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LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IED LWML PRESIDENT: -Activities since June 11 have focused on transitions. There have been four transition meetings with incoming and outgoing officers. The IED LWML bank account has been updated to give current financial officers and the district president access to the account. Many forms and reports have been completed to keep IED information current with national LWML. I attended an online Convention Committee meeting to discuss the convention planning process and consider what worked best at the convention. An article for the ALIVE was written. Plans for an Assembly of Leaders are in progress. Five members of IED will attend the meeting in St. Louis in October. Numerous emails and phone calls have been made. I am still figuring out what to do and when to do it. Your patience and prayers are treasured.

V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: -

V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE: - As your new VP of Christian Life, I am looking forward to helping you find resources for skits, Bible studies, devotions and the like to enhance your meetings, events, ECT. I hope to encourage you in your Christian walk and pray for concerns and joys.

On July 24th at the transition meeting with President Martha Hartwig, Becky Wehrspann and myself, we went over the duties of VP of Christian Life and any questions were answered. Thankfully I have Becky's experience to guide me through any obstacle. I know I will have an awesome committee to work with! If you or someone you know writes a Bible Study, Devotion, Prayer Walk, or Skit please submit it to me so that we can get it approved via the proper channels. There are many resources available to you on the lwml.org website. Some new items are there as well.

We will be making purchases to replenish the LWML store. So, please check out

the LWML store at the retreat at Camp IODISECA!

V.P. COMMUNICATION: - My activities have been limited to posting to Facebook when requested, writing required reports or articles, and proofreading articles submitted to the ALIVE.

V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - I prepared the Mission Grant video for the convention and the delegates voted to fund \$111,096 in Mission Grants. The scholarship committee will be meeting just before or just after the board meeting.

V.P. HUMAN CARE: - The women of the Marshalltown zone have requested donations of men's and women's socks for the Marshalltown Veteran's home. Thank you notes have been received from Gifts from the Heart recipients from the district convention. An article was written for the ALIVE.

RECORDING SECRETARY: -

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: -

TREASURER: -

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of June 30, 2022 are summarized below. The full financial report and the 2020-2022 Biennium Financial Report are available in the password-protected section of the LWML IED website.

The proposed mission grant budget was originally \$100,000 but since we funded \$11,596 in mission grants in the first quarter of the current biennium that total was added to the mission grant budget. The grants funded were \$3,000 to LCMS Mission Worker Wellness and \$8,596 to Voice of Care. Also approved at the District Convention was an increase of \$1,094 to fully fund the final mission grant. This brings the new total to \$112,690. A second change approved at the District Convention was to pull student scholarships out of mission grants into their own category that will be a priority in funding. If you've been able to keep track of all the changes, it means that the 2022-2024 budget will include \$30,000 in student scholarships and \$82,690 in mission grants. Making student scholarships an independent line item indicates the high priority LWML IED places on our student outreach.

Current financials stand as follows:

Balance on hand as of 03/31/2022 \$ 9,003.25
Income received since 04/01/2022+ \$ 27,486.87
Less expenses since 04/01/2022- \$ 29,517.06
Balance on hand as of 06/30/2022 = \$ 6,973.06

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$100,141.51 as of 06/30/2022 (most recent statement). This is a decrease of \$11,356.38 from the 12/31/2022 balance resulting from a change in market value. The stock market has not been kind to any investor.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at \$1,312.14 as of 06/30/2022 (most recent statement). \$1,066 (this is the amount available at the end of the biennium) has been transferred to the checking account and will be used to help fund our scholarship grant commitments.

COUNSELOR (JR.): -

COUNSELOR (SR.): -

ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON: -

CEDAR RAPIDS: Cheryl Killham - "On Track to Share God's Love" is the theme of the Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event on Saturday, October 8 at Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha. The theme verse is Galatians 6:2. Richard Hartwig from Orphan Grain Train is the guest speaker. The ingathering is for Mission of Hope.

CLINTON: - The Clinton Zone Executive Board met March 15, 2022. The Spring Gathering was held April 23, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowden. Rev. Redhage from Trinity led the Bible study on Mark 16 – The Resurrection. Twenty women and 2 pastors attended. Our offering was \$215, 50% which will go to district mites and 50% will remain in the treasury. The Executive Board will meet again on August 30, and the Fall 2022 Gathering will be held at Immanuel, Charlotte on Saturday September 24.

