

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
IOWA EAST DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, February 17, 2018**

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 9:30 am.

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Sr. Pastoral Counselor, Pastor David Lingard presented the opening devotions based on Romans 5: 1-5, "God's Plan in Suffering". "Through our suffering we have endurance as we rest in the peace of Christ. Suffering does not define our identity because Jesus has already defined us in our baptism".

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: President Joan Berquist welcomed everyone and each person introduced herself. (Attendance list is attached.)

BOD MINUTES FROM November 11, 2017: Betty Borchardt made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2017 IED BOD meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

MINUTES REVIEW: Margaret Kistler and Jeanette Kreutner volunteered.

GARBAGE DUTY: Janell Wollschlager and Pastor Lingard volunteered.

APPOINTMENTS: Betty Borchardt made a **motion** to accept the following appointments: Parliamentarian for the February Meeting, Janell Wollschlager; Christian Life, Martha Hartwig and Member Development, Tammy McKay. Motion seconded and carried.

Mileage Rate: Betty Borchardt made a **motion** to set the mileage rate for 2018 at \$.40 per mile. Motion seconded and carried.

LWML PRESIDENT UPDATE: Joan Berquist

The **2019 Convention Logo** and poster were distributed. We were asked to take them back to our zones, societies and congregations to create interest and publicize this event.

2018 Convention Materials: The LWML items you receive in your convention packet are sent from National. Be sure to use these materials.

Woman's Day Event: This is an idea to promote LWML in a different way in place of having a regular meeting.

Heart to Heart Sisters: Look for the "Living and Learning Heart to Heart" on the LWML website. If there are ethnic LWML Heart to Heart Sisters at convention, make a special effort to introduce yourself to her.

Assembly of Leaders will take place on November 7-10, 2018. The deadline to register is August 1, 2018.

LWML e-News: This keeps us up to date on what is happening in LWML, be sure to sign up for it if you don't receive it yet.

Seminary Aid: Our District donated a total of \$12,500 for Student Aid in the biennium of 2016-2018. The total donated from all forty (40) districts is \$1,003,930. PRAISE THE LORD!!

Restructure of the LWML National Board of Directors: A print out was distributed and discussed to inform us of the changes and the reason for this change. This will come up for vote at the 2019 Mobile Convention, so it is important to be educated on this issue so we will be able to answer questions other members may have.

2019 LWML Convention: June 20-23, 2019, Mobile Alabama. Theme: "In Praise to the Lord" Bible Study Leader, Donna Pyle; Song Leader, Rev. Dr. Dien Taylor; Proclaimer, Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall and Humorous Interrupter, Jan Struck.

LWML NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Becky Wehrspann, Quarterly Features Editor

Cheryl Killham, Leadership Development Committee

Vickie Ozburn, Food Services Manager for LWML Conventions

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Gretchen Rasmussen reported – a beginning balance of \$21,552.25; income received was \$19,608.40; expenses were \$18,787.10; leaving a balance of \$22,373.55 as of January 31, 2018. The expense voucher forms are on the website. Gretchen encouraged us to go on the website, print out your own voucher, fill it out before you come to the BOD meeting to speed up the process so the checks can be distributed before we leave the meeting to save on postage. Gretchen also asked for documentation on your expenses and a GPS mileage reading confirmation - (she needs one annually). Report submitted and full report filed for review.

The balance of our LCMS Endowment fund account is \$31,614.62 as of December 31, 2017.

We need updated envelopes printed with the new logo for sending out the ALIVE. Jeanette Kreutner made a **motion** to pay for updated LWML envelopes with the new logo for mailing out the ALIVE. Motion was seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle reported. Joyful Response enrollment forms were distributed to Zone Presidents so they can be distributed at the rallies. They are also posted on the LWML website. Elizabeth will send out an email to inform us when the account opens. Full report attached.

VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vickie Ozburn – Diane Paulson read her report. Full report attached.
Christian Life Committee: DeEtta Rasmussen reported. The store is open and new supplies have been ordered. If you want to place an order for anything else, give to DeEtta and she will order it for you and bring it to the next BOD meeting.

