

Board of Directors Reports for February 13, 2021 meeting

## Treasurer's Report

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of December 31, 2020 are summarized below. The full financial report and the 2020-2022 Biennium Financial Report and 2020-2022 Budget Proposal are available in the password-protected section of the LWML IED website.

The mission grants approved come to a total of \$105,000. To date we have met our current installments on the 3 student aid grants. \$7,500 towards the \$15,000 undergraduate commitment, \$5,000 to the \$10,000 seminary student commitment and \$2,500 toward the \$5,000 deaconess commitment. There is a total of 6 students receiving these funds – 3 seminary students, 1 deaconess student and 2 undergraduate students. We have also fulfilled our \$10,000 commitment to the Mission Central: At Just the Right Time. At this time, we have spent \$25,000 of our \$105,000 in approved mission grants. This is 23.8% of the total approved grants. As we have finished quarter 3 of the 8 quarter biennium, we are 37.5% of the way through the biennium. As you can see, we are a little behind in our commitments. We have received request forms from 5 other grant recipients for a total of \$24,184

Current financials stand as follows:

Balance on hand as of	09/30/2020	=	\$ 3,373.45
Income received since	09/30/2020	+	\$ 23,647.88
Less expenses since	09/30/2020	-	<u>\$ 23,294.61</u>
Balance on hand as of	12/31/2020	=	<b>\$ 3,726.72</b>

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at **\$59,077.82** as of 12/31/2020 (most recent statement). This is an increase of \$4,777.93 from 09/30/2020 resulting from a change in market value.

In August we received the annual 5% disbursement which amounted to \$2,732.26. This was equally divided and sent to 6 students – 3 seminary students, 1 deaconess student and 2 undergraduate students.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at **\$391.50** as of 12/31/2020 (most recent statement).

Becky Gluesing

## Financial Secretary Report

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

### Deposits:

**November - \$4963.83 December - \$5962.72**

**January - \$4437.79**

**Total -           \$15364.34**

The subscriptions for the Quarterlies/Alives are coming due. Please make sure the societies are sending the money to me.

My deposits total \$5000 less than last year. Mites coming in are picking up from a year ago. Praying it will continue.

Marna Mohr

### **Vice President of Human Care**

Because we are meeting virtually the ingathering is a donation to your local food bank/pantry. This is to honor the wish of the Benton Zone who asked for donations to their local food pantry because there are so many people hurting right now.

The donations of hats, scarves and mittens were gratefully received by the Muscatine Center for Social Action. A thank you note was received from them.

The Cedar Rapids zone will choose the next ingathering recipient for the May meeting.

Thank you to all who donate to these in gatherings.

I wrote an article for the spring issue of ALIVE.

Angie Banko

### **VP of Communication**

Our team consists of:

Jeanette Kruehner, Webmaster

Hilary Brech, Alive Editor

Diane Paulson, Archivist/Historian

Hannah Raebel, G Suite Administrator

Helen Huedepohl, VP Communication

Communication Team meeting on January 11, 2021 by Zoom shared progress and problems to be addressed. Jeanette, webmaster, outlined some ideas to keep lwml-ied.org more current and attractive. We plan to make a schedule for individual BOD members to contribute, so that we may add or change entries about once a week. The goal is to use our website as the "go-to" place for current information and inspiration in Iowa East. We want to use Facebook to direct users to lwml-ied.org.

Hannah, G Suite Administrator, is setting up 25 drives and accompanying email addresses for

BOD members. She will begin training BOD members on use of G Suite very soon. She also has an extensive list of ways we can use this program for better communication within our district. She will be introducing us to these as needed.

Hilary is diligently working on the Spring Alive. She reminded us that we have no Assistant Editor to learn the ropes and take over when Hilary's term is over at the end of this year. This is a **prayer priority**. Please let Margaret or me know whom God brings to your mind as you pray about this.

