

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LFL CHAPTER MINUTES- JANUARY 8, 2006

The meeting was opened at 2:00 P.M. with prayer by President Roger Bohnhof. Ten members were present. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given, with an ending balance of \$679.64, and filed for review.

Unfinished Business

LFL National Conference- President Roger and Vice-President Norm Holt attended as planned. They both enjoyed it. They had a very busy schedule. Several of the presentation were about bio-ethics. National Director Dr James Lamb was the preacher for the Sunday service.

Norm purchased several CDs of the speakers, which he will loan out. (James Brauer Jr will purchase the ones that Norm did not get, using chapter funds as authorized in the July meeting. They will cost about \$50.)

The next National Conference will be in Cedar Rapids IA in July 2006. They want it to be more of a family event, so it will be in the summer when children can attend.

Roger would have liked a presentation on how to do "sidewalk counseling" at abortion clinics. Pastor Ellis suggested he make a suggestion on that to National.

Life Sunday- This will be held on January 22, 2006. Pastor has ordered a Power Point presentation from National to use in his sermon. Norm has arranged for a speaker from the Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center (APRC) to speak to the Adult Bible Class.

Life Issue Activities- Walt Sigl asked if anything else is being done on these subjects in the Circuit. Pastor says there is no opposition when he speaks to the other Pastors- they all say they are pro-life. However, not much is happening besides what we do at Zion and in our Chapter.

Teen Abstinence Conference- The date has been changed to March 18, 2006. It will start at 4:30 P.M. APRC will provide two speakers, so the separate presentations to the adults and children can be made at the same time. Pizza and sodas will be served afterwards. James Jr will personally contact Peace, Holy Cross, and Faith Lutheran Churches to invite them. Pastor suggested also contacting Light of the Hills in Cameron Park. We have enough footprint pins on hand so that each of the youth can receive one.

Ice Cream Social- We will have this at Zion on April 23, 2006 as a membership drive. Roger has asked Monica McCurdy to do

graphics for publicity. We still have to decide a theme and program. It was suggested that people be asked to bring homemade ice cream.

New Business

Project 33- Events will be held at Foothill Community Church, Roseville, on January 16-21, 2006 to memorialize the 33% of the younger generation that have been lost to abortion since the Roe v Wade ruling. They also set up a Field of Crosses in front of the church to represent these deaths.

National LFL has changed their "membership year" dates from a calendar year to a fiscal year (July 1-June 30).

Adventure Christian Church in Roseville has a Prayer service the first Saturday of each month. Roger has attended some of these. They usually pray for elected officials, and about some community issues.

Norm gave the attendees a "Self-Style Analysis" personality quiz, which he obtained from one of his sessions at the LFL conference. (Most of us present were "analyzers".) He also has some new magnetic car decorations with life issue slogans. They are available for \$2.00 each.

Pastor Ellis had an idea on how to reach more people. We have had members go to area Lutheran churches to introduce ourselves and explain about Lutherans for Life. Perhaps we could get more interest by setting up a "speaker's bureau", with our members developing expertise and presentations on topics such as euthanasia or stem cell research. We could give these to Bible Study groups- it could be just showing a video or slide show with discussion time. Zion will soon have a refurbished laptop PC and a portable video projector available for this purpose.

Closing comments- Roger was pleased that his 40 Day Small Group decided to collect diapers and baby items as their community project. The items were given to APRC and to Birth and Beyond. The Mighty Men of Valor group also donated financially to this.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 16, 2006, but that is Easter. We decided to have a short meeting after the Ice Cream Social on April 23- perhaps some who hear our program will stay to find out more.

Closed with prayer by Pastor Ellis at 3:20 P.M.

Linda Cruz
Secretary