



LWML Iowa East District Board of Directors Report

MEETING DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IED LWML PRESIDENT: - The last quarter has, in many ways, flown by the fastest. That's probably because it included Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Presidents' Assembly. The Presidents' Assembly was able to meet in person, in St. Louis. We had a wonderful time, our days were packed with worship, meetings, discussions, and one afternoon of visiting the Seminary Campus, to tour the Historical Institute and the LWML office. The Chapel was open and the sunny day provided a breathtaking viewing of the new stained glass windows that have been installed. The project is scheduled to be completed later this spring. If you have the chance to visit the Seminary Campus in St. Louis, be sure to visit the Chapel and check out the new windows. The afternoon was capped off with a visit to the Arch - it was a windy and cold walk! The Sr. Presidents gifted their Jr. President counterparts with a special ornament and a favorite Bible verse as we wished them God's blessings at the end of our time together.

Thanks to the leadership of a very gifted group of women from the Waterloo Zone and our new Convention Manager, the plans for our June Convention are going very well. Thank you, ladies!

I am looking forward to the next few months - the bustle of Zone Spring Events, Easter, a possible Bus Trip to Mission Central, finalizing the convention plans and a the highlight of the summer - Convention!

V.P. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES: -

V.P. CHRISTIAN LIFE: - I wrote an article for the Spring *Alive* newsletter. I communicated with President Margaret about our Christian Life store inventory and when to order more materials for convention.

V.P. COMMUNICATION: - I am so thankful for active and productive Communication team members! Annette Raebel and Loretta Wuerdemare are our newest gifts from God. I have the newsletter boxes from past years and I am working on getting them to Annette.

V.P. GOSPEL OUTREACH: - I wrote an article for the March 2022 Alive. We have now been able to pay \$78,720 in Mission Grants, which is a great improvement. We have 4 grants left. \$5,000 will not be claimed from the seminarian scholarship for 2021-2022, so that will not be paid out this biennium. The Mission Grant committee met 1/27/22. We plan to present \$89,500.00 in regular mission grants. Since we have committed to the \$30,000 for scholarships for our undergraduate, deaconesses and seminarians, we want to put before the BOD that this amount comes off the top for the total amount of mission grants. So that would make of 119,500 of total applications

V.P. HUMAN CARE: - I wrote an article for the ALIVE. Since we are meeting virtually and at the request of the Dubuque Zone this meeting's Gifts from the Heart is a donation to your local crisis pregnancy center. I am working on lists of items to be brought to the convention for the three organizations that were chosen as the convention Gifts from the Heart. They are House of Hope, a shelter for homeless women and their children that helps them get back on their feet, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Valley Lutheran School.

RECORDING SECRETARY: -

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: - Since the November meeting I have received the societies mites, periodicals, memorials, etc.

Our mites and memorials are increasing the last few months! Keep them coming in! Thank you to everyone who have paid their 2021 & 2022 Quarterlies & Alives.

Deposits:

November - \$8228.29

December - \$7524.78

January - \$9893.53

Total \$25546.59

If anyone needs address labels or remittance books let me know and I will send you some.

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LWML Financial Secretary

TREASURER: - Treasurer's Report for Secretary's Minutes

Submitted by Becky Gluesing

LWML - Iowa East District financials as of December 31, 2021 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. \$15,000 towards the \$15,000 undergraduate commitment, \$5,000 to the \$10,000 seminary student commitment (there were no applicants in 2021) and \$5,000 toward the \$5,000 deaconess commitment. There are a total of 4 students receiving these funds – 1 deaconess student and 3 undergraduate students. We have also fulfilled our \$10,000 commitment to the Mission Central: At Just the Right Time, \$12,000 to Lutheran Family Service, \$2184 to Continuing Pastoral Education, Liberia, \$5,000 to Community Lutheran School Bathroom, \$5,000 to Student Scholarship, \$2,500 to Orphan Grain Train (partial request in \$10,000 approve grant), \$7036 to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and \$10,000 to Lutheran Braille Workers. (This includes \$17,036 paid in January). At this time, we have spent \$83,720 of our \$105,000 in approved mission grants. This is 80% of the total approved grants. As we have finished quarter 7 of the 8-quarter biennium, we are 87.5% of the way through the biennium. We've made huge strides since quarter 6. We have received request forms from 2 other grant recipients for a total of \$11,798. There is \$9,482 remaining in unrequested grants. With God's help we will meet our 2020-2022 mission goals.

Current financials stand as follows:

Balance on hand as of	09/30/2021	=	\$ 6,987.98
Income received since	09/30/2021	+	\$ 29,821.46
Less expenses since	09/30/2021	-	<u>\$ 22,735.65</u>
Balance on hand as of	12/30/2021	=	\$ 14,073.79

The LWML IED Student Aid Endowment Fund balance at the LCMS Foundation stood at \$118,454.58 as of 12/31/2021 (most recent statement). This is an increase of \$57,613.67 from the 09/30/2021 balance resulting from a \$54,818.31 donation from the Alberta Martins memorial and an \$2,795.36 increase in market value. A huge thank you to Alberta who was a faithful LWML member for many years.