I have been working to keep our *LWML Iowa East District* Facebook page current. I appreciate if you send me suggested postings. I have received and replied to a message from a Facebook page reader regarding our scholarship application. If you are a Facebook user, check out our page. If you "like" or share a posting, we can reach more readers.

If you have prayer requests or communication-related questions, contact me. If you have group or zone roster changes, contact our Registrar, Marcia Reints.

Helen Huedepohl

### **VP Gospel Outreach**

Since our November meeting, we have paid half of the student aid grants and the full grant payment to Mission Central of \$10,000. The missionaries we are supporting with this grant are:

- John and Erica Tape, Dominican Republic
- Rev. Andrew and Megan Fedder, Ukraine

Joyfully serving Him!

Elizabeth Gehle

### **IED - LWML Development Committee Report**

YWR Since our last report in November, we have been focusing on spreading the news of the inspiring opportunity for young women in Iowa East District in serving as our YWR at the upcoming convention in Lexington this June. At the time of putting this report together, I am excited to mention we have had some applications come in! More details will be forthcoming.

**A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM THE LORD** We also have some new baby news to share -- our YWR from Mobile 2019, Lauren Gangel and her husband Scott have been blessed with the birth of a son - James Lyle Gangel - on December 21, 2020 at 11:53 PM. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and 20.5 inches long. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6 ESV.  
God's blessings to the family!

**MEMBER DEVELOPMENT** Have you ever made your own word scramble game? Well, it is fun and easy to do! In fact, I have made a couple word search puzzles with the topic of "LWML" at this website <https://thewordsearch.com/maker/>

I have shared one of them in a separate email message. It is another way to share about the LWML.

Question for those who crochet or knit-- have you heard of the "octopus for NICU babies" ? You handcraft darling octopus for little ones in the NICU. I am friends with a NICU RN at U of IHC-- with Covid-19 protocols at the present time, nothing can be taken in the unit or even used for the babies at la City. The nurse has seen them previously and they are adorable along with a comfort to the baby. In addition, one could craft/buy card to include with the gift. Just wanted to put that idea out there to each of you for a servant project. Here are a few different websites with photos and directions. Contact me if this is a project or if you have a similar idea to move forward with----thanks!

<https://lwml-swd.org/upld/resource/a8895447-1a91-431b-9b57-69d78999b25c.pdf>

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/crochet-octopus-patterns-for-preemies-4590253>

[;https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peS2zLRSsYw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peS2zLRSsYw)

Serving the Lord with gladness!

Karen Boehme, Lauren Gangel and Martha Hartwig, IED LWML Member Development Committee

### **LWML IED Convention Manager**

I updated the LWML IED Convention Planning Guide and sent it to the LWML IED Executive Committee and Zone Presidents. The guide will continue to be updated as necessary. I met with Judith Fink, Laura Woebeking, and Jan Miller to look at potential LWML IED 2022 Convention sites. Convention sites and themes were presented to the Convention Committee with recommendations coming out of the committee for BOD approval.

Cheryl Killham

### **G Suite Administrator**

We were granted access to use GSuites for Nonprofits at no charge to LWML! Although we are in the beginning stages of learning how to use it and the avenues it opens up for us, the programs will help us become more efficient and make officer transitions easier. We have a limited number of drives and who receives a drive is yet to be determined, however those who are assigned a drive will be given access to a LWML specific email that will now be passed from officer to officer. Throughout the year we will be loading documents onto the drives, training officers on using Google's programs, and exploring new options. Some of the first programs we will be piloting are Docs, Sheets, Currents, Photos, Materials Gallery, Classroom, and Calendar. However, there are quite a few other programs that we are exploring and may implement throughout the year. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know! (These can be sent to [admin@lwml-ied.org](mailto:admin@lwml-ied.org))

Hannah Raebel

**Webmaster report**

- a) updated front page of the web page
- b) updated reports, treasurer's report and secretary's report
- c) updated mission grants
- d) Had meeting to get updates to websites
- e) got access to Gsuite to upload photos