VP OF COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham reported. She distributed Convention packets to the Zone Presidents for each society in their zone. **Exhibitors:** Cheryl received a request for two added exhibitors since the list has been approved. “Lutheran Friends of the Deaf” ministry and Molly Christensen, LCMS Nurse Missionary in Togo, Africa (daughter of Tammy Christensen, who would display for Molly). DeEtta Rasmussen made a **motion** to add these two displays to the Exhibitor List. Motion was seconded and carried. **Electronic Ballot Option:** Cheryl shared with us two options we may have if we choose to use the electronic voting method. Discussion followed. Jenell Wollschlager made a **motion** to use the *Interactive Church Resources* system for voting at convention. Motion was seconded and carried. Zone Presidents will still appoint tellers for Election of Officers and Mission Grants – to be given to Sharon Hensen by May 1, 2018. Full report attached.

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

ALIVE Newsletter Editor: Kendra Voss reported. Full report attached.

Director of Public Relations: President Joan asked Sharon Hensen to manage the Public Relations Exhibit at Convention in June.

Webmaster: Jeanette Kreutner reported. Full report attached.

VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot reported. Full report attached.

Endowment Fund: I distributed the updated revised Endowment Fund flier. Judith Fink made a **motion** to approve the updated Endowment Fund flier. Motion was seconded and carried. We discussed printing of the fliers, we will look into other options and /or quotes for these fliers.

Prayer: Pastor Lingard led us in Prayer.

Lunch Break: We recessed for lunch at 12:10 pm. The Zone Presidents and other committees met during lunch.

Reconvened: at 1:05 pm

The Christian Growth committee presented a skit – “Conversations” radio show revisited.

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

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

Rock-a-Thon: I handed out to the Zone Presidents pledge sheets for the Rock-a-Thon to distribute to the societies. We are making a contest for this event - each zone is a team – teams will collect pledges and turn them in when they come to register at the convention. The team with the highest amount of pledges will win a special prize. Rocking chairs will be provided by the committee and be set up at the convention where there is room. Ladies can sign up to rock when they come to register. Monies raised will go to Mites. LCEF will match the first \$500.00.

Member Development: Janell Wollschlager reported. Our committee met at lunch time discussing what we will be doing for our LWRs attending convention. **Welcome Bags:** We will be putting together suggestions for the Zone Presidents to gather items for these bags to be given to each YWR. We are working on a devotion for the YWRs presentation at the convention. We are planning a meet and greet with LWML President Patti Ross. We ask you to encourage your young women to attend. **YWRs:** Rachel Wegner/Amanda Hahn - Rachel reported. Our YWR Event did not work out in January, so we postponed it to March 11, 2018. We have the school supplies for the servant event and volunteers to help in place. Keep encouraging your young women to attend.

PASTORAL COUNSELORS:

Pastor Randolph McHone: Nancy had major back surgery and is healing very well. We are so grateful for the prayers, notes, emails and visits to support us through this ordeal. It is such a blessing to see how God uses people to help others. God has blessed us in many ways.

I will be the guest speaker at the Westgate Zone Spring Rally, speaking on Project Barnabus, working with families who have family members deployed. There are 200 families in the NE Iowa area that has a family member deployed. The ingathering will be gift cards of any kind to help these families.

I am working on a Bible study to present at the Fall Retreat in September.

ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS: Give name and ministry of your Spring Rally speaker and how they are connected to the mission of telling others about Jesus.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joan Berquist reported. Full report attached.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LWML Short Term Mission Challenge: Sandra Lingard No report.

Speakers Bureau: Betty Borchardt reported. Received one request for the list of speakers. Received one request to send out an application to be on the speakers list. Betty reminded us that the speakers list is also on the protected area of the IED website

Ready, Set, Recycle: Cheryl Killham reported. A new list of items approved for recycling has been published. Use this updated list to make sure what you send is on that list. Full report attached.