DAVENPORT: - We are planning our Zone Rally for Oct. 9 2-4pm at Our Savior.

DUBUQUE: - We are planning our Dubuque Zone Fall Rally for October 8, 2022. Theme verse is 1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.... The rally starts at 8:30. It will be at Trinity, Guttenburg. The speaker will be Deaconess Faith Swenson. Sarah Schewe from St John's, Monticello was our Young Women's representative to the convention. We had representatives from five of our churches at the convention.

ELDORA: - The Eldora Zone Spring Rally met at St. John's, Wellsburg on April 2, 2022. 30+ women representing all 8 churches braved the snowy weather to fellowship and hear Gary Thies who came from Mission Central in SW Iowa to update us on the latest news from missions in war torn Eastern Europe as well as throughout the world. "Together on a Mission Adventure" included Opening Devotions by host Pastor Bruce Zimmermann, Bible study by Eldora Pastor Aaron Hambleton from Hebrews 19:24-25, and Closing with Grace by Pastoral Counselor, Paul Beisel. Upcoming Fall Rally will be hosted by Alden on the morning of October 8. ~ Ten members representing 4 congregations attended the Iowa East District Convention in June.

MARSHALLTOWN: - We held our Zone Spring Rally at Trinity, State Center on April 9, 2022. Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb gave a soliloquy of Pontious Pilate -"I am Innocent of This Man's Blood." Pastor Ricard led us in a Hymn Study centered on "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." Lindsey Wyckoff, our zone's Young Woman Representative, was one of 7 women, plus our Pastoral Counselor, that attended the District Convention in June.

MT. PLEASANT: - We had our Zone Rally in Muscatine at Our Savior on April 23rd 2022. Our speakers were Kathy Schweer and Linda Berryhill. They spoke on their mission trip to Kyrgyzstan. We had 12 ladies from our zone able to attend the district convention in June. All of us had a great time at convention!

ST. ANSGAR: - The St. Ansgar Zone had 11 members attend the district convention in June. Our fall rally is planned for Oct. 8 at Immanuel in St. Ansgar.

WATERLOO: - The Waterloo Zone Spring Rally was held on April 30 at Faith Lutheran in Waterloo under the Theme Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins to All Nations, Luke 24. We used this Rally as a workday to prepare for the upcoming IED Convention. Our Zone hosted the Iowa East District Convention on

June 10 -11 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Falls Under the Theme “Anchored in Christ” Hebrews 6:19. Our Committee was very pleased with how well the Convention went and the number of ladies attending. I received a lot of positive comments. We are now in the process of doing final reports and getting bills paid. More information on the convention will be coming. Final reports will be passed on to the Westgate and Williamsburg zones for the next Convention. Our Fall Rally will be Saturday, October 8 at Grace Lutheran in Waterloo.

WESTGATE: - The Westgate Spring Rally was held at St. Peter’s Westgate. We had Sarah Schaff and her husband present on the Gospel in Vietnam. We are starting the process of preparing for the 2024 convention.

WILLIAMSBURG: -

APPOINTED PERSONNEL AND COMMITTEES

DISTRICT REGISTRAR: -

MEETING MANAGER: - Since convention I have been thinking about how I will transition my position when a new person is found as I will need to step back from extra stuff with baby #3 coming soon. I have assisted President Martha as needed, updated the roster a few times, created the new meeting & refreshment rotation schedule, updated the conflict of interest/ethics forms, and updated the meeting plaque cards. I send out correspondence as needed, especially as we get closer to the board meeting. I am also updating the fall gathering schedule.

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN :

Diane Paulson - Judy Westergren and I reviewed and reorganized archive materials at the District Office. I looked through scrapbooks and picture albums and copied pictures from the past 80 yrs. for the convention display. I attended the IED Convention and assembled an Archival/Historian display of items of each decade of the 80 years of LWML. Thank you Hilary Brech for putting the two bifold posters together. I am presently working on getting reports from the zones to complete this biennium.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: -

SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR: -

WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR: -

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: -

At the District convention this June, a signup sheet for those interested in taking a charter bus to the Milwaukee convention 2023 was in the Member Development Committee booth. 33 people signed up to be on the "interested" mailing list during that time. I since have contacted each of them by email.

