

Executive Committee Summer Meeting
June 11, 2022
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Davenport, NE

The meeting was called to order by President Sherry Burger, in the name of the Father, who created us; the Son, who redeemed us and the Spirit, who Sanctifies us. Sherry announced that today's meeting is an EC meeting and only the elected officers can vote. Sherry reminded everyone to fill out the travel vouchers and sign the attendance sheet. There is a basket to put prayer request in and one for collection of the \$7 for lunch. Sherry thanked the ladies of St Peter's Lutheran Church for hosting the meeting and the coffee, rolls and lunch.

Sherry introduced Pastor Counselor Michel Neidow to lead **the bible study; "Moving Forward"**. How do you see your congregation, or yourself personally? Moving forward in mission and ministry or stuck in the past? Do we remember the past and move forward, or are we stuck in it? We looked at key event in the Old Testament, Exodus 2:23-25, story of Joseph, Exodus 2:7-12 Moses and the Israelites. We then turned to Numbers and the grumbling about mana. Pastor Neidow points out the many times people in the old testament turned against God, But that God always listens and answers prayer. In conclusion, We should live focus on moving forward toward God's promise.

Bible study concluded by singing "Facing A Tasks unfinished (We Go To All The World)" and closed with prayer.

President's Comments: Sherry recommended members to visit the LWML website and look at the "Leadership tips from National" and other resources available.

Sherry introduce additional members for the retreat committee, Pauline Niederkeon, Dee Jalas, Donna Meyer, Kathy Comstock. Pastor Neidow installed retreat committee members.

Roll call: Margaret Morris, Recording secretary reminded everyone to sign the roll call sheet.

Adoption of Agenda. President Sherry asked to have agenda approved with the option for the president to make changes as needed. Debbie Rasberry made a motion to approve the printed agenda with the option to let Sherry change as needed. Motion seconded and agenda was approved.

Sherry then released the retreat committee, convention committee and nominating committee to conduct their own meeting/business.

Correspondence requiring no action was read by Margaret.

Thank you: Johanna Heidorn, Missionary to the Caribbean Region
Pastor Dean Hanson, (Donated mileage back to LWML)
Deaconess Sandra Rhein, Sacred Music Educator in Asia.(Indonesia & Sri Lanka)
Sarah Matthias; support of medical and health mission team to Guatemala
David Fielder, President of LCMS Foundation
Rev Abel Sifa Translator for Mozambique, LHF
Rev. Slavik Horpynchuk; LHF, Sharing the gospel in the Ukraine
Rev. Tanpo Tchirtime, LHF, sharing the gospel in West Africa
Rev Tyler, Yanela, Lia and Alissia McMiller missionaries in Italy
Chelsea Irwin serving in the Eurasia Region(Czech Republic)
Mrs. Sheryl Fietz, Our Savior Luther Preschool, Winnebago, NE
Dennis Seniff, Branch Manager Orphan Grain Train for \$4500. For shipping to the Baltic countries
Deaconess Katherine Rittner, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne Food Bank
Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS scholarships

Rev. Richard Snow for support of the Leadership Learning Community for pastors in Nebraska
 Jaclyn Rychel, Ministry in Mission President. Ministry in Haiti
 Mark Meyer, Director of International Student Ministry Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, NE
 Gary Thies; Mission Central
 Deaconess Kim Blueltmann, Missionary to Germany
 Britt Odemba and Family, Missionary to Kenya

Reports of Elected Officers and their Committees

Recording Secretary. Margaret asked for additions/corrections to Feb. 5th minutes recorded by Lisa Paul. Norma Hansen recommended corrections to the Endowment fund: "The endowment fund gains ~~are~~(strike are), and change to can be used for some of the LWML National Convention costs in 2025. (See ~~Treasurer Report~~) (Strike Treasurer's Report) and insert Endowment guidelines. Endowment ~~is earmarked~~ (strike is earmarked) insert; can be used for Special Mission Trips and leadership."

No additional additions/corrections brought forward. Sherry recommended minutes be approved as amended. Margaret will check the directory for Names and Zones. February 5th minutes approved as edited. Margaret will make changes and send out amended minutes.

