## LWML IOWA EAST DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUGUST 1, 2023 - VIRTUAL MEETING

Members present: President Martha Hartwig, Sheryl Zinda, Becky Gluesing, Pastor Roepke, Helen Huedepohl, Jeanette Kreutner, Jennifer Determan, Liz Roberts, Carolyn Zimmerman. Absent: Angie Banko.

President Hartwig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with prayer.

**VP of Christian Life**: Liz reported new church worker packets are going out, and Pres. Martha knows of another new pastor in IDE. Liz and Karen Boehme are working on connecting with our YWR's.

**VP of Organizational Resources**: Carolyn reported that there is only 1 bylaw change to recommend at the Aug. 12 BOD meeting at this time. Other items are actually procedures and will go in the Procedure Manual which will eliminate the need for a lot of bylaw changes in the future. Bylaw changes need to be ready for the Nov. 2023 meeting so they are ready for the 2024 district convention. Pres. Hartwig noted all EC members need to look over the bylaws in regards to their position/committee and get ideas/changes to Carolyn.

VP of Communications: Helen noted that as more items are going into the procedure manual there will be less bylaw changes to make, as noted earlier. Please submit any bylaw changes to Martha by the week before the November EC meeting so there is time to have them ready by the Nov. BOD meeting. VP of Gospel Outreach: Jeanette reported she and Carolyn met recently to discuss changes via the Structure Committee and if anything needs voting on it will be ready for the Aug. 12 BOD meeting. The Student Aid committee is going to keep in touch with the scholarship recipients and the Mission Grant committee will be sharing information from the grant recipients in the future.

**VP of Human Care:** Helen reported for Angie that the Williamsburg Zone is in charge of the ingathering for the Aug. 12 meeting and it will be items for the parochial preschool and elementary school in Iowa County. A list of needed items will be forthcoming.

**Financial Secretary:** Jennifer reported the mites and memorials have slowed down over the summer. **Treasurer:** Becky brought up that it would be very beneficial for our district to be operating on the same fiscal year guidelines that national does, as voted on at the June 2023 convention. This would make our fiscal year start on July 1 and end on June 30 two years later for the biennium. This would be a needed bylaw change and will be discussed further at the Aug. 12 BOD meeting. The current balance is \$8,012.49 with a \$2000.00 deposit pending. \$7500 for scholarships and July mites need to be paid out yet.

**President:** Martha reported the 2024 district convention is June 21-22 at the Radisson in Cedar Rapids, formerly the Marriott. Meal tasting is scheduled for Aug. 11 at the hotel. 3 recommendations for the keynote speaker were brought to the group and it was decided to ask first, Erin Alter, Director of Short Term Missions and a member of the Lutheran Ladies Lounge; second, Kay Kreklau, former national president, to speak on her international mission trips; and third, Melissa Solomon, H2H organizer and participant on a Tijuana, Mexico mission trip. Martha will bring to the BOD on Aug 12 the recommendation to ask first for Pres. Eden Keefe to be our national representative at the 2024 convention, second - VP of Gospel Outreach Karen Morrison, and third - VP of Organizational Resources Arlene Naasz. National LWML decides based on availability.

**AOL Report:** Jennifer Determan will give a presentation at the Fall Retreat at Iodiseca about reaching out as mentors to the IED female college students, and the zone president training will be held at the November 2023 BOD meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and closed with prayer by Pastor Roepke.

Sheryl Zinda, Recording Secretary