The LWML IED Joyful Response Steward Account balance at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund stood at \$913.50 as of 12/30/2021 (most recent statement).

COUNSELOR (JR.): -

COUNSELOR (SR.): - I finally got on board to utilize the Google Suite. In addition to providing material for the Alive!, Pastor Roepke and I met to discuss and plan the Bible studies for the upcoming convention. Pastor Roepke and I also provided counsel to the convention committee regarding music for the convention.

ZONE PRESIDENTS

BENTON: - Benton zone Spring Rally will be at St. John Lutheran Church, Keystone, Saturday, April 30, 2022 beginning at 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Growing Spiritually" is the theme. Rev. John H. Wegner, College Hill, Cedar Falls, is the guest speaker. In-gathering will be Swaddling Clothes. You may visit their website www.swaddlingclothes.org or call (319) 442-3514. Everyone is invited to be with us, members of Christ's body "Growing Spiritually" in thought, His Word and deed.

CEDAR RAPIDS: - The Spring Zone Event will be Saturday, April 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the event will begin at 9 am. The speaker that was originally asked is unable to attend so we are looking for a new speaker, which will hold off selecting the verse and theme.

CLINTON: - The Spring 2022 Zone Gathering will be Saturday April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowden. There will be a zone board meeting in early March.

DAVENPORT: - Spring Rally will be held at Trinity Davenport on Sunday, May 1 from 2-4. It will be a Mother-Daughter Ladies Tea. Rachel Meyer, Trinity teacher and former missionary in Taiwan and Uganda will be our guest speaker.

DUBUQUE: - The Spring Rally will be held at St. Paul Dubuque. The date is Saturday 3/26/22 from 8:30 AM - 1 PM. The verse is "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"--1 Peter 4:10. We are doing a service project--Tying fleece blankets for Clarity Clinic in Dubuque which is a crisis pregnancy center.

ELDORA: - The Eldora Zone 2022 Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 2 at St. John's, Wellsburg, beginning with registration from 8:30-9:00 and concluding with a noon meal. Gary Theis from Mission Central will be there to take us "Together on a Mission Adventure". Our encouragement comes from Hebrews 10:24 & 25.

MARSHALLTOWN: Our Spring Zone Rally will be held on April 9th at Trinity Lutheran Church in State Center. Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb will be the guest speaker.

MT. PLEASANT: -Our Spring RALLY will be held at Our Savior in Muscatine on April 23rd. The societies have all given me their group reports and numbers for ordering the Alive and Quarterly. Our Savior in Fort Madison asked to go on the inactive list since their pastor retired and some ladies have moved.

ST. ANSGAR: - The societies have all given me the group reports and numbers for ordering the

Quarterly and Alive. The New Hope LWML asked to go on the inactive list. Sadly, that leaves only 6 societies for our zone. Our Zone Pastoral counselor passed away unexpectedly early in December. Our Spring Rally will be April 2nd at Redeemer, Ventura.

WATERLOO: - Ladies of the Waterloo Zone met on February 5 to work on our service project of making Fleece Tie Blankets for Valley Lutheran Graduates. Our Zone Prayer Service will be held on Saturday March 5 At Peace Lutheran in Shell Rock. All are welcome to come. More details will be on our Zone page. Our Spring Rally will be held on Saturday April 30 at Faith Lutheran in Waterloo. Our zone continues with plans to host the Iowa East District Convention in June. We are eagerly waiting to greet all of you on June 10-11. We pray that God will bless our Convention and that it will bring Praise and Glory in His name. Please get your Convention reservations and hotel reservations made as soon as possible.

WESTGATE: - Our rescheduled Fall rally was held Sunday, November 21 at St. John's Waverly. Spring Rally date has been set for Saturday, May 7 to be held at St. Peter's Lutheran, Westgate. Been collecting group reports.

WILLIAMSBURG: We are collecting the individual group reports for officers, members and the number of Quarterlys and Alives needed.

We are saddened that the Immanuel, Williamsburg group is disbanding. The reason is due to their maturity.

Our Spring event will be held at Hope, Sigourney. Looking forward to the fellowship with our zone sisters and brothers.

APPOINTED PERSONNEL AND COMMITTEES

DISTRICT REGISTRAR: -

MEETING MANAGER: -

- I continue to assist President Margaret with preparations for board meetings and sending out correspondence. I try to keep things organized for her.
- As a reminder, please keep me updated with your Spring Gathering plans. I am maintaining the master list for Margaret and I am sharing information with the Newsletter Editor so it will get printed in the *Alive*.
- I continue to update my list as Zone Presidents update their reports or contact me. I have updated the roster which is available on the shared drive or the password protected part of the website.
- I also maintain an email list that I can easily share and show you how to save the contacts so you can use the group list as well. This saves time from entering individual emails each time

and helps make sure everyone is getting the information that needs it, as the Board changes. Please contact me if you have any need for this email list and I will help you.

