

Council of Lutheran Women
Fall General Meeting
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham, Michigan
Monday, September 24, 2018

Marge Tanney from Our Shepherd welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

The Reverend Dr. Evan Gaertner, Senior Pastor of Our Shepherd led the assembly in the opening devotion. Dr. Gaertner based his devotion on the meaning of the word Zion as his first call was to Zion Lutheran Church. Zion means "city of God". In Zion, everything is perfect: there is love, peace, joy, etc. at all times. Here we can only find delicious fruit in certain seasons; in Zion, fruit grows daily, plentifully, and is always delicious. All are welcome to this perfection.

President Lucie Witte called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Minutes of the Spring general meeting, April 30, 2018, were approved with one correction and one addition. Glory Drum will make these changes and file the report. Report on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Wilma Wagner, presented her report. A question was raised regarding *the repeated* \$275 expenditures to the IRS. President Lucie explained this was for *three attempts* at filing paperwork to qualify the CLW as a 501-C3 tax-exempt organization. Report on file.

Allocation of Undesignated Funds

At the August Executive Committee meeting, the members voted to allocate \$6,225.00 from the Undesignated Fund to the Scholarship Fund to bring the total amount in that fund to \$11,000.00. This was then presented to the Board of Directors on August 20 for their vote and was approved for 18 students, each receiving approximately \$611.

Since August, an additional student has been accepted, raising the number of students to 19. In order to keep the Scholarship Fund at or near \$11,000.00, it is necessary to reduce the transfer of funds from Undesignated to Scholarship. To present this properly, President Lucie first requested the recommendation not be approved from the Board of Directors. A recommendation be made to accept the first proposal. A recommendation was made and seconded to do so. The vote was taken, and the recommendation did not pass. A new motion was then made by Gail Terey, seconded by Andrea Anderson, to accept the second proposal of allocating \$6,146.00 to the Scholarship Fund to bring the total to \$10,925.00. Each student would receive \$575.00. The assembly voted to accept the second proposal.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- President Lucie gave her report. She requested the Lutheran Center Association, of which we are a part, to update their website to show current officers of the CLW. She and Barb Collins met with Kelsey Pfau and Mike Pietila of the Christian Business Connection (formerly known as Lutheran Business Association) to discuss a possible joint venture. They would like to have a fund-raiser to establish a scholarship for a business student at Concordia University, Ann Arbor. No further action has been taken. Report on file.
- Vice President of Communications - Lucie Witte
Lucie's committee: Glory Drum Judy Shepard, Linda Conger, Nora Baars, Barb Collins, and Martha Kurtz. Lucie reported the CLW has received their Letter of Determination from the IRS to be recognized

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- Vice President of Events - Sandy Hardies

Sandy's committee: Sheri Comeford, Barbara Karowich, Gina Davidson, and Barb Collins. Barb Collins represented the committee in Sandy's absence. Barb explained our annual luncheon is changing names: it will no longer be called the Woman of the Year Luncheon, but it will now be called the Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon. Since we do so much more than honor a woman of the year from participating organizations, the EC decided to broaden the name. We will still honor a Woman of the Year from our participating churches and organizations. All reports are on file.

- Vice President of Human Care - Barbara Hoffmeier

Barbara's committee: Doris August, Pamela Stasko, Willie Marie Henry, and Patti Jacques. Willie Marie represented the committee in Barbara's absence. Patti Jacques strongly urged everyone to get out and vote this November. She reminded us recreational marijuana is on the ballot. She encouraged us to read about the candidates from reliable sources and not rely on the TV ads. Many of us were unaware the marijuana is far more potent than what was introduced in the 60s and 70s. Doris August explained why we no longer take clothing for Detroit Rescue Mission. If someone still wants to donate, contact Doris and she will be glad to pick up the items at your church. Also the LWR is not using Conrail this year to transport quilts but rather trucks. Conrail did not want the liability of delivering the items. The drop off centers are listed on her report. All reports are on file.

INTER-CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

- **Camp Restore Detroit** - Susan Riske, Stewardship Chair, reported a very successful season from May to August. They served 29 groups this summer from several surrounding states. The groups worked around the city of Detroit clearing brush, cleaning up alleys, parks, and churches. They assisted with VBS at Mt. Calvary, East Bethlehem, and Peace Lutheran churches. Their first fund-raising event is Sunday, October 14, from 4pm-6pm at St. Thomas, Eastpointe. Tickets are \$25. Plans also include Reflections Garden and Community Garden located on adjacent property owned by Mt. Calvary. Report on file.

- **Concordia University Guild** - Elaine Bachman and Joan Koerschen reported on the upcoming Manor Christmas at Concordia University from November 20 through December 2. There is also a pre-event this year on November 17 and 18 at the Greenhouse on campus. The entry cost is \$5.00. Proceeds to the Concordia Guild Scholarship Fund. Oral Report

- **Gifts for All God's Children** -Patti Jacques reported a very busy summer for GFAGC. Partnering with East Bethlehem and Camp Restore Detroit, they conducted a Bible camp for 5 weeks and taught computer skills, math, and reading to 200 children. They also sponsored field trips for parents and children to sites, such as Comerica Park, Greenfield Village, etc. They distributed school supplies to 837 students. Connecting Kids to Christ (CKC) begins on Tuesdays and Thursdays at East Bethlehem from 4pm-6pm. They are seeking volunteers to tutor one day a week. St. Philip, Detroit, is starting a CKC on Wednesdays. GFAGC is looking for help to distribute gifts at Christmas to at risk children. Report on file

- **LCFSA #2 (Wellspring)** - Willie Marie Henry reported there is a White Elephant sale. She is also attending the convention on October 11 in Flint where she will be honored for volunteer work.

