

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
IOWA EAST DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, August 12, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Joan Berquist called the meeting to order in the name of the Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in the meeting room of the LCMS District Office in Marion, Iowa at 9:35 am.

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Lingard helped us examine the treasures of scriptures in chiasm's. A Chiasm is a literary device that uses patterns, rhymes, and opposites, or same ideas. The main point is in the center. There are over 3,000 in the Bible. He then concluded with an opening prayer.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: President Joan Berquist welcomed everyone. Attendance list is attached.

BOD MINUTES FROM May 6, 2017: Cheryl Killham moved we approve the minutes as printed. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and carried.

MEETING PARLIMENTARIAN: President Joan Berquist requested Janell Wollschlager be appointed parliamentarian for the meeting.

MINUTES REVIEW: Betty Borchardt and Nancy McHone volunteered to serve as minutes review,

GARBAGE DUTY: Marcia Reints and Kay Barry volunteered to serve on garbage duty for the day.

APPOINTMENTS: President Joan Berquist requested we remove Judy Westergren as Convention Co-Advisor and appoint her as the 2018 Convention Parliamentarian. Sharon Mullford-Henson moved to approve the appointments. (meeting Parliamentarian, meeting Minutes Review, Garbage duty and Convention Parliamentarian). The motion was seconded and carried.

BECKY WHERSPANN shared information about her daughter's accident, healing and future recovery plans. She thanked us for our support and prayers. The Doxology was sung.

2017 LWML CONVENTION RECAP: Various members shared personal highlights.

TREASURER: Gretchen Rasmussen's submitted report shows a balance on hand as of April 22, 2017, \$40,991.37; income received \$18,301.90; expenses were \$26,486.35 leaving a balance of \$32,806.92 as of July 27, 2017. The LMWL IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation is \$30,600.90 as of June 30, 2017. (End of First Quarter). Total Mission Grant Amount: \$95,735.00; Amount dispersed as of 7-27-2017, \$54,735.02; Balance remaining to be paid, \$40,999.98.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle reported. Full report attached.

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vickie Ozburn. Report was read. Full report submitted attached.

Christian Life Committee: Evonne Plagge & Sharon Mulford-Henson reported. They reminded us about the Mission Grant Video available on the LWML website. A new Bible Study titled "His Love, Our Love" is also available on the LWML website (lwml.org). They also presented a skit titled "The Lamp Lighter!."

VP OF COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham reported. Full report attached.

Jan Brown showed the Mission Grant video put out by Synod showing monies donated to LCMS throughout the years. President Joan Berquist encouraged us to show this video in our societies.

Historian/Archivist: Luella Scott reported. Full report attached.

ALIVE Newsletter Editor: Marie McNary reported she is working on the Fall issue. She is hoping to get it in and out prior to Fall Retreat. The next newsletter and her final issue will be the winter edition. The deadline is October 15.

Rally Schedule – Please notify Kay Barry with complete information as you receive it. Send via email, phone or hard copy.

Director of Public Relations: President Joan Berquist reported that Stephanie Behn has resigned as Public Relations director.

Webmaster: Janet Brown reported she will share the link to the video societies should use on the website. She will work on posting the Speaker's Bureau information on the secure section of the website. Full report attached.

VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot -reported that the Mission Grant for Lutheran Indian Missionaries (number 12) was \$7,000 to go to Bob Prue, a student that Lutheran Indian Ministries requested a grant for. As Bob is no longer enrolled in seminary the \$1,000.00 that was sent to Lutheran Indian Ministries on January 5, 2017 has been returned to us. This grant will remain open and on hold for the rest of the 2016-2018 biennium.

The Deacon/Deaconess student aid is also on hold, since we have no known student. Please ask any from Iowa East District who may be attending to apply for aid. We are using the same application form that undergraduates are using, available on the website.

It's time for submitting mission grant applications. The deadline is October 1, 2017. Full report attached.

VP OF HUMAN CARE: Jill Fraser reported. Full report attached.

VP OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Janell Wollschlager reported. Full report attached.

Member Development: Tammy McKay reported. Full report attached.