- I plan to write and submit my report for the Convention manual soon.

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN : -

PARLIAMENTARIAN: -

SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR: - I have received one nomination for speaker and have made contact with her. (Not sure what the next step is to get her approved and listed on the Speakers Bureau roster.) Her experiences and topics sound wonderful. LINDA D. ALLAN

WORLD RELIEF COORDINATOR: -

LWML CONVENTION BUS COORDINATOR: -

IED CONVENTION MANAGER: - It has been a very busy past few months in preparation for the LWML IED Convention. Letters have been sent to the potential approved exhibitors. I continue to work with the Host Zone in answering questions. I provided a registration spreadsheet and the list of approved exhibitors to the Convention Registrar. I met with the Convention Committee to review and approve the Evaluation Form in preparation for bringing forward to the BOD for approval. A walkthrough of the convention site has been scheduled for March 26. I will be turning in the BOD convention registration so no one should send in their own form. There will be a Google sheet for you to complete by March 4. I will ask Meeting Manager, Hilary Brechto send the link out next week.

SHORT-TERM MISSION COORDINATOR: -

HEART TO HEART COORDINATOR: -

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES 2021-2023: -

Hilary Brech- I have shared some of my ideas about YWR programming at our district convention with the Member Development Committee. I expressed my interest in helping plan and facilitate a strong program this summer full of fellowship and time in the Word with our sisters.

2022 RETREAT CO-CHAIRS: - The Fall Retreat will be at Camp Io-Di-Se-Ca on September 9-10. Friday is saved for a possible board meeting, but a movie and campfire are planned. It will be 6:00 pm with no supper offered. Saturday will begin at 8:00 and go until 3:00. Breakfast will be

served to those who spend Friday night. Lunch offered in registration. Theme is “Stand on God’s Promises” with the Bible verse Deuteronomy 31:8. There will be 2 Bible studies by Pastor Ferch, Davenport counselor. Our guest speaker is Ellie Menz, the organizer of the IDW Rose Parade Peddle Pushers. More specific information and registration to come. Co-Chairs: Davenport Zone Kay Berry, Lois Kundel, Marcia Reints.

COMMITTEES:

NEW CHURCH WORKERS WELCOMING COMMITTEE: - there has been no activity within this committee. If you have a new church worker (Pastor, Vicar, teacher, DCE, deaconess) within your zone please let me know. We will welcome them to East Iowa District. Liz Roberts
liz223grace@gmail.com.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: - our committee is coming together for activities and such for the YWR’s attending the District Convention in Cedar Falls. Keep recruiting Young Women to attend! Ideas are welcome! We are looking forward to this time!

YWR application forms have been emailed to the Zone Presidents. It is available online also - <http://lwml-ied.org/young-women-representatives/>

When your zone has name (s) of who will be serving as a YWR, please inform us ASAP to get arrangements and reservations made - RSVP April 1, 2022

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STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: -

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE: -

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: -

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: -

ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR: -

WEBMASTER: - I have posted items as requested and kept the website up to date.

G SUITE ADMINISTRATOR: - The tutorial videos have been on pause while we work through some glitches in transferring positions. Currently, it seems that while many applications will switch over immediately there are some that are taking 1-3 business days to switch over. The

biggest change has been the employee ID numbers. When you sign in from a different device, it automatically prompts the security protocols and asks you to verify an email or phone number. I have tried to delete and change the verified emails with no success, so we have switched to Employee ID numbers. This means that when you log in from a different device it will ask you for your employee ID number instead of the original verified email.

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE: -

MISSION GRANTS COMMITTEE: - We met to look at the mission grants sent to us for the 2022 - 2024 biennium. We approved presenting \$89,500 for the members to vote on at the 2022 IED Convention. Since we have committed to the \$30,000 for scholarships for our undergraduate, deaconesses and seminarians, we want to put before the BOD that this amount comes off the top for the total amount of mission grants.

STUDENT AID COMMITTEE: -

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: -

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: -

The following is the Nominations Committee Report:

For District President - Cheryl Killham (Cedar Rapids Zone)

For Vice President of Christian Life - Jan Brown (Cedar Rapids Zone)

Elizabeth Roberts (Williamsburg Zone)

For Vice President of Gospel Outreach - Betty Borchardt (St. Ansgar Zone)

Jeanette Kreutner (Dubuque Zone)

For Recording Secretary - Sheryl Zinda (Clinton Zone)

For Financial Secretary - Jennifer Determan (Waterloo Zone)

Tamara McKay (Davenport Zone)