Lutheran World Relief: Dori Stanek reported. During lunch I distributed shipping labels and forms to the Zone Presidents. The next pick up date will be April 21, 2018 at Trinity, Cedar Rapids from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Heart to Heart Coordinator: Diane Paulson read Nancy McHone's report. Full report attached.

2018 Retreat: Loretta Vogt/ Ev Wiebke, Co-chairs - Loretta reported. Full report attached.

Alberta Martens made a **motion** to approve the District Retreat agenda as submitted in their report. Motion was seconded and carried.

2018 IED Convention: Angie Banko/ Karen Lyons Co-chairs

Be sure to make your own hotel reservations.

The Convention Manual Co-editors will be Janice Johnston and Gretchen Rasmussen.

Convention Manual Assignments: Jan Johnston - a list of convention manual assignments has been distributed. Review these assignments and have your reports submitted (electronic copy) to Janice Johnston by April 15, 2018. They are to be copy edited and ready for printing, using the Times New Roman font, size 12.

Nominating Committee: Lilah Hurley

The ballot for Officers for the District Convention as of February 17, 2018 is as follows:

President:

Financial Secretary: Marna Mohr and Tammy McKay

Recording Secretary: Virginia Boyer and Lora Duncan

VP of Gospel Outreach: Elizabeth Gehle

VP of Christian Life: Becky Wehrspann

Jr. Pastoral Counselor: Pastor Tom Ogilvie and Pastor Christopher Roepke

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

District Banner: We need a convention banner with the new logo – table to next meeting.

2023 Convention Fund Raising: Societies are encouraged to set aside and/or do fundraisers to raise funds for the 2023 convention. Each society will be responsible for their part.

2023 Convention, North Region: National may go outside the region to acquire a venue for the 2023 Convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

Add a Standing Rule: That past District Presidents of IED would have their IED Convention registration paid for by the district. Discussion followed. Helen Hudepohl made a **motion** to add a standing rule that all past District Presidents of the IED have their IED Convention registrations paid for by the district for their lifetime. Motion seconded and carried.

Bus to Mobile 2019 – One bus for IED – National wanted to know how many buses would be coming to Mobile so they could contract hotels and to know what bus goes where. President Joan polled the EC and concluded Iowa East would probably have one bus. If this changes we need to let National know.

Appoint Financial Review: Tammy McKay volunteered to do a financial review and write a statement for the convention manual.

CPH/Schuermann Books at PR Table: Concordia Publishing House was invited but they will not be going to District Conventions this year. Katie Schuermann, our banquet speaker, cannot sell her own books. If approved by the BOD we will give CPH our registration count and they will send us an amount of books they feel would be adequate. There will be no cost to us for the books or the shipping. We need to provide a table for Katie to sign the books and have someone set up the books, take the payment, repack the books after convention and send back to CPH (with the monies collected) without any shipping cost to us. A **motion** was made by Helen Hudepohl to approve this. Discussion took place. The motion was seconded and carried.

Convention Assignments: President Joan still needs to appoint convention assignments. When she contacts you for an assignment, please respond back to her in a timely manner.

Set August Meeting Date: August 18, 2018

Next Meeting: May 5, 2018

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CLOSING DEVOTION: Jr. Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Randolph McHone, presented the closing devotions. We are in the business of doing God's work as He equips us in word and sacrament. Let us go forth and ask to bless us in all we do.

Prayer Requests: For Bill Ozburn (Vickie's husband), for Helen Hudepohl as they travel to Israel and for Betty Borchardt as she faces knee surgery.