Young Woman Representatives: Rachel Wegener reported. Amanda is in Texas. Rachel and Amanda are planning a January event. Full report attached.

PASTOR COUNSELORS: issuesetc.org – is Pastor Lingard's favorite devotional. It is historical and topical and is on live from 3:00 till 5:00 every day on about any topic. Pastor Lingard thoroughly enjoyed the convention. He thanked us for what we do. Pastor McHone told us we are the "boots on the ground." He let us know he was an LWML scholarship recipient in the past.

ZONE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:

Sandi Duncan reported on items sent to Orphan Grain Train from Clemons. She is trying to get Grinnell involved again.

Rev. Dr. James Lamb is a good speaker on frozen embryos etc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joan Berquist requested prayers for work in her position. Full report attached.

Prayer: Pastor Lingard led us in prayer and Luther's Noon Time Prayer.

Lunch Break: We recessed for lunch at 12:10 pm. (The Steering committee met during lunch).

Reconvened: 12:50 pm.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS::

2017 Bus Coordinator: Vickie Ozburn:

We had 42 riders on the bus trip to Albuquerque; we had one rider that was unable to attend due to health issues. I request that Kathy Schweer's payment be refunded. I've received a couple thank you notes from the riders. We had 4 riders from outside IED. The trip down was

uneventful and we stayed fairly close to schedule. Coming home we faced a few obstacles. First we had a broken clamp on a hose and the bus could not go much over 40 miles an hour. We finally found a place to replace the clamp and we were on the road. Next came the hail. We drove for miles through hail that at one point was over an inch or two thick on the highway. Our bus driver did a great job and helped to keep everyone calm with his steady driving. Once we made it through the hail, and then came the rain. It poured and we could hardly see a few feet in front of the bus. Driving through some spots where the water came to the bottom of the bus. We finally made our overnight stop at around 1:00 am. The hotel was great and had all our keys labeled and ready for us to check in. Due to getting in so late we could not leave until later Monday morning, this caused a 3 hour delay in getting home. Regardless of the challenges everyone made it home safely and in good spirits. Praise God!

LWML Short Term Mission Challenge: Sandra Lingard no report submitted.

Speakers Bureau: Betty Borchardt reported no changes. President Joan Berquist suggested zones use the Speaker's Bureau.

Ready, Set, Recycle: Cheryl Killham. Full report attached.

Lutheran World Relief: Dori Stanek - fall pick up date will be October 21, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Trinity, Cedar Rapids. Recommended donation per congregation is \$25.00.

Heart to Heart Coordinator: Nancy McHone reported. Full report attached.

Nominating Committee Chair: Lilah Hurley reported that the Nominating Committee met on July 12, 2017 at the District Office at 10:00 a.m. We had one name submitted before the meeting for the position of Financial Secretary. A discussion followed on possible names of women who may be willing to serve as an officer. Tammy McKay, Davenport Zone, and Marna Mohr, Williamsburg Zone; have consented to have their names on the ballot for Financial Secretary. As yet, we have no names for President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Christian Life, or Recording Secretary. With the fall rallies coming up, we will need to actively seek LWML women willing to serve so we have a full ballot at the 2018 IED LWML convention. It was announced that Pastoral Counselor applications were sent to the zones/societies OR candidates. The LCMS IDE President will review all suggestions.

2017 District Retreat: Karen Kuesel, Co-Chair reported. Our report for this time is short as we near the retreat dates of September 8 & 9. We will have our final preparation meeting on August 23rd at Camp IO-DIS-E-CA at 1:00 pm. At this meeting we will have better knowledge of the logistics of the camp so we can be of better assistance to our guests and to aid us in a smoothly run retreat. We want your experience and time with us to be relaxing and memorable.

Don't forget to register before August 25th to save yourself \$5.00. That extra can be used for your mites! See you at Camp! Full report attached.

2018 District Convention: Karen Lyons and Angie Banko, co-chairs. Angie Banko reported. Full report attached.

Angie presented menu choices for meals;

Friday box lunch = triple stack deli sandwich, apples, brownie

Banquet – Chicken or pasta or beef medallions, salad, potatoes, beans, carrot cake

Saturday – sunrise buffet –

Lunch – chicken caesar salad,

Marcia Reints moved we accept the menu presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Gifts from the Heart will be a baby shower – to crisis pregnancy centers in southeast Iowa. The complete list of what to bring will be published in the Alive.