Windstar Bus Line has been contacted with a quote of expense. With the fuel charges at the gas pumps presently going lower (compared to when the quote was given us), it should give us a lower price each. Seat deposit prices/total costs will be determined and presented at a later date. All are encouraged and welcomed to ride along and please spread the word-thanks!

Phil's Friends has been contacted with the hope of holding a hands-on service project for them while we are there, near their business location, on the outgoing trip to Milwaukee. More information will be coming.

I will also be looking into the hands-on activities/donations that will be held during convention time --we may again (as we did to Lexington, KY), do this year - hands-on activities with our groups/zones and deliver to the convention. (In doing so, the hope is to focus on the personal giving opportunity to convention, even if unable to attend in person).

The zones and groups are strongly encouraged to have signup sheets for the charter bus trip available at the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 .

Any additional ideas - please let me know! I look forward to being in touch with you!

Thanks,

Karen Boehme, IED LWML Bus coordinator

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IED CONVENTION MANAGER: Cheryl Killham - Things were a bit busy this summer with preparation for convention and at convention. I worked with the convention co-chairs and Waterloo Zone to answer questions before and during the convention. I greeted the exhibitors and answered their questions. Worked with the convention registrar as questions/issues arose as to how to handle situation. During the convention, I lined up the speakers so there was a smooth transition between each speaker. After convention, a Convention Committee meeting of both the old and new committee was held. Prior to convention, I began looking at possible locations for the 2024 IED convention.

SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR: -

HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2021-2023: -

Hilary Brech- I helped the Member Development Committee a lot at the district convention with the YWR programming. I enjoyed meeting with the district YWRs and sharing LWML with them. I also addressed the convention to share about my national experience last summer. I am interested in keeping involved with additional planning/events as I am able with baby #3 due this fall.

2022 RETREAT CO-CHAIRS: - The committee met on August 6 to finalize plans of the Fall Retreat on September 9 and 10. Registration begins on Friday at 5:30 with Servant Event, Prayer Walks, Hayrack ride, movie, campfire and fellowship. Saturday begins with registration at 8:30 and the day is filled with Bible Study, Prayer Walks, continued servant event, guest speaker, Ellie Menz, sharing her adventures with building the LCMS float for the Rose Bowl parade among other mission activities they are involved with during their time there. Maddie will be there to liven things up and we hope all will have a blessed time. Please encourage everyone to come and enjoy the sisterhood of LWML ladies...and gentlemen.

COMMITTEES:

NEW CHURCH WORKERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE: -

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: - At the IED District Convention in June 2022 at Hilton Garden-Cedar Falls we welcomed our latest Young Women's Representatives - Sarah Scheloe (last name spelling?), Anna Noble, Delany Rall, Lindsey Wyckoff, Hilary Weiss, and Amelia Magness. We gave them a brief yet fun knowledge of LWML including lists of online resources. They attended all the convention activities with us. The IED is truly blessed with the addition of these young women and we keep them in prayers. We thank their respective zones for them!

At the Convention we also manned a booth at the vendor market. Included was a signup sheet for those interested in attending the convention 2023 at Milwaukee by charter bus.

Big thanks go out to Hilary and Emily for joining in with the YWR's for our convention prep and happenings. Many committee zoom meetings were held in anticipation of the convention. Emily, husband and young baby have since moved to Nebraska.

Big thanks also go to the Waterloo Zone for everything they did to help us and the young women!

A "YWR Reunion" special opportunity was held during the noon lunch break on Friday. It was publicized, yet not well attended, unfortunately. With it being a new addition this year at the convention, we hope it will be more popular/recognized at the next convention should it be held.

"Anchored in Christ",

Martha Hartwig, Lead
Hilary Brech and Emily Woodall
YWR's from 2021 Convention at Lexington KY
Lauren Gangel
By: Karen Boehme

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: -

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE: -

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: -The Communications Team took turns manning our table at the convention. One of our giveaways was labels with some of the officers' G-Suite addresses, our website, and Facebook page. Helen will bring

them to the BOD if you would like to take some back to your society or zone. Hopefully, they will be useful to keep in touch with LWML IED.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: -

ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR: -

WEBMASTER: - I wrote some questions and recommendations for our committee to consider so that the website can actually be useful. The committee is going to consider those.