Diane Paulson
Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES: The slate of officers for the June 2018 LWML IED Convention needs to be approved by the board. We did not take a vote at the BOD meeting on February 17, 2018. Since then there has been names added to the slate. A vote took place via email. eight (8) board members voted yes and one (1) did not vote. The slate of officers is approved as follows:

President: Margaret Kistler
 Financial Secretary: Marna Mohr and Tammy McKay
 Recording Secretary: Virginia Boyer and Lora Duncan
 VP of Gospel Outreach: Elizabeth Gehle
 VP of Christian Life: Becky Wehrspann and Elizabeth Roberts
 Jr. Pastoral Counselor: Pastor Tom Ogilvie and Pastor Christopher Roepke (previously approved)

SUBMITTED REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY LWML IED BOD MEETING

FIANANCIAL SECRETARY: Elizabeth Gehle

I made the following deposits of monies (mites, memorials, periodicals, and miscellaneous receipts such as Christian Life Store):

November - December	\$10,919.22
January	\$ 8,689.18
TOTAL	\$19,608.40

Thrivent Choice: No money received.

Ready, Set, Recycle: No money received.

For the Spring issue of the ALIVE, I submitted the Memorials and Special Gifts Report for July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. I also reviewed the proof.

I responded to emails, phone calls, and letters concerning various topics, such as if checks were received, Quarterly and ALIVE subscription changes (those are then communicated to Cheryl Killham), sending remittance blank books and address labels, and society name changes.

I began correspondence with Carole White from Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Gretchen Rasmussen on starting the Joyful Response program for LWML IED. We decided that Gretchen would handle the paperwork since she handles our checking account.

For five weeks in January and February, I led an evening Bible study at my church on the book *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today* by Dr. John Kleinig. Since there were no class materials available, I developed my own lessons and handouts, and reviewed these each week with my pastor for a doctrinal review. Dr. John Kleinig will be visiting Trinity, Davenport on Saturday, August 25 as a guest speaker. All of Iowa District East is invited.

TREASURER: Gretchen Rasmussen

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of January 31, 2018 are summarized below. A full report may be found in the password-protected section of the district website here: <http://lwml-ied.org/resources/documents-resources-and-templates-for-lwml-iowa-east-district-officers/>.

Balance on hand as of 10/30/2017	\$21,552.25
Income received since 10/30/2017	+ \$19,608.40
Less expenses since 10/30/2017	- <u>\$18,787.10</u>
Balance on hand as of 01/31/2018	= \$22,373.55

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at **\$31,614.62** as of 12/31/2017 (end of Q3).

Total Mission Grant Amount \$95,735.00
Disbursed as of 01/31/2018 - \$81,235.00
Balance Remaining to be Paid = **\$ 14,500.00***

Of the balance to be paid, \$7,000 in mission grants will carry forward to the next biennium:

- \$2,500 for Concordia Graduate Deacon/Deaconess Student Aid
- \$4,500 for Lutheran Indian Ministries, Equipping Native Americans to Proclaim God's Might

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) offers a free stewardship program called Joyful Response to facilitate electronic mite donations to LWML districts. Our District is in the process of opening an account. More information and individual enrollment forms may be found on the LCEF website: <https://lcef.org/joyful-response/>.

VP of CHRISTIAN LIFE: Vickie Ozburn

I accepted the position of Food Services Manager for LWML National Conventions.

I sent rally planning information to Bethany Lutheran Cedar Rapids.

I sent information on the VP of Christian Life role to two possible candidates.

I wrote and submitted an article for the Spring ALIVE, the theme is Isaiah 40:8 "*The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of the Lord stands forever*".

VP of COMMUNICATION: Cheryl Killham

Board of Directors Directory: The District Roster has been updated for changes that have been submitted. Please make sure that your information is correct.

Zone Officer and Society Officer Forms: I have received 68% of Society Record forms for calendar year 2018. I have given each Zone President a list of their society record forms I still need. Society Record Forms that have not been received for 2018: Benton Zone (3), Cedar Rapids Zone (7), Clinton Zone (6), Davenport Zone (1), Dubuque Zone (1), Eldora Zone (1), Marshalltown Zone (6), Waterloo Zone (6), Williamsburg Zone (2). Please remind each Society that those are still needed to keep our records up to date, even if there are no changes. If they have submitted their forms and requested changes to the number of subscriptions they receive, those adjustments have been made in the current bill.

I have received 75% of the Zone Record forms for the 2018 calendar year. I am missing Zone Record for 2018 forms from Cedar Rapids, Eldora, and Marshalltown Zones.