The steering committee recommended the Gifts from the Heart baby shower. The motion

carried.

Would like to have a rock-a-thon for Mites. Three(3) to Four(4) Rocking chairs will be available. We require Donations to mites to rock. Marcia Reints moved we have a rock-a-thon for mites with details to be worked out, including the possibility of matching funds. Motion was seconded and carried.

Convention Music Leaders will be Sandy Speidel and Shari Moeller. They work together. Helen Huedepohl moved we approve the music leaders. The motion was seconded and carried.

Recommendation by the Steering Committee for registration fees: Full Time \$130, Friday only \$80, Saturday only \$60. Motion carried.

Recommendation by the Steering Committee the Friday banquet will be \$45, and will not be placed on registration form or advertised, but will be available upon request. Motion carried.

The banquet program will be a look back on past of IED LWML

The hotel will have a link for registering for a room. Be sure to tell them you are with LWML to get the LWML rate.

Please share the skit “Grafted to the Vine” with your societies and zones. Cheryl Killham will send copies to the Zone Presidents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2018 Convention: President Joan Berquist presented the Idea of having some sort of training for pastors. Perhaps the National Representative could address this?

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Set Meeting Dates/Place:

- a. November 11, 2017 at LCMS IDE Office
- b. Set up tables and chairs for the November 11th BOD meeting – Judy Westergren and Janice Johnston volunteered
- c. February BOD meeting – February 17 with February 24th, 2018 as snow date

2. Logo - the motion was made and seconded to approve the use of the LWML district logo. Seconded and carried. It is available on the LWML-IED website.

3. 2023 convention fundraiser Pound auction or something else. We need to have something in motion.

4. August 28 – LWML District Day Cindy Kofoot will submit a mission grant to feature.

5. Motion to reimburse Kathy Schweer for bus fare for 2017 LWML convention. Seconded. Carried.

6. Pastor Lingard has the convention banner. It was decided to go to the retreat. Then send it to the district convention.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

CLOSING DEVOTION: Rev. McHone, junior Pastoral Counselor, presented the closing devotions, “You might be an LWML’er if...”

The Encourager: Acts 4:32-37 - Christian leadership. Pastor focused on encouragement – using Barnabus as an example. He said “all wise leaders will do what they can to encourage others”.

We will show the love of Christ – stand beside others and give them help and encouragement.

Closing prayer as printed.

Judy Westergren

Recording Secretary. Pro tem

FIANANCIAL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle

I made the following deposits of monies (mites, memorials, periodicals, and miscellaneous receipts such as bus registrations):

May	\$4,946.53
June	\$6,474.04
July	\$6,781.33
TOTAL	\$18,201.90

Thrivent Choice: For May - July LWML IED received \$100.00 in Thrivent Choice donations.

Ready, Set, Recycle: For May - July, LWML IED received \$206.51 from Ready, Set, Recycle donations.

For the Fall issue of the ALIVE I submitted the Memorials and Special Gifts Report for January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

As part of my devotions, I am really enjoying the Portals of Prayer app on my iPad and phone. The app has audio, and also opens the Bible readings with a single touch (my favorite part). The app gives you the option to mark a devotion as a favorite, so you can easily refer back to it.

VP of CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vickie Ozburn

I attended national convention in Albuquerque where I purchased the new 2017-2019 ReSources for planning programs booklet. I will be using this to send out monthly program planning ideas, devotions and Bible study resources to the Zone presidents.

I also picked up copies of the new Balance Bible study series, "Balance: Christ Filled Living," "Balance: Christ Filled Living with Adolescents" and "Balance: Christ Filled Family Living" by Coreen Jander; as well as several devotional books, mustard seeds and 2 copies of The Lord's Prayer by Rev. Gregory Seltz that I will have available to read.

I wrote and submitted an article for the Fall issue of the ALIVE, Unchangeable God in a Changing World.