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- **LCFSA #18 (Wellspring)**

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- **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** - Marlene Herzog reported that LHF translates, publishes, distributes, and introduces materials to organizations. Thank you to the LWML for voting for their mission grant at the 2018 convention. Dinner/reception on November 10 for 25 years of the Word at Work. Report on file
- **Lutheran High North Parents T.E.A.M.** No Report
- **Lutheran High Northwest** No Report
- **Lutheran High West Boosters** No Report
- **Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM)** - Greetings from Marty Moro. He welcomed the Detroit area Lutheran high schools back into the program. LSEM is currently serving 61 Lutheran schools in 11 states and 12 LCMS districts from coast to coast. LSEM recently opened its first pre-school facility at Bethany Lutheran in Austin, Texas. It is called the "Let It Shine Academy". Report on file
- **LWML English District Greater Detroit Zone** - Andrea Anderson reported the English District is having their Fall Rally at Ascension of Christ, Beverly Hills, on October 7 from 4pm-6pm . The cost is \$10. Guest speakers are Tyler McMiller and his wife, Yanella, who will speak on their ministry in the Dominican Republic. Report on file
- **LWML Michigan District** - No report.
- **LWML MI District Dearborn/Downriver Zone** - Barbara Szymanski reported the Zone is resuming its monthly Bible Study on the second Saturday of the month from 9:30am-11:30am.. Books are \$10. Their Fall Rally is on October 20 beginning at 9:30am, and Cynthia Khan from POBLO is the guest speaker. the Zone will have a retreat on November 3. Registration fee is \$20. It starts at 8:30am through lunch. Guest speaker is Lynn Corker from Women of the Pearl. All these events take place at Christ the King, Southgate. Report on file.
- **LWML MI District Greater Detroit Zone** - Barbara Hatcher reported the Zone is in partnership with area pregnancy center and food banks. Barbara thanked the LWML on behalf of all Detroit for approving 5 mission grants at the 2018 District Convention that directly impact the city. Oral Report
- **LWML MI District Macomb South Zone** - Barb Collins represented the Macomb South Zone. Their zone's Fall Rally is on October 27 at Trinity, Clinton Township. The guest speaker is from Worship Anew. Oral Report
- **LWML Wayne Oak Hills Zone** No Report
- **MOST Ministries** - Ruth Martin is the new director at MOST. This ministry has served in 50 countries, the latest is in Uganda where they installed clean water filters. St. Peter's Lutheran in South Africa now has a permanent eyeglass clinic. Within the next year, MOST has plans for trips to Tanzania, Thailand, and Honduras. Oral Report
- **POBLO** No Report
- **Project Compassion** No Report
- **Wellspring** No Report

Archivist/Historian - Pat Schultz

Oral Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019 Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon - Barb Collins reported the EC met at the Burton Manor in August for their meeting and a taste testing for the 2019 Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon. The EC made arrangements to have the luncheon at Burton Manor for 2019. The luncheon is on March 19.

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The second order of business regarding the luncheon was presentation and discussion of registration for the luncheon. Barb proposed the use of Eventbrite to register for seating at the luncheon. Eventbrite was used for the first time for registering for the 2018 LWML District Convention. Even though there were many attendees who were not familiar with using online computing, there were very few complaints. Candie Sionkowski, registrar for the convention, attended this meeting and explained how Eventbrite could work for the CLW. She is willing to help with the registration for next year's luncheon. There were many questions raised regarding the usage of Eventbrite, and Barb and Candie answered them to the assembly's satisfaction. A motion was made by Barbara Szymanski, and seconded by Karen Linzing, to use Eventbrite as a registration tool for the next C LW luncheon. The motion carried. The ticket cost will be determined at the November EC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the Memorial Scholarships - Sue Boyle announced our guests. Joshua Kittleman (spelling?) from Concordia University introduced Celia Walkowicz from Haslett, MI. She is in her third year majoring in Family Life. President Lucie presented her with the John C. Streit Memorial Scholarship. Mandi Ressler is from Fairview Park, OH. She is also in her third year majoring in Family Life. President Lucie presented her with the Leona B. Meyer Memorial Scholarship.

Pastor Dan then led us in the lunch prayer at noon.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00.

Guest Speakers

Barb Collins introduced our guest speakers, Tim and Beth Heiney. They presented a DVD, produced by their son, Jonathan, which was an interview with both Tim and Beth. The DVD was called "The Master's Plan", and they discussed their ministry over the years and how the Master's plan worked for them and for the peoples they have served since 1984. The Heineys then answered questions from the assembly, many of them regarding the influence and persecution from the Muslims. The Heineys are requesting prayers daily from everyone as they will return to Guinea, West Africa, in a few months.

Pastor Dan closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Upcoming Events of CLW

President's Tea	Oct 15, 2018	Christ Our Savior, Livonia
2019 CLW Luncheon	March 19, 2019	Burton Manor
Spring General Meeting	April 29, 2019	TBA
Fall General Meeting	Sept 23, 2019	TBA

Respectfully,

Glory Drum
Recording Secretary