek volunteers to help her. Motion made to decline

at this time and suggest options for Chez i.e. present a minute for ministry/bulletin/newsletter to see if any congregation member was willing to assist her with this project. Tammie made motion, seconded by Jeannette. All in favor, yes. Motion carried.

3. Any help needed for Call To Freedom speaker event? Presentation sponsored by the Mary circle – no help needed, the circle has enough volunteers. They will be serving coffee and cookies. Maxine has put the information on Facebook, in the bulletin and has sent invites to other churches as well. They will be taking a freewill offering at the event.
4. Treats for Mites on April 7th. Clarified from last month's meeting – take to the circles to decide what treats everyone wants to sign up to bring. Need to find out who will let Evie know we do not need donuts that Sunday. Donations will be put toward Mites and will need to decide where the donation will go – Tammie will let Maxine know where to direct the funds.
5. March 13th we will be serving the Lenten Meal. Cathy will check with Ila to see if this is on the calendar with Maxine. Discuss menu options. Chicken and rice casserole (served in 2018), baked potato bar, baked spaghetti. Any other ideas? Suggested that we NOT do a baked potato bar since we want to do that as a fundraiser at some point during the year. Kay had a list of suggestions that she brought to the table. Discussion. Decided that we would like to serve Shepherd's Pie. Kay has a recipe for large quantity. Will serve with the little cocktail buns. Will ask for volunteers to bring desserts. Tammie motion to serve Shepherd's Pie, buns and deserts. Second by Cathy, all in favor = yes. Motion carried.
 - a. There is \$115.88 remaining on a Thrivent Action Grant card. That will not cover the cost of the meal. Anyone willing to apply for a grant? Was mentioned that MaryAnn has a list – suggested we ask at the joint meeting if someone is willing to apply for a Thrivent grant to help cover the costs on this.
 - b. Sandy Krause is coordinating a book sale to be held at the Lenten meal.
6. Is there any interest in car-pooling or a bus to Black Hawk, SD on April 26-27 for the SD District Retreat? Anyone willing to organize? Tammie is going to the retreat. Ila is wondering about carpooling or taking a bus. Kay has a van and could take 4 others with her. Suggested to discuss at joint meeting and offer a sign-up sheet to see how many are going and then look at coordinating transportation and lodging. Kay volunteered to present information at the joint meeting on the District Retreat.
7. National website is LWML.org
8. State website is SDLWML.org
9. Refrigerator Cleaning: January – Eve circle. February - Rebekah Circle. March – Mary Circle. Question was asked if we could inquire about having the janitor, Amanda, take over the cleaning of the fridges? Cathy will check with Amanda and follow-up.
10. Joint meeting:
 - a. Secret sister sign-up for the next year – Cathy presented a sheet to fill out that interested participants could fill out to provide information about yourself to be given to your secret sister so they know about you. Discussion, everyone liked the idea of the information sheet. Comment was made that if someone chooses to participate, they need to commit to do this. Suggestion was made to have the sheet available at the joint meeting for people to fill out and then to ask the circle chairs to send to any members that are interested in participating

that are not able to come to the meeting, Will have sign-up at the joint meeting and get names out to everyone by the end of February. Jeannette volunteered to keep a master spreadsheet of who has who. Cathy will check with Maxine about using the blue envelopes to mail out the sheets to everyone with the information on their secret sister.

VII. Other Business

1. Vice President Report – Cathy – mentioned the Dayz of Doing project, she checked with Maxine on dates the Atrium is available and the only date is April 5th and 6th. Suggested that we secure that date with Maxine on the calendar and we can discuss details of the event later.
2. Mission Coordinator Report – Jody – no report
3. Resource Coordinator Report – Tammie – she is going to make a banner out of one of the old tablecloths.
4. Research Coordinator Report – question asked if Renee was going to continue in this role, no one was sure, Cathy will follow-up with Ila.
5. Archivist/Historian Report – Marie not present
6. Eve Circle Report – Jody and Cathy – December event – Pizza Ranch – working on calendar for next year of activities or service project each month in addition to the monthly “gathering”.
7. Rebekah Circle Report – Kay – had a Christmas luncheon potluck, good time.
8. Mary Circle Report – Mary – potluck in December, invite spouses – played Bunco, homemade ice cream, lots of fun! Did cash donation to Teen Town from Augie.

VIII. 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.

IX. Questions. Comments. Prayer requests.

X. Suggestions:

- Can we add the Library Report on the agenda for the future board meetings?
- Mary mentioned she found information that the LWML is still collecting ink/toner cartridges – is this something we are interested in doing again?
- Mary mentioned that the Union Gospel Mission now has a ‘wish’ list for needs they currently have – if anyone is interested in doing an in-gathering for an activity.
- Mary mentioned that we may want to consider helping with activities that are already planned/being held at the church – we could volunteer to come and help, wouldn’t have to plan/organize, etc.?

