

Reports for February 2020 IED BOD meeting

### **Human Care Report:**

I wrote an article for the Alive. I have emailed the Human Care committee looking for ideas for the in gathering for the May meeting and also for the 2020 IED Convention. The weather and my husband's illness has played a big part of the reason I have not called a "get together" meeting.

If you have any ideas or needs from your zone, please let us know. Jill Fraser, Judith Fink and/or Elaine Heron.

LWR pickups April 20, 2020 Cedar Rapids, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1363 First Ave. S.W. And Ankeny, Resurrection Lutheran church, 914 N.W. Ash Drive – 8:30-12:00 noon.

Jill Fraser VP Human care

### **VP of Organizational Resources**

Worked on bylaw amendments with many emails and phone calls. Sent BOD approved bylaw amendments to LWML Structure committee January 2020.

Currently working on Marshalltown proposed bylaw amendments with the Structure committee.

Discussed possible YWR convention ideas with a former YWR from another state.

Janell Wollschlager

### **Archivist/Historian Report:**

I contacted six zone secrearys asking for Fall Board and Rally Minutes.

I still need reports from three zones in order to complete my records for 2019.

Diane Paulson

### **Nominating committee Report**

The committee received five applications for nominations for the positions up for election at the convention in June. I thank God that we do have at least one candidate for each of the offices up for election, however; as the chairman I am disappointed because it was my goal to have at least two names for each office. Apparently, God did

not think that that was necessary. I am convinced that our prayers for Him to identify the candidates that He had already chosen to serve were answered according to His plan.

The nominations that we have received to date are:

The office of Vice President of Human Care are Angie Banko, Mt. Pleasant Zone and Vicki Gardemann, Benton Zone

The office of Vice President of Communication is Helen Huedepohl, Williamsburg Zone

The office of Vice President of Organizational Resources is Carolyn Zimmerman, Cedar Rapids Zone

The office of Treasurer is Rebecca Gluesing, Clinton Zone

There will be an opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor at the convention.

Betty Borchardt

On January 10 Dori Stanek, Elaine Haren, Pator Ogilvie and I met with the Orphan Grain Train-Clemons Branch Managers, John Maddick and Richard Hartwig. The following recommendations/suggestions are specific to the OGT Clemons Branch operations.

- They have an active volunteer group and adequate facilities for their current operations.
- When asked about the ability to receive large semiannual shipments (like what is collected for Lutheran World Relief from the IED each spring and fall) they stated that such large shipments at one time would overwhelm their system and facility. They stated that their system works best with smaller donations (like a trailer or pickup load) spaced out more evenly throughout the year.
- Very important consideration when collecting items to donate.... please remember that all items should be clean and in good working order. They will receive clothing with holes, stains and dirty (with pet hair on them) with buttons missing, zippers not working, etc. These are not useable and they must pay fees to clean, repair or dispose of them. OGT can best be served by donating only clean and ready to use items.
- All items received are repackaged into their boxes that are manufactured to their uniform size and weight specifications; therefore, it is easier for them if donations come to OGT in garbage bags as they are easier to dispose of than cardboard boxes.

- Quilts are their number one donated item.
- They DO NOT take anything made of glass (breakable) or anything that needs to be plugged in.
- They accept the components for the various kits and gladly complete the kits themselves so they can be assured that the kits have been packed uniformly according to OGT specifications. If donors wish to complete the kits prior to delivery they must follow the most current OGT guidelines (which can change from time to time) precisely and not add anything to the kit or leave anything out of the kit. Guidelines for the kits can be found at ogt.org under Support Orphan Grain Train.
- When they have enough of the items needed to prepare a shipment they must also be sure that they have the funds to pay for the expenses of making that shipment which can be several thousand dollars depending the destination of the shipment. OGT-Clemons can best be served by making cash donations (collected at rally love offerings or society special offerings) directly to them. Send to OGT, PO Box 120, Clemons, IA 50051
- They also accept durable items like medical supplies, bicycles, and wheelchairs, etc. Another way to donate especially items needed for disaster relief is to go to ogt.org under Support Orphan Grain Train there is a link OGT Amazon Wish List. This will allow you to select items needed for disaster cleanup. You select what you want to send and you pay for it through Amazon and then it will be sent to the Norfolk, NE office for distribution where needed.
- We are blessed to have this OGT Branch in our district. The IED can continue to serve the Lutheran World Relief as we currently do but also make an increased effort to educate our societies and congregation regarding how we can also support the OGT Branch with the additional Items that they accept and to support the OGT Branch with their financial needs for which they are individually responsible.

Betty Borchardt

### **Vice President of Christian Life**

I wrote an article for the Spring 2020 *Alive*.

At the request of President Margaret, I read and edited the additions/corrections/changes for our District Bylaws before they were sent to National LWML for approval.

I participated in two (2) electronic meetings/votes via email.

I worked with the Christian Life committee members on a skit/devotion for today's meeting.

I've updated the Prayer Partner form and will have them available at the meeting for those Board members wishing to participate.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

Becky Wehrspann  
VP Christian Life

### **2020 Convention Chairman Report**

- St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Marion has approved the use of their hymnals for the convention.
- Three articles have been prepared for the Spring Alive. They are about making hotel reservations, the guest speaker, and Gifts from the Heart.
- We've been receiving e-mails with questions concerning the convention, so have been finding answers and responding to those.
- Banner requirements were sent to the zone presidents in January.
- The steering committee, some members of St. Ansgar Zone (host zone), the tech people and hotel employees will be meeting at the Hotel at Kirkwood on Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- At this time, we've received 2 registrations for the convention. A master spreadsheet has been created with all the registration information on it. The registrar has also created separate spreadsheets for meal/special needs information, nametag information, and servant event participants.