Society Financial Statements: I have prepared the Society bills for the ALIVE and Quarterly subscriptions. I have emailed the society's treasurers their statements and copied the society president. Please make sure to remind your societies to send in their payment as soon as possible..

Website: I worked with Jeanette to update the LWML IED website. Please direct all updates to the website through the VP of Communication.

2018 IED Convention: I have sent out letters to the list of exhibitors that were approved at the November BOD meeting. The following LWML IED BOD members have requested exhibitor tables: Archivist/Historian (Luella Scott, 1 table), Financial Secretary (Elizabeth Gehle, 1 table), Gospel Outreach (Cindy Kofoot, 1 table), Public Relations (1 table), Christian Life Committee (Vickie Ozburn, 2 tables). I have been collecting registration information for each BOD member. There are a few board members I have not received a response from and will be following up at today's meeting. Delegate packets have been provided to the Zone Presidents for each society in their zone. Please distribute these delegate packets in a timely manner. I will be making hotel reservations for the Zone YWRs. The Zone will be billed the hotel cost for the YWR. I will need the YWR information from each of the Zones by April 1st.

Supplies: There are envelopes and letterhead available for your needs. The LWML Iowa East District Convention Badges are available for \$1 each.

Communications: I have sent out several communications on behalf of various members of the LWML IED BOD.

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.

Historian Archivist: Luella Scott

I am working with DeEtta Rasmussen gathering pictures for the video she is making for the District Convention I searched photo albums and my convention manuals for pictures of past presidents of the District. I sent pleas to several zones for their help.

I also researched some questions for Pastor Lingard.

I typed names for the District Convention Photo, but I have a few empty spaces. Would anyone be willing to help identify these??

I have received one Zone Fall Rally report and one Zone Spring Board meeting.

I haven't unsubscribed to the Kansas District newsletter yet. In the last newsletter were comments from their YWRs about the LWML convention this summer. One, Aleina Booth, said she was surprised and happy to see her second grade teacher from Eastern Iowa at the convention.

ALIVE Newsletter Editor: Kendra Voss

Since the last BOD meeting, I have taken over the Newsletter Editor position.

I picked Isaiah 40:9 as the theme for the Spring ALIVE, because in this ever changing and chaotic world, it gives us comfort to know that The Word of the Lord stands forever. The spring issue is well underway and will be completed soon. It is full of convention information including bios of our speakers, proposed bylaw changes, housing information and much more! Thank you to all who submitted articles, and those who helped me getting this first issue under my belt. I appreciate your patience!!

Looking forward to the summer edition of the ALIVE, I am stepping outside the box a little bit...the theme will be a hymn verse from the Hope and Comfort section of The Lutheran Service Book. The theme is "Be Still, My Soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; In every change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your Heav'nly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end." LSB 752 v.1

I pray that as we move through the seasons of this year we remember that even when we have ups and downs, we can be still because we know who is guiding our steps.

Webmaster: Jeanette Kreutner

I had the pleasure of taking over the Webmaster position from Jan Brown. Jan and I had a delightful time of her handing over duties along with a detailed list of outstanding tasks. With the help of Marie McNary and Cheryl Killham most of the back-up has been overcome. I am still learning and have appreciated everyone's patience. Our website is sporting the updated LWML logo introduced at Albuquerque.

I served as the Tech person at the November IED BOD Meeting and again everyone was most patient. I still have a few more skills to acquire and look forward to doing so. Cheryl Killham's guidance has been appreciated, as I am relatively new to LWML as well as being webmaster.

VP of GOSPEL OUTREACH: Cynthia Kofoot

Since the November meeting we have made final payment for the Concordia Undergraduate Student Aid. A thank you from CLEF for the \$5,000 for the CLEF E-Reader Project has been received. This leaves us with one outstanding grant to fund. We have also received an update from Trinity/Hope Haitian Feeding Program.

The Endowment Committee has completed the revisions to the Endowment Flier and is ready for approval.