G SUITE ADMINISTRATOR: -

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE: -

MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: - We met prior to convention to suggest that we separate scholarships from the rest of the mission grants. The committee voted to bring this forward to the executive committee and then the convention, who approved it.

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE: - Will be meeting soon

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: - Will be meeting soon

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: -

MINUTES OF THE IOWA EAST DISTRICT
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
June 10-11, 2022

"Anchored In Christ" based on Hebrews 6:19
"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

Banner Processional and Opening Worship – Liturgists were Rev. Michael Knox and Rev. Kevin Richter. Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders gave the sermon on anchors in the Bible, anchors in our life. The offering was for the Iowa East District 2022-2024 Mite Goal.

Session 1 Friday Afternoon

President Margaret Kistler called the 41st Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Iowa East District (IED) to order at 2:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Cross were recited by all. The Waterloo Zone Convention Co-captains gave a welcome with the Williamsburg and Westgate Zone responding. Greetings from the LCMS Iowa District East President and Lutheran Church Extension Fund were received. President Kistler gave acknowledgements and introduced special guests. The LWML Pledge was led by the past LWML IED presidents.

Lora Duncan gave the credentials report. As of 1:00 pm on June 10, 2022, a quorum was present with all 12 zones of the Iowa East District represented. Out of a possible 180 delegates there were 67 voting delegates, 4 voting past presidents, and 20 voting board members for a total of 91 eligible to vote. There were 13 non-voting board members and 73 other registrants for a total attendance of 177. Lora Duncan moved that the roll given be the official roll of the voting assembly of the convention. Motion seconded and carried.

Carolyn Zimmerman moved to adopt the convention agenda as printed in the convention manual. Seconded and carried.

Cheryl Killham moved to adopt the convention rules as printed in the convention manual. Seconded and carried.

President Kistler gave the appointment of convention tellers.

Marna Mohr presented the 2020-2022 Financial Secretary's Report as printed in the convention manual.

Becky Gluesing presented the 2020-2022 Treasurer's Report and review as printed in the convention manual. Becky moved to accept the review as printed. Seconded and carried. Becky presented the 2022-2024 Mite Budget as printed in the convention manual and approved by the Board of Directors. Total of \$152,400 with \$138,500 for outreach, including \$30,000 for scholarships and \$70,000 for mission grants and \$13,900 for inreach. Becky gave a reminder that part of the 2022-2024 mission grant budget would need to be used to finish paying for the 2020-2022 mission grants as there was a shortfall in the mites received for 2020-2022. Jeanette Kreutner moved to increase the mission grant budget to \$80,000. Seconded and carried. The amended budget motion was then seconded and carried.

Jeanette Kreutner gave the 2022-2024 Proposed Mission Grants Presentation. There was a prayer before voting. Voting members voted on mission grants. Dennis Pieper from Voices of Care gave a Mites in Action report.

Judy Westergren gave the nominating committee report and introduced the candidates. There was a prayer before voting. Voting members voted on election of officers.

President Kistler declared Session I closed.

Dr. Cari Chittick was the speaker at the evening banquet.

Session II Saturday morning

The Young Women Representative presented the opening devotions.

Offering was collected for LCMS Disaster Relief

Lora Duncan gave the report that there was an error in the credentials given in Session I. The corrected credentials were 70 voting delegates, 4 voting past presidents, and 20 voting board members for a total of 94 eligible to vote. There were 12 non-voting board members and 66

other registrants for a total registration of 172. Lora moved to accept the corrected credential reports. Seconded and carried.

The LWML Mission Statement was read.

Carol von Soosten gave a report from Gifts of Love.

Rev. Chris Roepke led the first Bible study.

The results of the Mission Grant voting were given.

