

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LFL MINUTES- MARCH 7, 2009

President Lois Brauer opened the meeting at 3:15 P.M. in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. She gave a prayer. Seven members were present.

Lois had a devotion on suffering, based on Hebrews 12:1-11. She had a LFL brochure called "God's Love in Human Suffering".

The minutes were read and approved with corrections. The Treasurer's Report was given and filed for review. Balance is \$1997.11.

A Board of Director's Meeting was held at Lois' home on January 11, 2009. Secretary Linda Cruz read the minutes from that meeting for those present.

Roger Bohnhof reported on the Sacramento Prayer Breakfast. Only he and Pastor Ellis were able to attend from Zion. They did not have a keynote speaker this year. Our group was acknowledged from the podium.

Roger also reported on "40 Days for Life," where people pray in front of abortion clinics. The national organization for this reported at least 33 babies had been saved so far. No one else from Zion responded to Roger's call for volunteers.

Lois has been going through the LFL binder "How to Start a Chapter," but has not had much assistance from National when she has questions. She was able to speak with her Pastor at St Matthew, Rocklin, so he has a better understanding of what we are doing.

Wilbur Pullmann was to speak with his Pastor, but was not present to give a report.

James Brauer Jr has not had an opportunity to start on the Chapter Website. We would like to have something up by the end of this summer. Some suggestions for content were: meeting minutes, calendar of events, links to National and other pro-life organizations (such as the Alternatives Pregnancy Center-APC), a Speakers Bureau. Any other ideas should be given to James.

Lois has had some good news-

Based on a presentation she made to Pastors from

Circuits 4 and 19, she received a contact name for Town and Country Lutheran, Kitty Falk. She e-mailed Lois that she is excited to help out.

Lois will speak about LFL to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Mt Olive, Folsom, on March 16.

Lois' daughter Janice in Washington asked for information that will be used in their congregation and at a Pregnancy Center there.

A member of her congregation asked her about stem cells and she was able to give them an informational DVD.

Another member of St Matthew has written articles about abstinence which have been published by Concordia Publishing House.

A group of ladies at Holy Cross, Rocklin, would like to make layettes for the APC.

The Board of Directors still has to appoint a Vice-President to replace Norm Holt, who has resigned.

Euthanasia event- We were unable to get a speaker at the time we wanted in January- none of the people Lois contacted could give her any suggestions. The names Roger had would have been very expensive.

Abstinence Event- It has been scheduled for April 18, 2009, at St Matthew, Rocklin at 4:00 P.M. The new title is "Sex-What's the Big Deal?". There was some difficulty in getting the Council at St Matthew to agree to host, but it was finally worked out. The speaker to the adults, Barbara Wilson now has fees- \$100 for APC, and \$250 for herself. Lois decided to accept this. Tanya Tibshirani and Kelsey Paulsen, DCE Intern at St Matthew will work together to speak to the youth. They are having some publicity fliers printed and may ask for reimbursement.

We can put out baskets for freewill offerings, especially to pay for the meal. Roger and Ali Bohnhof will work on obtaining beverages and will price sub sandwiches. Lois will bake brownies for dessert. Betty Buchholz will purchase paper goods.

Linda Cruz will see if there is some small item that be given as a gift (such as cloth bracelets from Oriental Traders). Roger will order Feet pins.

Lois will coordinate with the Youth Board Chair at St Matthew, Doug Brauer, about room set-up. Doug will also design an evaluation sheet.

James will make an announcement about the event at

Peace Lutheran; Roger will do the same at Messiah and Cordova congregations.

Lois handed out sheets on "Suggested Ideas for Annual Events," "Special Topics for Educational Events," and "How and Where to Share LFL Information." She asked the members to review them and make other suggestions. She wants us to dream about what the Chapter can be and do in the future.

The LFL Chapter that was being considered at Light of the Hills in Cameron Park is not going to be formed at this time.

The Sanctity of Life Network was going to publish an ad in the Sacramento Bee paper, but this did not happen. The Director offered to return the \$150 our Chapter contributed. The members agreed to leave it with them, in case the project is revived.

The National LFL Convention will be held July 24-25, 2009, in St Louis MO. Lois would like to attend. Kitty Falk from Town and Country is planning to go. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Chapter pay for Lois' registration, lodging and meals for the Convention.

It was agreed by a motion that Lois can make decisions on emergency expenditures (such as the fees for the Abstinence Event speakers) without a vote of the membership. She is also authorized to purchase normal office supplies.

The membership also agreed that it would be agreeable to have most business items handled by the Board of Directors, with the General meetings used more for educational events.

Roger Bohnhof agreed to be the new Supplies Chairman. Pastor Bill Ellis will continue as Pastoral Counselor.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at Zion Lutheran.

Adjourned at 5:30 P.M. Closed with prayer by Roger.

Linda Cruz  
Secretary

