

**IOWA EAST DISTRICT LWML EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2024 - VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

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

**Reports:**

**Organizational Resources:** VP Carolyn Zimmerman reported that the bylaws update was not accepted by LWML as they were not submitted in the proper format. Carolyn will be working on this but we will not have an answer back from LWML by our Feb. BOD meeting. The discussion on the bylaws was held at the Nov. 2023 BOD meeting, so once LWML approves the changes we will vote via email to get the new bylaws ready for the 2024 June convention and put in the convention manual.

Carolyn has been reviewing zone bylaws submitted to the district.

**Communication:** VP Helen Huedepohl reported that Webmaster Jeanette Kreutner has been working with Daniel Sanchez on updating the district website. The electronic ALIVE's have been going out to district members, and it was agreed the Facebook blasts are very helpful in keeping everyone updated.

Helen noted that her zone has 4 women interested in being a YWR at the district convention and questioned if there was a set number a zone could send. It was discussed that each zone is responsible for paying for their YWR's so it is up to the zones to decide how many to send. We want to encourage all interested women, and the number of YWR's at the convention is flexible. Pres. Martha noted she will be meeting with the convention committee next week and will bring up this topic.

**Christian Life:** VP Liz Roberts referred to Pres. Martha regarding the LWML store and recent information from the President's Assembly. LWML does not want to keep a large inventory on hand as some items don't get purchased as much, and storage space is at a premium. They will have pop-up apparel sales online and orders can be placed directly with the vendor. There is a sale currently until Feb. 12. Omaha convention shirts are now available. Liz and her committee will decide if and what to order for the district convention.

**Gospel Outreach:** VP Jeanette Kreutner reported the mission grant committee has recently met. There are 21 grant applications approved by the committee for consideration for the 2024 convention, with no grant asking for more than \$7500 which was specified in the application (see attached list). 80% of the current biennium grants are funded. The LERT grant for Immanuel, Waterloo is questionable whether they still want the funding, and Jeanette will get confirmation on this.

**Human Care:** VP Angie Banko reported she has received thank you letters from our scholarship recipients, and will have Valentines for them to be signed at the Feb. BOD meeting.

Gifts from the Heart for the BOD meeting will be putting together notebooks for Phil's Friends - she will have the materials for this project.

**Treasurer:** Becky Gluesing reported there is currently \$1,469 in the district account, with a \$3400 deposit recently made by Jennifer Determan that is just waiting to be cleared, so the actual total is closer to \$5,000. Approximately \$4,000 is still needed for grant disbursements for Iowa East projects. \$2,000 will be needed in March for Quarterlies and mites. The proposed budget for the next biennium will need to be ready for the Feb. BOD meeting so it can be published in the convention manual.

Becky noted that it had been discussed in the Nov. BOD meeting that Iowa East change its fiscal biennium to end in March to better align with national LWML which was voted on at the 2023 convention. She will visit with the national LWML treasurer to see how they are handling the extra quarter that vote created so hopefully Iowa East can follow.

**President:** Pres. Martha reported that she attended the President's Assembly recently. Many districts are using "Arrowhead" to help with their district conventions, such as finding sites, setting fees, registrations, etc. and she would like Iowa East to explore this option for the future. More nominees are needed for open positions in the upcoming biennium. There is an online workshop for treasurers and financial secretaries put on by national LWML that will be held this spring and again in the fall for new officers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Sheryl Zinda  
Recording Secretary

1. Lutheran Family Services--Preventing Burnout in Lutheran School Teachers with Christ-centered Counseling Resources
2. College Hill Conservatory --Raising Up Future Church Musicians
3. LCMS Office of Pastoral Education--Set Apart to Serve: Second-Career Phase
4. LCMS Office of National Mission--Proclaim the Gospel – Serve in Mercy
5. Concordia University Seward--Acts 1:8
6. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis--Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide
7. Word of Hope--Suicide Prevention for Post-Abortive Women
8. Eastside Mission – Van repair request
9. LCMS Office of International Mission--Walking Together in Mission Field-Alliance Missionaries
10. POBLO--Unequally Yoked Workshop Training
11. Lutheran Braille Workers--Bringing God's Word to the Visually Impaired in Prison
12. LCMS Office of International Mission--Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
13. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch--Nutrition Center Transformation
14. MOST Ministries-- LWML Iowa East District Short-term Mission Trip for Members of the LCMS Iowa District East -
15. Lutheran Heritage Foundation--Project 72: Jesus Sent Them Two by Two
16. Community Lutheran--School Science Grant
17. King of Kings, Cedar Rapids, Disaster Relief Project
18. LCMS Office of International Mission--Life-Changing Care for People in the Dominican Republic
19. Mission Central--Serving the Lord in Latvia-Rev. Samuel Bobby
20. Lutherans For Life--Volunteer Relations
21. Wartburg Walther League--Reaching Today's College Students