Financial Secretary: Mary Beth not present. Her report was sent out prior to meeting. May 1 - 31, 2022. Total Receipts \$7455.99, Total remitted on May 26, \$7455.99 Balance in LCCEF \$89. Report placed on file.

Treasurer: Norma Hansen reviewed the treasurer report of July 1, 2020 thru June 9, 2022. Norma reports all mission grants and scholarships have been paid. Ending Balance June 9, 2022, \$22,090.77. Report placed on file.

Vice President of Christian Life. Vicky VanVelson report as sent. Kim reports the LWML Store has new items and she will need help at convention. Kim asked for help in deciding what to order for store, sizes of tee shirts/sweat shirts etc.

Vice President of Communications: Cassandra Tomsen reports the web page is back up/restored. Please send pictures and activities to Megan Outhlet for Face Book page.

Publications; Kirsten Hopkins not present. Kirsten reported to Sherry she is working on the Summer ECHO and asked members to please respond to email requests for information.

Vice President of Gospel Outreach: Randi Warneke, asked if questions regarding the mission grants presented to be voted on at convention. Randi states the dollars designated has been the same for the past 3 conventions, does the board want to keep it the same?(see approval of mission grant proposal)

Gospel Outreach & mission grants Committee: Linda Wills. Linda said she has scholarship requests to be reviewed by committee. (They will report later in the meeting.)

Vice president of Human Care: Debbie Raspberry, report as filed

Human Care committee: Cindy Long, not present

Vice president of Servant Resources: Vickie Hegeholtz reports letter to vendors for convention has been sent out. CPH is not coming. She will follow up on others.

Leader Development Committee: Rebecca Mau said she is hoping to have separate YWR session at convention.

Structure Committee: Kelly Mees: They are working on reviewing group bylaws submitted.

President: Sherry reports Deb Burman will only do the afternoon presentation at convention. Sherry said she has contacted Gary Thies do the breakout session. He has agreed.

Reports of Appointed Officers:

Parliamentarian, Maydelle Messerschmit. Not present: Report sent.

Planner/Meeting manager: Andie Becker: working on site for February 2023 meeting.

Archivist-Historian; Lisa Paul not present information on web site.

Reports of Special Committees

Endowment Fund: Norma Hansen/Sherry Burger. Per report: Balance as of June, 6th. \$92,744.84. Norma reminded the group to not be discouraged by the down trend this quarter due to the markets.

Special Gifts: Susan Thomas reports no requests since last meeting.

Nominating Committee: Sue Hoffschneider: Reports the ballot has been filled for convention. A meet the candidate's session is being planned Friday night before convention.

Meeting paused and lunch was served by the St. Peter's Lutheran Ladies.

2022 Convention Committee: Carolyn Nelson, Discussion on voting, Can Delegates vote electronically before convention? (Sherry checked the bylaws and not according to standing ruled in the bylaws.). Use of electronic devises at convention discussed. Consensus of group is to go with paper ballots. Discussion about logistics of paper ballots. A plan to have delegates remain seated when rest of convention participants dismissed for break. Ballots will pass out and collect at this time.

Early registration cut off is August 1st for convention in September.

IT was reported that the CPH store will not have an exhibit. Therefore Deb Burman's books will not be available. Discussion on alternative ways to make them available. Sherry will discuss with Deb Burman. LWML will have an exhibit with LWML items.

Executive Officers will be in the opening processional and Zone presidents are to carry their banners.

General Orders:

Approval of Mission Goals: Approval of Mission Grants Randi Warneke passed out the Mission Grant Proposal Summary for 2022 based on last conventions budgeted amount and asked about keeping it the same or changing: Discussion held. Randi Warnke moved that the mission Grant budget be increased to \$110,000. Seconded and motion passed. Slate of mission grant proposals will be sent to groups to review with their delegates and voted on at convention. Linda Wills and Randi Warneke reports they had 14 scholarship applications that met criteria. ½ of these were first time applicants. Norma Hansen made the motion to fund all 14, dividing the scholarship monies equally. Motion seconded and motion carried.