VP of COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham

Board of Directors Directory: This has been updated and emailed to each BOD member. Please make sure that your information is correct. Thank you for informing me when there are changes.

ALIVE: I submitted an article for the fall ALIVE newsletter.

Zone Officer and Society Officer Forms: Each zone president has a packet with the new zone officer and society officer's forms. Instructions for completing the forms are in the envelope. The forms and instruction letters are also available on our website at: <http://lwml-ied.org/society-resources/>. Once I receive the forms back, I will make the needed copies and hand out at the following BOD meeting. These forms are very important because they have the names of officers in case someone needs to be contacted, the number of members, and the number of *Quarterly* and *ALIVE in Iowa East District* subscriptions being distributed to each society each year. ***It is important that I receive decreases in subscription numbers by January 31st, 2018. The request to change subscription numbers must be given to the Vice President of Communication and not the Financial Secretary.***

Society Financial Statements: "Bills" for the Quarterly and ALIVE subscriptions are

prepared in early February, and mailed (or emailed if provided on Society Record form and copying the society president) to each Society Treasurer based on their society record form. Their payment should be sent to the District Financial Secretary, Elizabeth Gehle. Please remind the societies that they should NOT send their payment to St. Louis. While we ask that the local society pay for their subscriptions, we do know that there are societies that do not have the funds to pay this expense. If they cannot pay, they are asked to let the District Financial Secretary know of their situation. Perhaps they can pay a portion of it. We do not want anyone to be without a quarterly or alive because of a shortage of funds in their local treasury.

Supplies: There are envelopes and letterhead available for your needs. The LWML Iowa East District Convention Badges are available for \$1.00 each, and then you are ready for the next conventions.

Communications: Stay in touch with the latest LWML happenings with LWML e-news, and national news, and go to www.lwml.org. For Iowa East District news go to <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>. For Facebook you can join in the conversation with our Lutheran Women by going to www.facebook.com/theLWML.

Favorite Devotion: I listen to the daily devotion that is published by the Lutheran Hour Ministry (<https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>).

Historian-Archivist: Luella Scott

At the LWML Convention I attended the Seminar for District Archivist-Historians on Thursday morning before I went to my assigned time at Servant Events. Carolina Honeycutt, National Archivist-Historian did send a power-point copy of her presentation at the Seminar. I reviewed it and found a few helpful suggestions for sending biennial reports, like a statistical report, but we include it in the District Convention manual.

LWML National has paid all District Historian dues (\$50) and also payment to keep our National Archives safe and secure. Due to hardships, CHI has not committed to having a Boot Camp in 2018. If possible, registration would be \$250, which would cover expenses, except transportation to St Louis. Goals set at the Seminar were use of retention of financial records, start writing a history of district, and scanning photos (digital image) but save the original photo. I heard that scrapbooks need not be saved.

I am attempting to collect all Spring Zone Board and Rally minutes. Zone presidents, please urge your secretaries to remit them.

I use Portals of Prayer, Around the Word devotions, and have shared Senior Moments, by Bernadette Mc Carver Snyder, which is prayer talks with God about aging grace-fully, with the reading group at the nursing home.

Newsletter Editor: Marie McNary

As *ALIVE* Editor, I have been working on compiling edits for the Fall 2017 issue. A first draft is back from the printer and a copy will be going out to the editing team soon.

I was very sad to hear that fellow IED Communications team member, Stephanie Behn resigned her post as PR Director. We are very thankful to Stephanie for the time and effort she put into this position. She did a great job!! In her absence I have been working with other members of the Communications Team to update the District Facebook page until a new PR Director can be named.

Update on my role on the Nominating Committee – I have been speaking with women in my zone, as well as others on the committee to try to find some wonderful people for these

roles.

