

192nd BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) MONTANA DISTRICT
First Lutheran Church, Helena, Montana
February 8-9, 2019

Pre-meeting activities for all LWML Montana District Board of Directors (BOD) members began at 1:30 p.m. and included Leadership Training led by LWML Assembly of Leaders 2018 (AOL) attendees: President Shari Miller, Vice Presidents Sonja Reeves and Linda Reilly, and Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Blake Marshall. Rev. Marshall led the attendees in a Bible study entitled "Follow the Leader (the sheep hear His voice)." Various presentations from the AOL event were shared with the BOD.

1. Call to Order – 4:27 p.m.

President Shari Miller called the 192nd meeting of the BOD to order with the Invocation.

Devotion and Opening Prayer - Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Blake Marshall

2. Roll Call – Recording Secretary Sharon Murray

BOD members signed the attendance sheet and noted corrections on the BOD roster.

Elected Officers	6
Counselors	2
Zone Presidents	5
Appointed Officers	6
Guests	0
Total Attendance	17
Total Voting	15

Excused Absences:

Vice President of Gospel Outreach Kathleen Scott, Vice President of Human Care Susan Sweatman, Eastern Zone President Claudia Kransky, and Young Woman Chairman Emy Stueve.

3. Adoption of Agenda – Shari Miller

The distributed agenda will be used with any changes or additions as needed.

4. Appointment of Minutes Review Committee – Shari Miller

Scholarship Chairman Edee Anderson, Nominating Committee Chairman Pam Kercher, Standing Committee Member: Corresponding Secretary Janice Witt

5. Minutes – Sharon Murray

The 191st BOD Meeting minutes were approved by the Minutes Review Committee, filed with the Recording Secretary, posted to the LWML Montana District website, and emailed to the BOD members, LCMS Montana District President Terry Forke, and LWML President Patti Ross.

6. Correspondence Requiring No Action – Janice Witt

Vice President of Servant Resources Linda Reilly received a thank you note for the pillows given to Emma House. The pillows were made during the retreat at Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork. Scholarship Chairman Edee Anderson received thank you notes from scholarship recipients Jared Cooksey and Carl Wendorff. Vice President of Christian Life Sonja Reeves received a Christmas card from the hotel used by the BOD at the LWML Montana District Convention in Missoula.

7. Reports of Elected Officers and Counselors

A. Recording Secretary – Sharon Murray

Full report on file.

B. Treasurer – Carol Holste

Full report on file.

C. Vice President of Christian Life – Sonja Reeves

Full report on file.

D. Vice President of Gospel Outreach – Kathleen Scott

Full report on file.

E. Vice President of Human Care – Susan Sweatman

Full report on file.

F. Vice President of Servant Resources – Linda Reilly

Full report on file.

G. Nominating Committee Chairman – Pam Kercher

No report on file. A reminder that president and several other offices are up for election at the 2020 convention.

H. Senior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Kyle Whaley

Full report on file.

I. Junior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Blake Marshall

Full report on file.

J. President – Shari Miller

Full report on file.

8. Reports of Zone Presidents

A. Central Zone – Valerie Martin

Full report on file.

B. Divide Zone – Marjorie O'Rourke

Full report on file.

C. Eastern Zone – Claudia Kransky

No report on file. President Shari Miller received an email from Eastern Zone President Claudia Kransky stating that she had nothing to report. Due to health concerns, she needs to decline being the Eastern Zone delegate to the upcoming LWML convention and suggested the delegate position be filled by Carin Larsen from Forsyth. She said her appointed position as zone president ends this coming summer 2019.

D. Flathead Zone – Michal Delgado

Full report on file.

E. Southern Zone – Myrt White

Full report on file.

F. Western Zone – Rosanne Larson

Full report on file.

9. Reports of Appointed Officers

A. Archivist-Historian – Marjorie O’Rourke

Full report on file.

B. Corresponding Secretary – Janice Witt

Full report on file. Concerns were raised about the 21 societies we have on our roster that are listed as Inactive Societies. What is being done to keep them informed about activities of the LWML Montana District? What do Individual Members receive for their membership? It was suggested that the LCMS Montana District Office could forward a copy of the *Montana Missive* to each congregation. President Miller directed Editor Gerard to work with the LCMS Montana District Office to get the *Missive* into every church’s inbox. There will be further discussion at the Zone Presidents’ Meeting on Saturday morning.

C. Financial Secretary – Barb Kohs

Full report on file. The April 2018 thru January 2019 society report of donations was handed out.

