

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2019
Conference Room

Members Present: Illa Biteler, Mary Dunlap, Tammie Schulz, Kay Nelson, Shirley Wright, Cathy VandeBraak
Members not present: Jody Huebert, Jeannette Jensen, Marie Kruger

Opening Devotion – Illa opened with a Mustard Seed Devotion titled “Living in the Spirit Helps Me Pray.”

Secretary’s Report was reviewed. It was decided to table the approval of the minutes until everyone has an opportunity to read a physical copy.

Treasurer’s Report – Shirley handed out copies of the December report and they were reviewed. She is in the process of waiting for the books to return from the audit. This will allow her more information to work with and to establish a better understanding on how the books function. She is also welcome to implement changes that she feels will help improve the process of following the money. Tammie made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as it has been submitted. Kay made a 2nd. All were in favor and the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Old Business

All the table cloths have been donated and now there is a need to discuss what to do with the table skirts that remain and are not being used as we do not have tables they fit. Kay made a motion to donate the table skirts to Good Will. Mary made a second. All were in favor and it was approved that the table skirts will be donated to Good Will. Illa will be responsible for dropping them off.

Membership lists for all circles have been updated and will be available and will be distributed at the February Circle meetings. There will be some extras in the LWML box if someone misses the meeting and would still like the directory. Please keep your Circle Secretary up-to-date with any changes in your contact information.

Year-end reports for each circle and board positions are available to those who were unable to attend the January joint meeting.

The position of Research Coordinator is needed to be filled. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help serve in this position.

Provide ideas for Bible studies

Research speakers and program ideas

Prepare a written report by December 31st to be included in the Zion Lutheran LWML yearly report

Perform other duties as set forth in the guidelines and as requested by the President.

Secret Sister Matches will be distributed at the February Circle meetings. If someone is unable to attend the meeting, the information will be mailed to them immediately after the meeting. Please be consistent in keeping your sister in prayer. There are cards available for you to use specifically for your secret sister found in the conference room. Please leave 50 cents in the mite box if you take a card.

Lenten Meal on March 13th. Some food items have already been purchased, but an additional Thrivent Action Team Grant will help with the final expenses. Please let us know if you are willing to apply for this grant. Shephard’s Pie is on the menu.

All sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen upstairs. Hopefully this will provide easy access for you to sign up and reference the sheets to see where extra help is needed. We will work hard at sending out reminders to those of you who have signed up for a particular event.

Nothing the LWML does would be possible without the amazing, generosity of you ladies. Thank you for all you do to make LWML a success.

Kay and Tammie are going to work together to prepare a Minute for Ministry to explain all the items that LWML collects such as eye glasses and cancelled stamps. They will also share a skit about Mites. We will have the LWML table moved to the back of the sanctuary that day to collect offerings that will help offset the shortage that is currently being experienced at the National level.

On Sunday, April 7th we will be serving treats during Bible Study time. The money collected will be sent to help reach the National Mission Grant goal.

DAYZ of Doing will be on April 5th and 6th. We still need a few people that will help coordinate the food, activities, and advertising for this event. Currently we have Shirley Wright, Kay Nelson, Mary Dunlap and Jolene Hanson. Please step up and help if you can. A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 10th at 10:30 in the Conference Room.

Would Max Kirilin be willing to help with this project and lead the Streets of Bethlehem ornament activity???

Any Thrivent Action Team Grants desired for this activity must be submitted by March 17th to meet the deadline.

Update from the Zone Prayer Service held at Resurrection Lutheran on February 2nd. 45 women were in attendance. That included 9 women from Zion and also Pastor Greg.

New Business

We were informed from the Zone Meeting that District Grant #7 will not be happening as the person will not be traveling to Peru. As a result, the \$5000 will be divided and donated to Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls Lutheran School and Lutheran's for Life.

The Zone is looking for someone to serve in the position of Historian. If you feel you are blessed with talents that would be helpful in this position, please let one of the circle chairs know as soon as possible.

Last chance to sign up for a physical copy of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly and Hilites. The list of ladies that want a copy has to be turned into Shirley Wright following the February Circle meetings to insure she makes the deadline of March 1st. The Lutheran Women's Quarterly and Hilites can also be found online.

The LWML National Mission Grant goal is falling short. A motion was made by Mary with a second by Tammie for the Zion LWML to send a check in the amount of \$1000 to help offset some of that shortage. All were in favor and it was approved. Shirley was writing the check tonight to get into the mail tomorrow

Treats for Mites on April 7th. Tammie has chosen to direct the donations from the treats to go toward the National LWML District Mission Grants.

Illa shared an opportunity to order and purchase a "Feather and button." This button serves as a South Dakota identifier pin. If you already have one, you may purchase an updated logo to cover the old one. The cost of the pin is \$10 or \$1 if you only need the new logo. You must sign up for this today as Illa will be sending the order in soon. There is a sample for you to view.

We have information to share about the LWML South Dakota District Spring Retreat in Black Hawk, SD on April 26th -27th.

We have information on the LWML South Dakota District Mission Trip to the Orphan Grain Train Warehouse on May 31st – June 1st.

Each circle is asked to review the list of fundraiser ideas offered at the January Joint meeting and pick one that you feel stands out and would be willing to work with the board to make it happen some-time throughout the year.