Webmaster: Janet Brown

I have made six different updates/ changes to the website since May. I would like to get some new pictures to post to the website of officers and other pictures of interest. I am still learning word press, it is not the easiest when you don't have this type of experience. Thank you God for helping me with patience! I use the Portals of Prayers daily and keep old issues on hand so I can use these as a devotion for our St. Paul's LWML board meetings as I hold the Christian Life position. I like the comfort it gives us... "For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything." I John 3:20

VP of GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot

I submitted an article to the Alive with emphasis on the October 1st dead line for Mission Grant applications. The Student Aid committee approved 9 undergraduate student aid applications at their May 28th meeting. There were no graduate student aid applications for review. If you know of a young person who is currently working on their graduate deacon/deaconess classes please encourage them to apply for the grant that is available. Two more grants have been paid. LCMS "Veterans of the Cross" and LCMS "Mercy Medical Team Chaplain Scholarships". We have not received a request for funds at this time for the 5 outstanding grants. My favorite devotional is Portal of Prayer.

VP of HUMAN CARE: Jill Fraser

I received a suggestion to have a hand-out about Operation Barnabus as a reminder for continued prayers for our service men and women. I contacted Pastor McHone for this information. You will find a hand-out in your purple folder.

I attended the 75th LWML National Convention in Albuquerque.

The Human Care Committee met in July to discuss ideas for the 2018 LWML IED Convention and will be meeting again.

I am still looking for Gifts from the Heart needs (ideas) from each zone. Maybe you could address this at your Fall Rallies, then send them to me so I can make a new list for sharing with other zones and /or societies.

The gifts from the Heart for our November LWML IED Board Meeting will be for Lighthouse Center of Hope in Iowa Falls (Eldora Zone). This is an organization who works with unwed mothers (and fathers) to show a better way than abortion. They also work with under privileged parents of newborn and toddlers. Their mission statement is, "To nurture respect for human life, mentor Biblical manhood and womanhood, and provide care for mother and child." Some of their needs are as follows: diapers (sizes 3,4,5), disposable training pants, Pull-ups (sizes 4 and 5), NIV Bibles in large print – new or slightly used, Christian journals (for clients to journal and take notes), Wal-Mart, Fareway and/or Hy-Vee Gift Cards, Bible Devotions (Mustard Seeds), Christian Book Distributing Gifts Cards (for class curriculum and client reading).

Micah 6:8 "...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice , and to love Kindness, and walk humbly with our God."

VP of ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Janell Wollschlager

Submitted an article for the Fall ALIVE.

Attended the 2017 LWML convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Attended the pre-convention Structure Committee Meeting.

Worked on the Benton Zone Bylaws.

Working on IED Bylaw amendments for 2018 convention.

I am going through the two year Bible reading schedule from the Lutheran Study Bible.

Member Development: Tammy McKay

A donation was asked for at the May meeting and that was used to pay for the shirts and other goods that were given to the YWRs at the convention.

I went to the convention and had a good time.

I emailed my board member friend that I made at the May Meeting and got no response.

At the 2018 LWML IED Convention, we could put applications on the tables or in the registration packet and then ask for applicants.

My favorite devotional book is Portals of Prayers. It has everything.

Young Woman Representative: Rachel Wegener

Here we are almost two months after the convention and I still find myself often thinking of it. LWML is bigger than I knew and I loved learning about the incredible work being done in our world. I enjoyed making connections and meeting others with a passion for missions. I'm so grateful for this incredible experience. Thank you so much for supporting me and sending me to convention. I look forward to continuing to learn and work with so many wonderful ladies!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joan Berquist

In May, I attended the Everyone His Witness workshop in Rochester, MN. I had three lovely companions on my drive and there were 13 people from LWML Iowa East who attended. If you have a chance to attend one of these workshops, it will be worth your time. It stresses the importance of sharing Jesus by listening to others and then asking questions and again listening and then asking questions. A week later, I attended the Student Aid Committee meeting.

In June, I attended the pre-convention LWML Board of Directors Meeting in Albuquerque and then following the meetings, attended the convention. Carrying the Iowa East banner and being with the YWRs was an honor and a privilege. Thank you for sending me.

Follow-up with YWRs Amanda and Rachel on July 27th. They are thinking about ways to share their convention experience and their knowledge about the LWML with others.

New Logo – There is a style sheet for guidance on the usage of the new LWML Logo, it can be read or downloaded from the LWML website. The district logos are part of the new logo package and there are also logos for zone and society use. Please read the style sheet before you begin using any of the new logos.