D. Montana Missive Editor – Brook Gerard

Full report on file. *Missive* deadline for articles for the Spring 2019 issue is March 30, 2019.

E. Scholarship Chairman – Edee Anderson

Full report on file.

F. Structure Chairman – Myrt White

Full report on file. The following changes to our District bylaws were presented:

1. Article VI,4,f -- The Treasurer shall:

~~f. be bonded, in the amount to be decided by the President, Treasurer, and a Pastoral Counselor, under the guidelines of a bonding agency approved by the Board of Directors.~~

2. Article IX,d,8 – The Financial Secretary shall:

~~8. be bonded, the amount to be decided by the President, Treasurer, and a Pastoral Counselor, under the guidelines of a bonding agency approved by the Board of Directors.~~

3. Article VIII – Executive Committee (add)

4. The Executive Committee shall determine the amount of bond and/or other insurance for financial protection of the organization.

(m/s/c – I) to submit the above proposed changes to the LWML Structure Committee.

G. Young Woman Chairman – Emy Stueve

Full report on file.

10. Webmaster – Stephanie Edgar

Full report on file.

11. Unfinished Business

A. LWR Drive – Susan Sweatman

Report included with Vice President of Human Care report. May 11, 2019: Missoula (First), Belgrade (Peace—LCMC), Billings (Mount Olive), Glendive (Our Savior). Vouchers submitted for mileage have to cover from address to address, not just mileage, or it will not be paid.

B. 2019 District Retreat Report - Sonja Reeves and Linda Reilly

Full report on file. The theme will be the same for both retreats. The suggested theme of “Time Management” is based on the Bible verse: *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

(m/s/c – 11) to have the Trinity Lutheran Camp Retreat Sunday offering go to the camp to help with refurbishing of the cabins.

Nominating Committee Chairman Kercher is facilitating the Makoshika Retreat on Montana’s Eastern side. Because Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Marshall preaches at three separate churches on Sunday, Pam made the suggestion that the retreat group might worship on Sunday morning at Our Savior Lutheran in Glendive. The suggestion was favorably received by Rev. Marshall who mentioned that Rev. Gregory Ludido was serving as the Eastern Zone Pastoral Counselor. By general consensus, the decision was to attend worship services at Our Savior. Since the offering would be a part of the church’s offering, it does not need to be designated by the BOD. Thus, the following was deleted from Report 11.B: The Makoshika Retreat offering is to be determined.

C. Short Term Mission Trip – Sonja Reeves

Full report on file. A short-term mission trip to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is planned for June 3-6, 2019 (with a travel day on either side). Cost per attendee is estimated at \$225, not including travel. This should be adequately covered by the Jo Young Annuity. There may also be funds available in the Annuity to cover the cost of gas for travel both directions. That is at the discretion of the BOD.

(m/s/c – III) to have up to 18 people attend the short term mission trip to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch scheduled for June 3-6, 2019. The Jo Young Annuity will pay for the food and lodging while at the event. Attendees will pay for their travel expenses. Lodging will be based on double occupancy for five nights beginning the day of arrival, June 2, 2019.

D. Assembly of Leaders 2018 – Shari Miller

Full report on file. November 7-10, 2018, St. Louis, Missouri

E. Archivist-Historian Boot Camp – Marjorie O’Rourke

Full report on file. January 20-22, 2019, St. Louis, Missouri

F. Zone Restructure Task Force – Pam Kercher

Full report on file. It was decided to put the zone restructure survey in the *Montana Missive*.

12. New Business

A. Regional District Gatherings – AOL Team

Full report on file. May 4, 2019: Trinity Lutheran, Billings, and First Lutheran, Missoula

(m/s/c – IV) to have the LWML Montana District BOD pay for the educational materials out of the Administrative Expense Account and have each gathering location encourage an individual to apply for a Thrivent grant to cover the cost of food at each location.

B. LCEF Steward Account Interest – Carol Holste

Full report on file.

(m/s/c – V) that the LCEF Steward Account (Jo Young Annuity) interest of \$10.04 be added to the Grants Account and not be subject to the 25% national LWML provision.

(m/s/c – VI) that the following updated policy be added to both the Standing Policies and Procedures (SPPs) and Accounting Policies and Procedures (APPs):

All interest earned on bank accounts, savings accounts, and investments will be credited to the Grants Account, with the exception of the Endowment Fund investments, and will not be subject to the 25% national LWML provision. The interest earned on the Endowment Fund would be credited to the Endowment Fund.

C. LCEF Dedicated Certificates of Deposit – Carol Holste

Full report on file.