No.	Title of Grant	Amount Requested	# Of Votes	Priority Rank
1	Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project	\$ 5000	42	5
2	Matongo Seminary Chapel	\$ 5000	33	9
3	Indonesian Hymnal Project	\$ 5000	22	14
4	Hope for the Hopeless	\$ 5000	45	4
5	IDE Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training	\$ 5000	31	11
6	Comprehensive Efforts to Address the LCMS Pastor Shortage	\$ 5500	48	3
7	“Feed My Lambs” Library Program at Community Lutheran School, Readlyn	\$ 3000	31	11
8	Wartburg Walther League LCMS-U	\$ 2500	36	7
9	Let us sing unto the Lord: Enriching Camp Worship with Beautiful Music	\$ 8000	64	1
10	LERT Team, Immanuel Lutheran, Cedar Falls	\$ 8000	36	7
11	Financial Aid for Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op	\$10000	54	2
12	Different Languages, Same Savior: Lutheran Books for Missionaries	\$ 5000	29	13
13	Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central and South America	\$10000	19	15
14	Internet Infrastructure Improvement – Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls	\$10000	40	6
15	East Side Mission – Faith Based Programs	\$ 2500	32	10

Jeanette Kreutner reported that Mission Grants with priority rank of 1 through 10 would be fully funded and the grants tied at 11 would be partially funded at \$4316 for Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training and \$2590 for “Feed My Lambs” Library Program. Carolyn Zimmerman moved to increase the approved mission grant budget by \$1,094 to fully fund the last two mission grants. Seconded and carried. Cheryl Killham moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded and carried.

Susan Brunkow, National LWML Vice President of Christian Life, gave a report from the National LWML.

Judith Fink gave a presentation on the 80th anniversary of the LWML.

The exhibitors were introduced and gave greetings.

President Kistler declared Session II closed.

Session III Saturday Afternoon

The session opened with prayer.

Hilary Brech, YWR to the 2021 National LWML Convention, gave a report on the convention.

Results of the Election of Officers were given:

President

Martha Hartwig

65

	Cheryl Killham	27
	Illegal Votes	0
Vice President of Christian Life	Janet Brown	28
	Elizabeth Roberts	64
	Illegal Votes	0
Vice President of Gospel Outreach	Betty Borchardt	37
	Jeanette Kreutner	55
	Illegal Votes	0
Recording Secretary	Sheryl Zinda	92
	Illegal Votes	0
Financial Secretary	Jennifer Determan	51
	Tamara McKay	41
	Illegal Votes	0
Junior Pastoral Counselor	Rev. Jon M Ellingworth	91
	Illegal Votes	0

President Kistler declared these officers duly elected: President – Martha Hartwig; Vice President of Christian Life – Elizabeth Roberts; Vice President of Gospel Outreach – Jeanette Kreutner; Recording Secretary – Sheryl Zinda; Financial Secretary – Jennifer Determan; Junior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Jon M Ellingworth. Becky Gluesing moved to have the ballots destroyed. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Tom Ogilvie led the second Bible study.

Christian Life committee present a skit for the 2023 National LWML Convention.

Angie Banko gave the Gifts from the Heart ingathering report. Rev. Tom Ogilvie led the dedication of the Gifts from the Heart.

President Kistler acknowledged the members of the Waterloo Zone that helped with the 2022 convention. Liz Roberts and Faith Swenson invited all to the 2024 LWML IED Convention. Becky Gluesing gave the offering reports. Offering #1 was \$3123.06 for the 2022-2024 Mission Grant Goal. Offering #2 was \$2350.10 for LCMS Disaster Relief Fund
 Laura Woebeking and Jan Miller reported on other mites gathered before and during the convention. LWML 80th anniversary mite challenges collected \$7471.63 with Waterloo Zone collecting the most. Fishing for Missions: Penny Wars collected \$1085.33 with Davenport Zone collecting the most. The Anchored Memorials collected about \$1200.

President Kistler appointed Hannah Raebel and Judy Westergren to review the minutes.

Cheryl Killham and Darlene Bodermann gave the closing resolutions.

Retiring LWML Officers gave reflections on their service.

Rev. Chris Roepke installed the newly elected officers.

President Martha Hartwig declared the 41st Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Iowa East District adjourned.

Rev. Kevin Richter led the closing devotion.

Lora Duncan

LWML IED Recording Secretary