### **Public Relations Director / Newsletter Editor**

To finish up my public relations job, I have put together several display boards for the women who requested one at the November BOD meeting. I will have them available to take home at our February BOD meeting. If you were on my list, I had contacted you and mentioned that we would appreciate a donation of \$10 to be given to the district to offset the expense of making them.

I have been working on my first ALIVE as the newsletter editor. Thank you to Jeanette for still being my helper. Thank you also to everyone for contributing. I continue to look for new ideas to include to share all the amazing things going on in Iowa East! Please continue to send articles and pictures to me. There will be lots of information concerning our district convention in this next issue out in March.

Hilary Brech

**Treasurer's Report for LWML IED Board of Directors Meeting – February 8, 2020**  
Submitted by Gretchen Rasmussen

LWML Iowa East District financials as of January 31, 2020 are summarized below. The full financial report is available in the password-protected section of the LWML IED website. Please review the information and bring any questions to the February 8 LWML IED Board of Directors Meeting.

Balance on hand as of	10/30/2019	=	\$10,494.73
Income received since	10/30/2019	+	\$20,738.44
Less expenses since	10/30/2019	-	<u>\$26,567.80</u>
Balance on hand as of	01/31/2020	=	<b>\$ 4,665.37</b>

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at **\$55,262.12** as of 12/31/2019 (most recent statement).

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at **\$841.77** as of 12/31/2019 (most recent statement). There are **3** IED members currently enrolled in this electronic mite-giving program.

Reminder: The LWML IED Expense Voucher is posted in the password-protected section of the district website (<http://lwml-ied.org/>). Please print, fill out (including your name, address and signature) and have it ready to turn in at the **beginning** of the BOD Meeting, along with documentation of your mileage and/or other expenses (e.g. receipts).

Gretchen Rasmussen

**Newsletter Editor**

- Did work necessary to do the Winter Issue of the Alive which was delivered on time

**Webmaster**

- Reorganized the Documents & Resources for LWML Iowa East District Officers page
- Added information as requested
- Got Zone Page ready (or will be by the meeting)

Jeanette Kreutner

## **Vice President of Communication Report**

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and cards on the recovery from rotator cuff repair surgery that I had in early December 2019. It has been a challenge and is taking longer than I had expected for recovery. I still have a long recovery ahead of me, but my physical therapist is happy with my progress.

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 72% of Society Record forms for calendar year 2020. 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 2020: Cedar Rapids Zone (2), Clinton Zone (5), Davenport Zone (2), Dubuque Zone (2), Eldora Zone (3), Marshalltown Zone (1), Mt. Pleasant Zone (5), St. Ansgar Zone (2), Waterloo Zone (4), Williamsburg Zone (1). Please remind each Society that those are still needed to keep our records up to date, even if there are no changes.

I have received 83% of the Zone Record forms for the 2020 calendar year. I am missing Zone Record for 2020 forms from Benton and Cedar Rapids 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. The Quarterly subscription has increased by \$1 due to increased paper and postage rates. Several societies have already submitted their subscription payment, but may need to owe an additional amount due to the increase. I had given a date of January 31, 2020 to provide any subscription changes as I need to get the information to the LWML Office by March. I extended the subscription decrease change to February 26, 2020. Zone Presidents were notified of this change and should have forwarded the information on to their societies. Note that there is no change to the Alive subscription rate.

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

Structure Committee: Reviewed the Marshalltown bylaws.

2020 IED Convention: I have sent out letters to the list of exhibitors that were approved by the BOD. 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 for the hotel cost for the YWR. I will need the YWR information from each of the Zones by April 15.

Supplies: 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/theLWML).

Respectfully submitted  
Cheryl Killham  
LWML IED VP Communications

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**

Since the November board meeting I have received the societies mites, periodicals, memorials, etc.

### **Deposits:**

**November - \$6620.85**  
**December - \$6777.02**  
**January - \$6914.57**  
**Total - \$20,312.44**

The subscriptions for the Quarterlies/Alives are coming due. Please make sure the societies are sending the money to me. Cheryl sent out an email about an increase in price for the Quarterlies. Some societies have already paid and they may need to owe an additional amount due to the increase.

I will have the supply box at the board meeting for anyone to take what they need. A mite box will be at the meeting.

Marna Mohr

### **VP of Gospel Outreach**

Since our November meeting:

- We have two grants remaining to fund: \$8000 for POBLO and \$1000 for LCMSU. We have not received the funds request form from LCMSU. I have contacted them twice but have not heard back.
- Compiling photos of our mission grants to be used in the mission grant video

presentation at convention. Contacted the groups again that I have not received photos from.

- Working on the mission grant presentation script that will be used in the video.
- Created a Mite Report and thermometer graph to show our mite/mission grant progress. This will be updated when deposits are made.
- Invited our current scholarship students to present at our district convention. I heard back from one student that she will present if it works with her schedule.
- Designed new scholarship poster, and it has been posted on our website.
- Working on new endowment fund poster and pamphlet.
- Wrote two articles for the Alive as VP of Gospel Outreach and as IT Committee member.
- As part of the Parish Education Committee at my church, I wrote two of the Lenten Bible Study Small Group Lessons, and I am also leading one of the weekly small groups. Our study is based on Pastor Will Weedon's book, *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey*.

Joyfully serving Him!

Elizabeth Gehle