

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LFL MINUTES - OCTOBER 25, 2008

The meeting opened at 5:05 P.M. with a prayer by President Lois Brauer. Nine were in attendance, representing four congregations.

Lois sent out seventy letters and about 20 e-mails before the meeting to encourage people and ask for prayer support for LFL. She has received some positive comments. She hopes to get contact points from the area congregations.

Lois introduced Pam Williams from Holy Cross, Rocklin. She is new to that congregation, but has been involved with pro-life issues for some time. She has developed a post-abortion counseling program called "Living Hope", which she is trying to expand to many congregations. At this time, she is compiling her program information into an easily reproducible notebook form. Pam stated that she is willing to help LFL wherever needed, but her primary passion is the abortion issue.

Each person was asked to introduce themselves and explain why they are involved in life issues.

We had a short Bible Study written by Dr James Lamb, Executive Director of National LFL. It was entitled "Manners", based on I Corinthians 13. Although we have a great message, we must present it properly, so that people will hear it. We must learn to "speak the truth in love".

The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. Current balance is \$1,620.86.

Reports were given on recent events:

Life Chain- Several members participated in this, holding signs with Pro-life messages at street corners. There did not seem to be as much negative reaction as usual. Some of the signs seemed difficult to read from a distance.

Alternatives Pregnancy Center (APC) Dinner- The turnout was large. The program was long and not as interesting as they usually have. Pam said they have new leadership and they need lots of prayer. Lois is planning to take a tour of their facilities.

The program for the January 2009 meeting was discussed. Roger Bohnhof has been in touch with the California Resource Center to see if they can provide a speaker on the topic of euthanasia. Lois has arranged for the meeting to be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rocklin. She has also asked their Parish Nurse to participate. We decided to hold the meeting on Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 3:00-5:00 P.M. Pam will ask the ladies of the Holy Cross LWML to provide refreshments.

Sex to Wait For- Lois asked Youth Director Debbie Krumdieck of St Matthew Lutheran in Rocklin to host this conference at their site. There should be sessions for both youth and parents/grandparents. We should also have child care if there are younger children brought by their parents. Pam will contact our previous presenters Barbara Wilson and Tanya to see if they can do it again. We would like to have it in March or April 2009. Time will be from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Members of Light of the Hills Lutheran in Cameron Park sent Lois an e-mail saying they are trying to start their own LFL chapter.

Wilbur Pullmann of Trinity Lutheran in Sacramento is planning to speak to his new pastor about LFL. He also knows District President Pastor Newton and will call him to find out his feelings about LFL and life issues.

Lois reiterated her desire to speak to congregations, LWML groups, and even Youth Groups. She has set up a mailing group for local congregations.

Lois asked if we have a Pastoral Counselor. Roger said it was Pastor Ellis of Zion. Lois will ask if he wishes to continue. If not, she will ask Pastor Flynn of Messiah.

Roger mentioned the Prayer Meeting held at Adventure Church in Roseville, 7-8:00 A.M. the first Saturday each month, where they pray for Government officials.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Roger.

The next meeting will be the program in Rocklin on January 17, 2009. The Executive Board will meet before then to finalize details and conduct any other needed business.

Addendums after adjournment- Norm Holt has indicated verbally that he does not wish to be Vice-President. The Executive Board will have to appoint a replacement.

Treasurer James Brauer Jr has changed the bank account access to remove former President Roger Bohnhof and add new President Lois Brauer.

Linda Cruz
Secretary

Attendees-

From Zion North Highlands-Linda Cruz, Roger Bohnhof, Ali Bohnhof, James Brauer, Jr, Fran Ahles

From Holy Cross, Rocklin- Miriam Rupp, Pam Williams

From Trinity, Sacramento- Wilbur Pullmann

From St Matthew, Rocklin- Lois Brauer