2023 LWML Convention – This was not voted on at the pre-convention board of directors meeting. The reasoning given: LWML loses negotiability with hotels and facilities by booking their conventions so far out. To be better stewards, LWML is recognizing that the convention market has changed and will be booking the 2023 convention 2 – 4 years out instead of 6 years. Keep in mind that the 2023 convention will still be in The Northern Region and may possibly be hosted by the entire region, not just one or two districts. Fundraising for the 2023 convention should be started as soon as possible and we should be thinking of ideas/projects to get this started.

Delegates – It was a delight for me to be seated with our delegates, our YWRs and our pastoral counselor Rev Lingard. Please ask any of us to speak at your rally about our convention experience, and remember to thank your delegate for her gift of time, especially if she rode the bus! I received one favorable comment on the delegate orientation workshop held at the district

office in regards to holding this event again in the future. From my perspective, our delegation was very well informed and seemed relaxed at the convention.

Caucus – Prepared and led the caucus after the district photo and before the opening worship service. It was a bit chaotic because of shared space with Iowa West District LWML, but we got the job done, YWRs received their pins, people were given their special seating pass and we got to spend that time together.

Nominations – please support your nomination committee member by suggesting someone you may know that would be willing to serve at the district level. There is also a need for people to serve at the national level on committees. The online application is located: lwml.org, Service, Get Involved, scroll down to National LWML.

Pastoral Counselor applications were given out at our caucus, you have also received one today. Please ask your pastor or other pastors in your zone if they would be willing to serve our awesome organization. Mission work in action!

Appointed Positions need to be presented as an opportunity to serve. If we want to continue programs at the district level, we need people to put them in place. The appointed positions according to our bylaws are: Archivist-Historian, Convention Parliamentarian, Parliamentarian, Public Relations Director, Newsletter Editor, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Short-Term Mission Coordinator, Heart-to-Heart Coordinator, Retreat Chairman or Co-Chairmen, and Web Master. Also added this biennium, Meeting Manager and Convention Advisor. Take the application home with you and please give it to someone. The application is also on our website.

In July, while I was on vacation, I received an email resignation from PR Director/Assistant Newsletter Editor Stephanie Behn, which I accepted on behalf of the LWML IED. This leaves 2 positions open, the PR Director now and the Newsletter Editor beginning January 1st. Pray for our organization that we might find the willing workers to serve in these positions.

Alive – wrote and submitted article for next issue of the Alive and reviewed the first proof. I have registered for the retreat and have been promoting it locally besides promoting it in the Alive. One of the first timers from last year piped up and said, “It’s like a great big pajama party!!”

Women’s Leadership Institute, Concordia University, Mequon is holding a leadership training event on September 29 through October 1st in Milwaukee, WI. WLI is about equipping women for Christian Leadership. This program was started by Donna Streufert, former editor of the Quarterly. For more information, check out their website: www.wlicuw.org I encourage you to attend if you are considering a leadership role. This program is a great confidence builder and has been promoted in the Quarterly magazine.

LWML Districts Day is August 28th. The LWML will be promoting district grants by posting photos and information about one of our district grants on social media including who to send contributions to in Iowa East.

After the convention in June, I stayed on in Albuquerque one extra day at my own expense and went on the hot air balloon ride. What a hoot! Iowa West District President, Ann Carrick and I went up in the same balloon along with 9 other LWML ladies. We had good passage and safe landing. What a cool way to end the convention experience!

Daily devotions are from one or more of these wonderful inspiring publications: Portals of Prayer, Mustard Seed Email Devotions, Lutheran Church Charities emailed devotion.

MEETING MANAGER: Becky Wehrspann

New name tents are created, and folders updated, for each Board meeting.

The Call to Meeting email was sent to BOD members and guests.

The transition from Meeting Manager to another volunteer (Kay Barry) was made regarding Zone Rally scheduling.

I receive the LWML Mustard Seed devotions in my email each day. I also use the Portals of Prayer devotions with my family.