XI. Adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, your sister in Christ,
Jeannette Jensen, Board Secretary

DECEMBER REBEKAH CIRCLE REPORT

December 18, 2018

SECRETARY: CAROL HARMS

MEETING PLACE: ATRIUM/pot luck

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 17

HOSTESS: Janet Hamilton

TOPIC LEADER: Betty Schultz

OFFERING: \$50.00

MITES: \$33.36

CHILDRENS INN: \$17.00

BUSINESS

Janet Hamilton hosted our December 18 Christmas Pot Luck. Thank you Janet it was wonderful. We need a chairperson for Rebekah Circle for 2019. Kay Nelson agreed to be chairperson for 2019. Illa made a motion to use Days for Girl for our Mission project for 2019; it was seconded by Alverna Anderson.

Everyone signed a card for Sunhild.

Total monies collected so far for soup less tale is \$875.00

Betty ask for suggestions for fund raisers for Guild for 2019. Bring to joint meeting on Saturday January 19.

It will be in Youth Room downstairs. Please you're your own Brown Bag Lunch.

Carol read 2 readings and had a Christmas Song game. Thanks Carol

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 February 19

Closed with Lord's Prayer

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CAROL HARMS

MARY CIRCLE

December 7, 2018

Mary Circle had a Christmas Potluck on December 7th. There were ten in attendance. Attending were Sandy and Gordon Krause, Dianne and Roger Corkill, Lenny and Steve Hendry, Judy Cain, Val Strandell, and Jerilyn and Ron Harris.

We enjoyed a delicious potluck and were treated by Sandy and Gordon with homemade ice cream for dessert. We had a fun evening playing Bunco, with prizes awarded, and great fellowship.

A cash donation of \$175.00 was collected for Teen Town, which will buy gifts for seven Teens for the Salvation Army program.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris

Eve Circle

December 18, 2018

Meeting Place: Main Street Living Room

Attendance: 11 Mary Ann, Jody, Tammie, Jeannette, Pam, Deb, LeAnn, Jolene D., Karen , Kristi and Cathy

Mites: \$11.00 Home: \$22.00

Mary Ann opened with a Mustard Seed devotion titled The Joy of Christmas: it's in the telling.

Old Business

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. Thank you all for serving and attending.

The Souple Soup Fundraiser donations totaled \$875. There may be a few more envelopes yet to be returned and that is fine, just return them as soon as you are able. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

The Circle membership lists are in the process of being updated and will be available to hand out during January joint meeting. Anyone not present to update their information will be contacted by Cathy VandeBraak to make sure everything is correct.

The Circle Chairs for the year 2019 have been decided. Mary Dunlap will chair the Mary circle. Kay Nelson will chair for the Rebekah circle. Jody Huebert and Cathy VandeBraak will be co-chairs for the Eve circle.

Mary Ann has been sending checks to the various charities in Sioux Falls based upon the votes. 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. She has already received a thank you note from Call to Freedom.

Pizza Ranch Christmas gathering was fun even though we had a low turnout. Lessons learn for us that December is packed with activities. We will try our best to avoid other activities but there will be times like this again. No worries, the events will still go on and the fellowship is always wonderful.

New Business

It is Eve's turn to clean the refrigerators in January. It was suggested that we divide and conquer these tasks as soon as the joint meeting concludes on January 19th.

Don't forget that Secret Sisters should be revealed no later than the joint meeting on January 19th. We are looking at creating a questionnaire to help you get to know your secret sister a little better. Please remember that if you sign up to participate in this activity, then flow through. There are no minimum or maximum limits. You could send cards at various times throughout the year, leave a post it note somewhere for them to find send flowers or a plant on an anniversary, birthday, etc. The choice is completely yours. Look for a questionnaire coming in your email soon. If you are not able to attend the meeting, yet still would like to participate, then I ask that you fill out the form and return it to me as soon as possible. We will let you know who you were matched to with at the Normally Scheduled Eve Meeting held the following morning, January 20 at 9:15 in the Main Street Living studio.

If you come up with any additional fundraising ideas that you would like us to consider, please let the board know as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

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January 20th Eve Circle Meeting, 9:15 AM, Main Street Living Studio

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We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy VandeBraak

Upcoming Events for Eve Circle *please note these dates in your calendar.**

January

19th Joint Meeting beginning at 11:00 in the Youth Room. Please bring your own lunch.

20th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

February

2nd at 1:30 Speaker form Call to Freedom. 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.

17th Regular Eve meeting in the MSL Studio at 9:15

March

13th Serve the Lenten Meal and a used book sale. Sandy Krause will be the organizer of the book sale.

17th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15 followed by a potluck after 2nd service. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share.

April

7th Provide Treats during Bible Class time.

14th (notice change of date due to Easter) Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

15th Service Project with Days for Girls

Mary

19th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

June

8th Game Afternoon beginning at 2:00 in the Atrium. Please bring a snack to share, your favorite games and family members.

16th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

July

TBD Service Event at the Furniture Mission

21st Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

August

18th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

24th Movie Night in the Atrium. Please bring a snack to share.

September

8th Rally Day

TBD Joint Meeting Activity

15th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

21st Possible Outdoor fire pit gathering.

October

20th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

20th After 2nd service Nacho Bar and crafting event with Pam Ricke.

November

10th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15 (Note the change of date to avoid the annual voter's meeting.

10th After 2nd service Potluck and cookie/candy cooking event in the Atrium.

December

7th Service Activity at the Empire Mall in the gift wrapping booth for the Children's Inn

15th Regular Eve meeting in the MLS Studio at 9:15

TBD Serve Advent Meal