I submitted an article for the ALIVE spring issue highlighting the CLEF E Reader project and a reminder of the May 1st deadline for student aid. I have also been attending steering committee meetings for the upcoming convention.

I have been working on the PowerPoint for the proposed Mission Grants to be presented for a vote in June.

VP of HUMAN CARE: Jill Fraser

I wrote an article for the ALIVE.

I contacted the Human Care committee to set up a meeting for January 30, 2018. We made plans for “Gifts from the Heart” donations for the LWML IED convention in June. The donations will be a Baby Shower for agencies in the Mt. Pleasant Zone. The items suggested are as follows: Disposable Diapers, Wet Wipes, Sleepers/Onesies, Baby Lotion, Baby Washcloth, Fleece Blanket, Baby Toy, Diaper Bag, Wal Mart Gift Cards, Infant Sized Coats/Jackets (do not use wrapping paper or gift bags).

I posted most of the ingathering items for convention in the ALIVE. I did not post the jackets/coats, formula, jars of baby food and cash because the committee had not met and I was questioning the idea of glass jars and which formula should be chosen, also I was not sure about the cash. At our meeting we decided against the formula, baby food and cash.

I was in contact with Sandi Duncan to set up the date for the “workday” scheduled for Orphan Grain Train. It was decided to meet on Thursday, February 13, 2018 (snow date, February 20). Starting time 10:00 am, with coffee. Lunch will be provided and the workday will end around 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Cheryl Killham emailed the District LWML board with this information. I will give a report at the board meeting of numbers attending and what we accomplished, etc.

My devotions include my Bible, Portals of Prayer and LWML morning devotions email.

Gifts from the Heart “Workday” at Orphan Grain Train: Jill Fraser

A total of 23 workers met at the Orphan Grain Train in Clemons, Iowa for an LWML “Workday” at 10:00 am on Tuesday February 13, 2018. There were seven ladies and four men, full time workers, 17 LWML ladies and one husband present. Attending by zones are as follows: Benton – one; Cedar Rapids – three; Dubuque – two; Eldora – two; Marshalltown – five; Westgate – four. The five LWMLers from the Marshalltown Zone plus two ladies who are full-time workers work every Tuesday along with the four men who helped us tape boxes and take them to the warehouse. It was a very enjoyable day as we worked alongside the sisters and brothers in Christ who give of their time every Tuesday and Thursday to help God’s people who are in need.

VP of ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: Janell Wollschlager

I submitted an article for 2018 Spring ALIVE issue.

I submitted the IED proposed bylaw changes to the LWML Structure Committee for review and approval. They were returned with minor changes, then submitted to be posted on IED website and in the 2018 Spring ALIVE issue.

I am working with Gretchen Rasmussen to organize the Rock-A-Thon to raise money for Mites during the IED Convention. Information was sent to LCEF to help promote this event. I attended the Steering Committee meeting in January to discuss IED Convention. Sent Eldora Zone Bylaw changes to structure committee members to review.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Joan Berquist

Correspondence: email, phone and mail are up to date. Keeping in touch with convention speakers by phone and email and working on convention agenda.

Attended: LWML BOD meeting in St Louis Jan 24-27; Human Care Committee; Convention Steering Committee meeting; LWML Prayer service hosted by Waterloo Zone.

Continue to follow-up with YWRs Amanda and Rachel by phone and email. They are planning a Young Women Servant Event which has been postponed to Sunday March 11, to share their convention experience and their knowledge about the LWML with others.

Nominations – Kept in touch with Lilah Hurley, Nominations Chair. Personal contact may be the answer along with perseverance and follow-up to complete the slate.

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 by president appointment, Meeting Manager and Convention Advisor. The Application for Appointed Positions can be found on our website.

ALIVE – wrote and submitted article for next issue of the ALIVE and reviewed the first proof.

Some thoughts for the future: Are we taking care of our volunteers? Are we “Mission Grant” proud? How can we support the IED positions to make them more appealing? Meet in a church? Provide a meal? EC meet at a different time than the BOD? Training Events?