(m/s/c - VII) to transfer accounts #XXXXXXXXX2184 and #XXXXXXXXX2959 into two LCEF PartnerPlus two-year term accounts earning the LWML 2.375%. After two years, the BOD will revisit the account placement, as well as determine designation of the interest accrued.

(m/s/c - VIII) that the interest accrued since moving our two \$5,000 CD's from First Interstate Bank to an LCEF savings account on May 31, 2017 be allocated to the Grants Account and not be subject to the 25% national LWML provision.

D. Other New Business

(m/s/c – IX) that excess funds from District Convention Host Committees, Zone Rallies, and other District Events (excluding Retreats) will be added to the Delegate Fund until directed otherwise by the BOD. They will be subject to the 25% national LWML provision as determined by the BOD. President Miller directed this be added to the SPPs and APPs.

(m/s/c – X) that any shortages for the District Convention Host Committees, Zone Rallies, and District Events (excluding Retreats), will be paid from the Delegate Fund until directed otherwise by the BOD. President Miller directed this be added to the SPPs and APPs.

(m/s/c – XI) that distribution of the receipt of future annuities will be determined by the BOD. They may be subject to the 25% national LWML provision. President Miller directed this be added to the APPs.

Closing Devotion – Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Blake Marshall

Bible Study – Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Kyle Whaley

Rev. Whaley led a Bible study titled “And God Said.”

13. Conventions

A. 2019 LWML Convention - Mobile, Alabama

June 20-23, 2019 "In Praise to the Lord!"

1. LWML Montana District Zones Delegation:

Sherrri VanVleet (Central)
Bridget Michel (Divide)
Carin Larsen (Eastern)
Michal Delgado (Flathead)
Myrt White (Southern)
Rosanne Larson (Western)

2. Counselor: Rev. Kyle Whaley, Senior Pastoral Counselor

3. YWRs - Emy Stueve

Laura Nussbaum from the Central Zone
Whitney Marsh from the Divide Zone

4. Housing - Carol Holste

The entire LWML Montana District delegation will stay in the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, the convention hotel.

5. Transportation – Shari Miller

Air reservations need to be made no later than April 15, 2019.

6. Banner – Eastern Zone

(m/s/c – XII) to accept the submitted design with modifications. Brook Gerard will talk with Banner Designer Claudia Kransky with suggestions.

7. Pre-Convention Seminars

Treasurer/Financial Secretary
Structure/Parliamentary Procedure
Mission Grants
How to Write a Bible Study
Leadership Development: *Become a Leader You Would Follow!*
Webmaster/Social Media
Gifts of Love

The charge for each seminar is \$20. They will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019. Lunch and all materials are included.

(m/s/c – XIII) that the BOD will pay the seminar fee for any district member that attends the convention.

8. Convention Offerings

- #1. Thursday opening worship offering will be for the LWML Mission Goal 2019-2021.
- #2. Friday offering will be for two (2) entities – the offering will be split half and half:
 - Medical Mission Teams
 - Expanding the Disability Ministry in the Dominican Republic
- #3. Saturday offering will be for two (2) entities – the offering will be split half and half:

James Storehouse Louisiana
Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee Children

#4. Sunday offering will be for LCMS Disaster Response/Community Relief.

9. Voting Information – Bylaws, Officers, Mission Grants, Restructure
Full reports on file.

10. Other

Bridget Michel will attend the Heart to Heart (H2H) Leader pre-convention training as the LWML Montana District representative.

**B. 2020 Montana District LWML Convention – Billings
April 24-26, 2020 “Victory Through Christ”**

1. Co-Chairmen – Pam Kercher and Myrt White

Full report on file.

2. Host Congregation and Zone – Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings, Southern Zone

3. Bible Passage – 1 Corinthians 15:57

4. Speaker Suggestions

Suggestions were made. President Miller will make contacts.

5. Logo – Bridget Michel

Bridget is working on several ideas.

6. Other Items

Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Kyle Whaley and Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Blake Marshall will work with the host congregation’s pastors regarding worship and communion. The Friday evening service is the responsibility of the Pastoral Counselors. It is suggested that the convention body attend the 8 a.m. worship service at Trinity on Sunday.

14. Next Meeting: October 18-19, 2019, Deer Lodge

Alternate Dates: October 25-26, 2019

15. Adjournment - 11:15 a.m.

Closing Devotions – Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Kyle Whaley



**Sherrie (Sharon K.) Murray,
Recording Secretary**



Shari (Sharon J.) Miller, President