

Council of Lutheran Women  
Spring General Meeting  
Monday, April 25, 2022  
Shadow of the Cross Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills

Opening Devotion was given by Rev. Brian Dupre. In a reading from the Gospel of John, he shares his witness so that we may believe.

Meeting called to order by President Lucie Witte at 9:51 am.

**ATTENDANCE:** 45 were in attendance.

**RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT:** Report from the Fall General Meeting was reviewed and filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Report on file.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**VP of Communication Report – Judy Shepard**

Correspondence Coordinator, Wilma Wagner; Membership Coordinator, Marlene Gunnell; Publicity Coordinator Laura Thomas and Assistant Nora Baars; Scholarship Coordinator, Lucie Witte; Website Coordinator, Judy Shepard; Nominating Committee Coordinator, Laura Thomas; Development Coordinator - VACANT

Report on file.

**VP of Events – Candie Sionkowski**

Hospitality Coordinator, Sheri Comeford; Women of the Year Coordinator, Gina Davidson (retiring); Reservation Coordinator, Candie Sionkowski; Program Coordinator and Luncheon Booklet Coordinator, Barb Collins

Joan Monson has volunteered to replace Gina Davidson. This year's luncheon had 38 WOY Honorees, 465 reservations. Report on file.

**VP of Human Care – Willie Marie Henry**

Food Bank Coordinator, Ivy Thompson; Operation Layette Coordinator, Pam Stasko; Issues & Action Coordinator, Patti Jacques (retiring); Mission Support Coordinator, Barbara Hoffmeier

Report on file.

**President's Report – Lucie Witte** Report on file.

**Unfinished Business**

Review of 2022 Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon: favorable comments on menu, venue parking more than adequate, service was good, self-service beverage stations, spacious set up of the exhibitors

area, hostess committee appreciated being able to set up the night before the event.

We were made aware that the Macomb Sports Center gave us a “first-timer use” special cost of \$2,000 for the half-room. If we return for a future Luncheon, the cost for the half-room will rise to \$5,000 and the full room \$8,000.

Vacant Coordinator positions include Development Coordinator (Communications Committee), Issues & Action Coordinator (Human Care Committee) and Mission Support (also Human Care Committee when Barbara is elected to the VP position). Andrea Anderson volunteered to fill the Mission Support role.

### **New Business**

Plans for the 2023 Council Luncheon are to return to Burton Manor in Livonia on March 21, 2023. The venue still has \$2,500 held on account from the Luncheon we were forced to cancel in 2020.

#### Election of Officers

- Introduction of Nominating Committee: Laura Thomas (chair), Nora Baars, Pat Schultz, Ivy Thompson
- Report of the Nominating Committee: President – Sandy Hardies; Treasurer – Karen McClelland; VP of Human Care – Barbara Hoffmeier (absent) ; Pat Schultz introduced Sandy and Karen in Laura’s absence
- Nominations from the Floor were requested, with no additional nominations made the slate was accepted.
- Installation of New Officers was performed by Pastor Howard and the outgoing officers were also thanked for their hard work.

Dues reminders and Contact updates will be included in the Call Letter for the Fall General Meeting in an effort to keep the contact lists current and to get the dues reminders to the appropriate persons.

### **Reports of Inter-Congregational Organizations:**

Camp Restore Detroit – no report (absent)

Concordia University Guild – no report (absent)

Elli’s House – no report (absent)

Family of God – no report (absent)

Gifts for All God’s Children – report by Patti Jacques on file: Buckets and sand pails more useful for Easter baskets; tutoring continues in person and virtual; Family Feud fundraiser taking place April 30; collecting clothing, toys and school supplies all year.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation – Summer VBS program available for download and reproduction.

LHSA North Parents Team – no report (absent)

LHSA Northwest – no report (absent)

LHSA Westland – no report (absent)

LSEM – report by Marty Moro: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LSEM next year, dealing with “learning loss” due to COVID, dealing with more students.

LWML English District /Greater Detroit Zone – verbal report by Andrea Anderson, Rally to be held May 21 at Ascension of Christ in Beverly Hills, speaker will be Patti Jacques.

LWML MI District – Convention July 7-9, Registration cost now \$130

Dearborn/Downriver Zone – Kaye Wolff reported Zone Rally held on 4/7

Greater Detroit Zone – Willie Marie Henry reported on Rally to be held on May 15 at St. John, Detroit, speaker Megan Schultz

Macomb South Zone – Karen McClelland reported on Spring Fling to be held at St. Thomas,

Eastpointe on 4/27, speaker Robert Rahn (LHF); Prayer Service/Salad Luncheon to be held 5/21 at St. John, Fraser

Wayne Oak Hills Zone – Pat Schultz reported on collection (What’s Your 80?) of 80 health kits for LWR

MOST Ministries – Sandy Hardies reported on her upcoming trip to Honduras for eyeglass clinic

POBLO – report delayed until later arrival of Cynthia Khan

St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf – verbal report from Kaye Wolff: school located in Emmanuel, Dearborn, classes in sign language

The Luke Clinic – no report (absent)

Wellspring Lutheran Services Auxiliaries – verbal report, struggling to resume activities

Wellspring Main Office- no report (absent)

**Upcoming Congregational Events** - verbal reports from Trinity, Utica; Shadow of the Cross, Farmington Hills; St. Peter, Eastpointe; St. Paul, St. Clair Shores; St. John, Fraser; St. Paul, Sterling Heights; Mt. Calvary in Detroit about a variety of events including Rummage Sales, Golf Outings, Lutheran Choralaires Concert, and a congregation’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Events were shared over the Council’s Facebook page and webpage.

Prayer and Lunch

Presentation by Family Life Minister Megan Schultz about Acts 2 Enterprise (A2E) and her role in this ministry which also includes Pontiac (St. Paul Community), Flint (Franklin Avenue Mission), Benton Harbor (Benton Harbor Lutheran Outreach) and Bethany in Detroit.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Fall Meeting	September 26, 2022	9:15 am	Trinity, Utica
2023 Luncheon	March 21, 2023	11 am	Burton Manor, Livonia
Spring Meeting	April 17, 2023	9:15 am	Historic Trinity, Detroit

Closing prayers given by Pastor Howard. Retiring President Lucie passed the gavel to incoming President Sandy and the meeting was officially closed by Sandy at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Linzing, Recording Secretary