

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

MEETING – SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chair Clarice Gnuse and opened with prayer. ATTENDANCE: 44 which included 2 guests.

BIBLE STUDY - Bonnie Whiting presented a Bible study entitled "What Are We Baptized For". Readings were included with three (3) hymns sung.

UPDATE - AD HOC COMMITTEE – Sally Pfluger. Sally handed out the results of the survey tabulation/comments. 35 ladies responded. Recommendations are as follows: – Four meetings plus LWML Sunday. They are:

September 4: Bible study/Ad Hoc presentation

October: Mid-South District Zone Rally

Nov. 9: LWML Sunday

Dec. 4: Advent by Candlelight

March: Servant event

Each meeting will begin with prayer, short devotion or Bible study. Any minutes/treasurer's reports will be handed out.

II – Steering Committee created to lead LWML group. Positions and duties as follows:

CO-CHAIRS – responsible for Steering Committee and meetings when necessary.

CO-SECRETARIES – handle minutes and communications.

TREASURER – handle all funds and collection of mites as previously done.

HUMAN CARE LEADER – duties continue as previously done.

Board meetings will be held "as needed". Mites will be collected on the first Sunday of each month and co-chairs would be encouraged but not required to attend Zone board meetings.

III – Service groups under the umbrella of LWML will remain as is with service chairs continuing from last year.

IV – Lutheran Women’s Missionary League AWARENESS will consist of teasers in the WEEKLY NEWS, Mission Grant Power Posters added to Sunday morning screen announcements (different one each month) and spell out LWML whenever possible. GO AND TELL.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS for 2014/2015

Co-Chairs – Clarice Gnuse and Diana Wickboldt

Co-Secretaries – Mary Lou Zuhlke and Irma Miesbach

Treasurer – Diana Watts

Humane Care Leader – Karen Leak

A motion was made as follows: I move that LWML members suspend their by-laws for one year to enable the organization to implement the recommendations submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was seconded, questions were answered, and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

MID-SOUTH DISTRICT ZONE RALLY – Bonnie Whiting. Theme “Hearts in Mission”. October 11, 2014 at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Registration will begin at 9:00a.m. Soup/Sandwich lunch will be served. Women are encouraged to attend.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT – Peggy Nelson, Chair. Three (3) more members are needed for the committee. Signup sheets were made available for table hostesses and “angels”. Invitations for guests will be available on the kiosk in the Narthex. Dessert cookbook will again be available with up to 2 *recipes* per table by the hostesses.

Motion was made and seconded to continue support of the current Seminary student, Kevin Ray. Motion passed.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING – List of charities supported by the Christmas Stocking will be available in the mailboxes mid-November. If you wish to write a check, make a notation that it is for the “Christmas Stocking”.

Signup sheets for chair, ushers, greeters and lector were available at the end of the meeting for LWML Sunday.

The meeting closed with the reciting of the LWML Pledge and the Lord’s Prayer.

Mary Lou Zuhlke, Secretary