Candidates for President position: Responses to contact? Too much time? Don’t feel qualified? What are your questions about this position? (The candidates for President should have been invited to attend this meeting to begin transition.)

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

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your District President. The joys received performing the tasks of this position by far outweigh the time and energy spent on it.

MEETING MANAGER: *Becky Wehrspann*

Name tents and folders were updated prior to the Board meeting.

The Call to Meeting and Agenda were sent by email to BOD members and guests.

Arrangements were made with the District Office personnel and volunteer members of our board for the room set-up for our meeting.

READY, SET, RECYCLE: *Cheryl Killham*

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

Shipping Label Requests: I provided shipping labels to the Eldora and Williamsburg zones. Please remind your Zone Facilitators and Societies that only the Zone Facilitator should be requesting shipping labels and not the Society Facilitator or another member of the Zone/Society.

Shipping Changes: There have been more requirements established to recycle printer cartridges. The prepaid shipping labels are UPS shipping labels. The shipping carton needs to weigh between 20-40 pounds. Only ship those inkjet and laser toners cartridges on the Qualifying List. The updated list has been posted to the LWML IED website. If items that are not on the list are sent, we could be in jeopardy of future participation in the recycling program.

HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: *Nancy McHone*

This month I was privileged to write my article for the Quarterly ALIVE. I have made contact, again, with a woman at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids about their involvement with the Congolese. We are working to get our schedules together for a face to face visit to discuss the Heart to Heart program.

Our church continues to work with Marie from Liberia and Alivena and her two children, Samanta and Stephen, from Haiti. Our involvement with Marie includes rides to and from church as well as the occasional visit to Grace's food pantry.

Alivena has been fortunate and has found a job. That has presented many more opportunities for Grace to minister to this little family: transportation to and from church; taking kids to and picking them up from school and day care; grocery shopping and doctor appointments. We have learned about immigration, social services and many more things we never knew about before!

It is amazing what a congregation can do when God opens doors and windows and His faithful people walk through!

2018 LWML IED RETREAT REPORT: *Loretta Vogt*

IED LWML Retreat September 7- 8, 2018 Benton Zone Hosts

Theme verse: John 15:5 *"I am the Vine; you are the branches; If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."*

Bible studies: District Pastoral Counselor Rev. McHone

Friday speaker: Rev. James Lamb (Lutherans For Life)

Saturday speaker: Carole White, LCEF

Planning Committee: Benton Zone President Elaine Haren, Evelyn Wiebke, Loretta Vogt –

Servant Activities:

Committees: Societies of Atkins – Hospitality

Belle Plaine – Music

Blairstown – Registration, Packets

Keystone – Prayer Walk

Luzerne – Ingathering

Newhall – Skits, Mixers

Shellsburg – with Newhall

Van Horne – Projects: Tie quilts, Tie Fleece Blankets, Cards for Phil's Friends

Tentative Schedule:

Friday 2:00 – Check-In; projects; games

5:00 – Opening, Tours

6:00 – Supper

7:00 – Music

7:15 – Speaker Pastor Lamb

8:30 – Skit, Mixers, Break

9:00 – Campfire, Closing Devotions

Games, Socializing

Saturday 7:00 – Faith Walk

7:30 – Check-In (Sat only)

8:00 – Breakfast

8:45 – Music, Devotions

9:00 – Bible Study

9:45 – Skit, Break, Music

10:00 – Speaker Carole White

11:00 – Projects

11:45 – Skit

12:00 – Dinner

1:00 – Music

1:15 – Bible Study

2:00 – Devotions, Closing

2018 LWML IED CONVENTION REPORT: *Angie Banko*

Since the last board meeting the co-chairs attended the steering committee meeting in Marion on January 20.

The co-chairs met together on January 27 to go through items being stored since the last convention, meet with business to select a bag, and discuss needs for workers at the convention.

Convention committees are working on their assignments.

A few email inquiries have been responded to from zone members and non-zone members.

The zone committee will meet Mar. 17 to finalize plans.