Update for Convention: There will be an EC meeting 9:30am on Friday before convention. Sherry asked what the convention offerings would be for? Traditionally the morning offering goes to the mite mission fund. The afternoon offering goes to the missionary speaker. Since we will have two mission presentations Gary Thies, Mission Central and Cheryl Kees, Winnebago Preschool teacher. Margaret Morris made the motion to give the morning offerings to the mission grant goal and the afternoon offerings split 50/50 between Mission Central and Winnebago Preschool. Motion seconded a prayer by pastor Neidnow offered before voting, Motion passed.

Milwaukee Convention – Sherry reports she does not have a bus coordinator yet. The Arrow stage bus has been reserved and current plans are to start in Lincoln. Members riding the bus will need to arrange to be in Lincoln to board the bus. Sherry asked if there was interest in stopping at Mission Central on the way home? None expressed.

Sherry asked for a slogan – Pastor Niedow suggested “Motoring to Milwaukee”. Slogan approved.

Sherry reports; Christal Miller is chairman for the Omaha Convention in 2025.

Retreat Committee Committee held first meeting today. Retreat: Dates: September 15-16 at Covenant Cedars bible camp. Theme will be “Feast in Comfort on God’s Word”. Bible verse: Psalm 119 :76. **Let, I pray Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.** Mission statement: *“Allow participants to feast on God’s word to take back to their group.”*

New Business: February meeting; Sherry asked if we want all Zone officers to be invited to attend the Board of Directors/Zone Training meeting in February 2023. Consensus was to invite them. The transition meeting for district officers will be the November 12th Executive Committee meeting in Doniphan."

No further business Sherry asked Vicki VanVelson for the closing devotion. Vicki read the devotion from the LWML web site “Summertime”. Draw near to God. Based on James 4:8a “Come near to God and he will come near to you.”

Pastor Niedow closed with prayer and prayers for the prayer requests. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted;

Margaret Morris

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Recording Secretary

June 11, 2022 Executive Committee attendance.

Name	Organization/group	Office
Margaret Morris	LWML District South	Recording Secretary
Linda Wills	Zion Lutheran Hasting	Gospel Outreach Committee
Yvonne Lunney	Zion Garland	Convention Committee
Vickie Hegeholz	Seward Zone	VP Servant Resources
Rita Luebbe	Seward Zone	Convention Committee
Mary Ann Niemoth	Grand Island Zone	Zone President
Pauline Niederkien	Zion Tobias	President
Marge Wollenburg	Zion Harbine	President
Kelly Mees	St Paul's Beatrice	Zone President/structure committee
Susan Thomas	Zion Tobias	Special Gifts/nominating committee
Heather Dahl	Centennial superior	Human Care committee
Sherry Burger	St Paul's Davenport	District president
Norma Hansen	Deshler Zone	District treasurer
Pam Binfield	St Paul's Kenesaw	Christian Life committee
Dee Jalas	Trinity, Grand Island	Retreat committee
Randi Warneke	Christ, neb. City	VP Gospel outreach
Vicky VanVelson	North Platte	VP Christian Life
Kristen Andersen	Trinity, Lincoln	Convention committee
Eileen Zentner	St Paul's Falls City	Convention committee
Angie Becker	Trinity Auburn	Meeting manager
Debbie Rasberry	St Paul's Kenesaw	VP Human Care
Joyce Kroll	Faith, Hebron	Christian Life committee
Rebecca Mau	St John's Waco	Leader Development Chairman
Sue Hoffschneider	St. John's Waco	Nominating committee
Carolyn Nelson	First Trinity, Beatrice	Convention committee
Tyne Chaney	Trinity Auburn	Convention committee
Jane Beck	Messiah, Lincoln	Convention committee
Kathy Comstock	Calvary, Lincoln	Retreat committee/Zone president
Cassandra Tomsen	St Paul's Minden	VP communications
Megan Outhet	St. John's Waco	Media/Marketing
Pastor Mike Neidow	Emmanuel, York	Pastoral counselor