

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LFL MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

The meeting opened at 5:05 P.M. with prayer by President Roger Bohnhof. Fifteen were present, representing four congregations (list attached).

Minutes were read and approved with several corrections.

The Treasurer's report was given- a corrected one for June 2008, and a new one as of September 6, 2008. Balance is \$2057.71. Filed for review.

James Brauer Jr gave information on the Life Chain, which will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2008, from 2-3:00 P.M. at several locations in the Sacramento area. (Participants hold up pro-life posters at busy intersections.) Roger will put information on it in the Zion News and Sunday bulletins.

Roger gave information on the "40 Days for Life" prayer campaign- praying and fasting in front of abortion clinics on September 24- November 2, 2008, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each day. Besides Sacramento and Roseville, it will take place in 1 other U.S. cities. James suggested asking Pastor Ellis to have a presentation on this at Zion.

Roger passed out Lutherans for Life (LFL) membership applications to those present (for themselves or to give to others).

Chapter officers were elected for one year terms by acclamation. They are: President- Lois Brauer; Vice President- Norm Holt (in absentia); Secretary- Linda Cruz; Treasurer- James Brauer Jr.

Lois took the Chair of the meeting. She thanked Roger for all of his work as previous Chapter President and on life issues. She asked for everyone's help and prayers. Recent events in her life have shown how the world does not value life as God does. She was encouraged by recently seeing workers outside an abortion clinic.

She has contacted National LFL and received material from them. They are developing new Bible Studies and items for children. A new DVD is designed to educate Lutheran Pastors about the program.

Lois asked for "brainstorming" suggestions on what we would like to accomplish in the next year. Many ideas were given:

- Pastors need to be involved, at least four in our two LCMS Circuits.
- Concentrate on one topic each quarter. Start small and do a good job on each one.
- Have experts speak on different topics.
- Have another Sex to Wait For conference
- Present a LFL Bible Study during Adult Bible Study hour
- Strive for more members
- Try to reach young people
- Educate on political issues, such as a proposed law on euthanasia

- First need to reach the Lutheran community
- Have a speaker about euthanasia
- Give people information to change their viewpoints on life issues (as opposed to the world's view)
- Show Pastors the LFL mission statement and vision
- Make contact with the LCMS Circuit and District LWML
- Order LFL bulletin stuffers and give them to other congregations for their use
- Work for legislation to have all pregnant women have an ultrasound
- Encourage celebration of Sanctity of Life Sunday in January
- Make presentations to other churches and try to get congregational representatives
- Develop a Chapter Website

(The Common Table Prayer was spoken before attendees ate a light supper. Roger had an LFL video shown during the meal. The business meeting resumed afterwards.)

Lois encouraged those present to send in a membership form if they had not already done so. She is looking forward to leading the group- God has blessed her and will bless this effort also.

She suggested we choose three items from our list to start on. Those picked were-

- 1.) A speaker for the January meeting. Roger will arrange this, probably on the topic of euthanasia.
- 2.) A Sex to Wait For seminar in the next quarter.
- 3.) Develop our Website. James Brauer will work on it. (Will probably require some funds from the Chapter.)

Doug Brauer offered to speak to at least two congregations; Lois is willing to speak to the Pastors.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 25, at 5 0 P.M. at Zion. There will be a short business meeting. We will show the new LFL DVD and use one of their Bible Studies.

Adjourned with prayer by Lois.

Linda Cruz
Secretary

1 Atch, Attendees

Sept 6, 2008 LFL Chapter Meeting Attendees

From Zion, North Highlands- Linda Cruz, Dallas Burgess, Roger Bohnhof, Ali Bohnhof, Mary Ellen McArthur, Fran Ahles, Diane Hintz, James Brauer, Betty Buchholz

From Trinity, Sacramento- Wilbur Pullmann

From Holy Cross, Rocklin- Miriam Rupp, David Spurgeon, Pat Hull

From St Matthew, Rocklin- Lois Brauer, Doug Brauer