ZONE PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Benton Zone: Elaine Haren

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Luzerne
Date: April 12, 2018
Time: Registration begins at 8:30 am
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker: Bridgehaven, Cedar Rapids

Cedar Rapids Zone: Margaret Kistler

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids
Date: April 14, 2018
Time: 8:30 am, registration - 9:00 am, rally
Rally Theme: "God's Wisdom in our Suffering: Lessons from Job"
Bible Verse: Job 1L21b
Speaker: Ronda Anderson, Letting Your Faith Shine in Times of Trial.

Clinton Zone: Alberta Martens

2018 Spring Rally *Location:* Trinity Lutheran Church. Lowden
Date: April 14, 2018
Time: 8:30 am, registration - 9:00 am, rally
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker: Pastor David Lingard, Mission Trip to Kenya

Davenport Zone: Kay Berry

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* Park View Lutheran Church, Park View
Date: April 21, 2018
Time: 8:30 am
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse: Mark 1:38
Speaker: Pastor Randall Golter

Dubuque Zone: Jeanette Kreutner

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* Trinity, Guttenberg
Date: April 12, 2018
Time: 8:30 am, registration - 9:00 am, rally
Rally Theme: Fight the Good Fight of Faith"
Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 6:12
Speaker: Pastor Dan Johnson, Siberian Mission

Eldora Zone: Sharon Mulford-Hensen

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* St. Paul Lutheran Church, Buckeye
Date: April 7, 2018
Time: 8:30 am
Rally Theme: "How Beautiful are the Feet"
Bible Verse: Romans 10:14-15
Speaker: Rev. Burn St. Phillip Lutheran Mission Society

Marshalltown Zone: Sandi Duncan

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* Our Savior Lutheran Church, Newton
Date:
Time: 9:00 am
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker: Servant Event – Meals for the Heartland

Mt. Pleasant Zone: DeEtta Rasmussen

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* Our Savior Lutheran Church, Fort Madison
Date: April 28, 2018
Time: 8:30 am registration - 9:00 am rally
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker: Rev. Daniel S. Johnson, Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

St. Ansgar Zone: Betty Borchardt

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* New Hope Lutheran Church, Charles City
Date: April 7, 2017
Time: 8:00 am registration/ breakfast - rally 9:15 am
Rally Theme: "I Have Called You by Name"
Bible Verse: Isaiah 43: 1b
Speaker: Rev. Christopher Gorshe, "Walking in Christ's Footsteps"

Waterloo Zone: Judith Fink

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* Faith Lutheran Church, Waterloo
Date: March 17, 2018
Time: 8:15 am brunch - 9:00 am rally
Rally Theme: "Served by Christ"
Bible Verse: Mark 10:45
Speaker: Brent Smith, Mission Central

Westgate Zone: Nancy Maurer

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* St. Paul Lutheran Church, Artesian (rural Waverly)
Date: March 17, 2018
Time: 8:00 am registration/brunch – 9:00 am, Rally
Rally Theme: "Barnabas the Encourager"
Roll Call: Bible Verse with "Encourager"
Speaker: Chaplain Col. Randolph McHone, USAF Retired
Operation Barnabas Counselor
Ingathering: Gift Cards for families of the deployed

Williamsburg Zone: Helen Huedepohl

2018 Spring Rally: *Location:* St. John's Lutheran Church, Victor
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018
Time: 5:00 pm
Rally Theme:
Bible Verse:
Speaker: Rev. Gary Sears, Mission Trip to Africa

IED Board of Directors Meeting Attendance – February 17, 2018

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2018-19 Young Woman Rep.	Amanda Hahn	A
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2018 Convention Co-Chr.	Karen Lyons	P
2018 Convention Advisor	Janice Johnston	P
2018 Convention Parliamentarian	Judy Westergren	A
2018 Nominating Com. Chr.	Lilah Hurley	P
2018 District Retreat Co. Chr.	Loretta Vogt	P
2018 District Retreat Co. Chr.	Evelyn Wiebke	A