HEART TO HEART SISTERS COORDINATOR: Nancy McHone

I was blessed to be able to attend the LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While there, I was able to re-connect with other Heart to Heart (H2H) sisters. I assisted in the H2H Booth and helped make and attach numerous colored flowers to a photo backdrop. The multi-colored flowers were symbolic of all the colors it takes to make up the LWML! I was proud, as a H2H sister, to carry the Brazilian flag in the procession for the convention.

June 13, 2017 I was honored to present a H2H program for the ladies of St. Paul in Marion. I enjoyed the evening and the visiting opportunities very much. Thank you, Diane for the invitation!

I wrote an article for the "ALIVE!" and submitted it to Marie.

I continue to work with our lady from Haiti and her little girl.

READY SET RECYCLE: Cheryl Killham

Zone Facilitator Directory: A Zone Facilitator has been designated from every zone except for the Davenport Zone.

Shipping Labels: I provided FedEx shipping labels to the Clinton, Waterloo, and Williamsburg zones.

RSR Collection: As of July 31st, \$206.51 has been received since the last BOD meeting. A total of \$1,483.30 has been collected since July 29, 2015..

2017 DISTRICT RETREAT: Karen Kuesel and Elizabeth Roberts – Williamsburg Zone

Retreat Theme: "Unchangeable God in a Changing World"

Theme Verse: Psalm 102:25-28 (Emphasis on v. 27): *"In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish but you remain; they all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. **But you remain the same, and your years will never end. The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.**"*

An invitation to the retreat and the registration form will be in the next issue of the ALIVE.

Speakers: President Saunders will speak on Friday evening on "Life Before the Flood" Judy Stevens, a Master Gardener, will be speaking on the "Plants of the Bible" at 10:00 am on Saturday.

We have been asked by the camp to help them out by washing windows prior to our Friday evening activities. Supplies will be provided.

We will be distributing to each zone president an invitation and list of items needed for the Ingathering and servant event. Ingathering for **lo-Dis-E-Ca**: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, laundry soap, garbage bags (all sizes), and postage stamps. Servant Event - will be assembling **Packets for the Homeless**: Items needed are **toiletries** (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb or brush wet wipes, sunscreen, chap stick), **miscellaneous** (socks {wool suggested}, hats, gloves/mittens, travel cup/bottle, hand, feet, body warmers, \$5 or \$10 gift cards) and/or **food**

items (meal coupons, granola or otein bars, small water bottle, instant oatmeal packets, easy-open lid soups, trail mix).

We will be meeting again at the camp on August 23 at 1:00 pm to finalize details.

2018 LWML IED CONVENTION REPORT: Angie Banko

The District Convention will be June 15-16, 2018 at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids.

Much work has been done since spring. Several items will need approval at this board meeting.

Karen and Angie met with staff to select meal menus. Choices will be shared at the meeting and will need board approval.

Our zone planning committee met July 29, progress of each committee was discussed and the following items are submitted for approval.

Gifts from the Heart: Baby shower for the following crisis pregnancy centers in southeast Iowa: Birthright in Burlington and Muscatine, Cradle of Hope in Mt. Pleasant, and Heartland Pregnancy Center in Ottumwa. Other recipients are still being researched.

Rock-a-thon for mites. Each zone will provide a rocking chair and participants for a mite donation participants can sit and rock while the convention is going on.

Music: Sandi Speidel and Shari Moeller of Mt. Pleasant are being recommended as music leaders. Shari is an elementary music teacher and Sandi is the choir director at Faith, Mt. Pleasant.

Registration fee: As of the writing of this report a recommendation has not quite been figured out but will be shared at the meeting.

Things to share:

We are still working on ideas for servant events.

The Friday evening banquet will include a look back at the history of LWML IED.

Publicity: Flyers and skit (if approved by the district counselors) will be distributed.

Worship service: Zone Counselor, Rev. Roepke has the service ready to go and has asked district president Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders to be preacher.

Hotel: Link for making hotel reservations has been supplied to us and will be in the ALIVE with the registration form.

ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Benton Zone: Elaine Haren

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. John's Lutheran Church, Keystone

Date: September 17, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm

Rally Theme:

Bible Verse:

Speaker:

Ingathering:

Cedar Rapids Zone: Margaret Kistler

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon

Date: October 7, 2017

Time: 8:30 am/Reg. 9:00 am Brunch – till noon

Rally Theme: "Faith Through the Word"

Bible Verse: Romans 4:13-14

Speaker: Willis and Carol Wulf, Mission Trips to Vietnam

Ingathering: Items for Linn Ara Community and Vietnam Missions

Clinton Zone: Alberta Martens

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Mound

Date: September 23, 2017

Time: 9:00 am – Noon with lunch

Rally Theme: POBLO

Bible Verse:

Speaker: Pastor Tim Bickel

Ingathering:

Davenport Zone: Marcia Reints

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Davenport

Date: September 13, 2017

Time:

Rally Theme:

Bible Verse:

Speaker:

Ingathering:

Dubuque Zone: Denita Krause

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** Lutheran Church,

Date: October 21

Time:

Rally Theme:

Bible Verse:

Speaker:

Ingathering:

Eldora Zone: Sharon Mulford-Hensen

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alda

Date: September 30, 2017

Time: 8:00 am- Reg. 8:30 am – Rally till after lunch

Rally Theme: "Jesus Comforts All"

Bible Verse: Isaiah 49:13

Speaker: Jane Marsh and Gracie, the Comfort Dog

Ingathering: Monetary Gift for Gracie the Comfort Dog

Marshalltown Zone: Sandi Duncan

2017 Fall Rally: **Location:** St. John's Lutheran Church, aOskaloosa

Date: October 7, 2017

Time: Registration 9:00, 9:30 begin till 3:00 p.m.

Rally Theme:

Bible Verse:

Speaker: Rev. James Lamb

Ingathering:

Mt. Pleasant Zone: DeEtta Rasmussen

2017 Fall Rally: ***Location:*** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairfield

Date: October 21, 2017

Time: 8:00 Registration

Rally Theme:

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:5

Speaker: Helene Kuempel

Ingathering: 75 kits for Orphan Grain Train

St. Ansgar Zone: Betty Borchardt

2017 Fall Rally: ***Location:*** St. Peter Lutheran Church, Elma

Date: September 30, 2017

Time: 8:00 am - Reg./Breakfast 9:00 am - Rally

Rally Theme: "Jesus Christ, Above All"

Bible Verse: Philippians 2:9

Speaker: Mike and Anita Preston, Charitable Project with Native Americans

Ingathering: Paper Products, Disposable Diapers, Hygiene Products

Waterloo Zone: Judith Fink

2017 Fall Rally: ***Location:*** Concordia Lutheran Church, Waterloo

Date: September 23, 2017

Time: 8:15 am – Brunch 9:00 am – Rally till noon

Rally Theme: "The Footsteps of Martin Luther"

Bible Verse:

Speaker: Pastor Anthony Dodgers, Work of Martin Luther

Ingathering:

Westgate Zone: Nancy Maurer

2017 Fall Rally: ***Location:*** St. John Lutheran Church, Waverly

Date: September 16, 2016

Time: 8:00 am - Brunch 9:00 am – Rally till noon

Bible Verse: "Live"

Rally Theme: "'LIVE' By God's Design"

Speaker: Pastor John Wegener, Campus Ministry

Ingathering: Items for UNI Campus Ministry

Williamsburg Zone: Helen Huedepohl

2017 Fall Rally: ***Location:*** St. James Lutheran Church, Victor

Date: September 28, 2017

Time: 4:30 pm – Reg. 5:00 pm- Rally

Rally Theme:

Bible Verse:

Speaker: Duane Hinrichs, Habitat Building in Nicaragua

Ingathering:

IED Board of Directors Meeting Attendance – August 12, 2017

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2018-19 Young Woman Rep.	Amanda Hahn	A
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2018 Convention Co-Chr	Karen Lyons	P
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2018 Convention Co-Advisors	Judy Westergren	P
2018 Nominating Com. Chr.	Lilah Hurley	P
Guest (Marshalltown Zone Advisor)	LouAnn Perkins	A