The ideas to pick from, but are not limited to, 1. Baked Potato Bar following a Sunday service. 2. Cookbook. 3. No Talent Night. 4. Talent Night. 5. Ice cream and oatmeal supper or lunch after church. 6. Sell frozen dinners. 7. Serve at Pizza Ranch. 8. Bingo Night. 9. Bake Sale. 10. Craft Sale. 11. Fudge Sale. 12. Hot Pot (Instant Pot) Demonstration. 13. Jewelry/purse swap luncheon. 14. Pinterest Party. 15. Sausage Feed and Polka band and accordion. 16. Chili Cook-off or Soup Contest (entry fee for chili and soup groups and admission fee for guests)

Other Business

Vice President Report – Cathy – Already covered membership lists and secret sister matches

Mission Coordinator Report – Jody not present.

Resource Coordinator Report – Tammie – no report.

Research Coordinator Report – position vacant.

Archivist/Historian Report – Marie not present.

Eve Circle Report – Jody and Cathy – Had a January meeting following the joint meeting.

Rebekah Circle Report – Kay – no report.

Mary Circle Report – Mary – no report.

Library Committee Report – Illa shared they have had weather force two meeting to be rescheduled.

They hope to meet prior to the book sale.

A memorial in the amount of \$50 was given to the Zion Radio program in memory of June Reisenweber. A card will be included in the family basket at the visitation and prayer service tomorrow night here at Zion.

Upcoming Events

March 13th Serve the Lenten Meal

March 14th Zion LWML Board Meeting

Book Sale March 13th -24th

April 5th -6th DAYZ of Doing

April 7th Treats during Bible Study hour

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.

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June 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

Adjourned with a prayer titled “God Be Over Me” by Ethel M. Stump

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy VandeBraak, Board Vice President

LWML Joint Circle Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2019 – 11:00 Youth Room

28 Members Present

Offering Collected for Mites: \$74.14 Home: \$71.40

Joined in the common table prayer and enjoyed fellowship with we ate the lunches we brought from home.

Opening Devotion – Illa presented a devotion from Portals for Prayer titled “Your Table is Ready.”

Introductions

Illia Biteler – Board President

Jody Huebert – Mission Coordinator and Co-Chair of the Eve Circle

Cathy VandeBraak – Board Vice President and Co-Chair of the Eve Circle

Mary Dunlap – Chair of the Mary Circle

Kay Nelson – Chair of the Rebekah Circle

Shirley Wright – Board Treasurer

Treasurer’s Report

Secretary’s Report

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Thrivent Action Team Grants. If you are willing to direct your Thrivent Action Team grants toward upcoming LWML events please let the board know. Every Thrivent member over the age of 18 has two grants in the amount of \$250 available for their use each year. Members under the age of 18 have one grant in the amount of \$250 available for their use each year.

Fundraising ideas compiled from the sheets on the tables
Baked Potato Bar following second service
Cookbook

No talent night
Talent night
Ice cream and oatmeal supper or lunch after church
Sell frozen meals (order form type)
Serve at Pizza Ranch
Bingo night
Bake sale
Fudge sale
Craft sale
Hot Pot Demonstration
Jewelry/Purse Swap Luncheon
Pinterest party
Sausage Feed and Polka Band and Accordion
Chili cook-off or Soup contest (entrance fees and pay to get in)

Ways to be more involved at Zion followed by the contact person.

Serve as an Event Coordinator – Max Kirlin

Help with Wednesday evening meals or just attend them. – Renee Lehr

Jesus Cares – Renee Lehr

Families in Faith – Bridget Ebert

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2020 District Convention in Yankton, SD

June 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

Adjourned with the LWML Pledge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy VandeBraak
Board Vice President

LWML Eve Circle Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2019 – 9:15 Main Street Living Studio

Sign card for college students.

Opening Devotion – Jody

Offerings: Home - \$19 (used for general fund for our society giving/use in funding our projects)
Mite - \$34.52 (used for state and national mission grant funding).

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LWML App – Mustard Seed Devotions, bible studies and much more. Check it out!

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Ways to be more involved at Zion.

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Serve on the Alter Committee

Help with Wednesday evening meals or just attend them. *We need a couple of people to cook, serves and clean up.*

Jesus Cares *This is an outreach opportunity to go to Dakotabilies for ½ hour service which occurs twice a month, Wednesdays at 9:55*

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Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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

February

- 2nd Prayer service at Resurrection Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD
- 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. Pack college care packages. Bring 25 items to place in the packages. Suggested items: snacks, post-it notes, pens, playing cards, dice, puzzle books, coloring books, markers, pens, pencils, chapstick, yo-yo, beach ball, bookmarks, photo books, etc.

April

- 5th DAYZ of Doing 2:00-8:00
- 6th DAYZ of Doing 9:00-2:00
- 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

May

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 Outdoor fire pit gathering at the home of Sara Francis

October

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

6th After 2nd service Nacho Bar and crafting event with Pam Ricke. *(there may be a charge for supplies this time)*

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. *There will be no Christmas Exchange this year. Instead, we are doing this fun activity to enjoy food, friends and fellowship.*

December

7th Service Activity at the Empire Mall in the gift wrapping booth for the Children's Inn. *The shifts are approximately 2 hours long. Jody will check on getting us on the schedule.*

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

TBD Serve Advent Meal