

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LFL MINUTES- MAY 17, 2009

President Lois Brauer opened the meeting at 2:15 P.M. She read from Ephesians 6:10-18 and gave an opening prayer. Five people were present, including first time visitor Becky Stroble. Pastor Ellis of Zion, North Highlands, and Pastor Tom Rhodes of Mt Olive, Folsom, would have come, but had to be at the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention.

Secretary Linda Cruz read the minutes, which were approved with minor corrections. Treasurer James Brauer Jr gave the Treasurer's report, which was filed for review. Balance is \$1,446.44. Expenses for the abstinence event were \$676.17.

Reports-

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of St Matthew, Rocklin had a baby shower to provide layettes for the Sacramento Life Center crisis pregnancy facility in Roseville. (They decided to do this after Lois spoke at one of their meetings.) The Helping Hands group at Holy Cross, Rocklin, is making items for the same center.

Sex-What's the Deal? Event (April 18, 2009)- There were lots of roadblocks to getting approval to use the facilities at St Matthew, Rocklin; they did not have anyone designated to help with setting up or locking up. However, the program was well received. There were approximately 25 youths and ten non-LFL adults, representing five congregations (the majority from Zion and St Matthew). Lois read comments by the youth from an evaluation sheet designed by Doug Brauer. Most had positive remarks and said it was helpful. Everyone enjoyed the sub sandwich and salad lunch arranged by Roger and Ali Bohnhof.

Capitol Walk for Life (May 16, 2009)- This is a fund-raiser for Alternatives Pregnancy Center (APC). More than twenty Zion members or associates attended, among them Stacy Sparks, Becky Stroble, Jayde Hill, Lily (?), Kristin Moore, Pat and Ben Hull; Lois, James, Samuel and Jordan Brauer; Lynn and Jack Duran; Richard, Joanne and Jeremy Hintz; Norm Holt, Val Pyator (?), Dallas Burgess, and Roger and Ali Bohnhof. Our group won for most money raised by a team, somewhat over \$1000. Lois sent a thank you e-mail to our participants. Since there are other causes that have walks about the same time of year, Lois suggested to the organizers that they consider another date for future walks.

James filmed the event and made a DVD of it that he gave to Pastor Ellis for use at Zion.

National LFL Convention (scheduled for July 24-25, 2009, in St Louis, MO) Lois is deciding about going- Air fare is higher than she expected. She may choose to drive to it.

Ideas for future activities and speakers:

Although individuals can go to pray at abortion clinics, they cannot do this as representatives of LFL.

A future speaker could be Lenore Bluth of St Matthew, who has written books for children about sexuality.

It was decided our next activity should relate to end of life issues. Attorney Robin Bevier spoke at Zion several years ago about trusts and other legal matters relating to death and hospitalization. Lois will contact her about a presentation at our next meeting, either August 8 or 9, 2009. She will call Kitty Falk to see if we can meet at Town and Country Lutheran. If that is not available, James will ask Wilbur Pullmann to check about having the event at Trinity Lutheran.

We will also plan to take part in the Life Chain and the next APC Banquet, both of which will take place in October 2009.

Dallas Burgess had a "Bottle for Life" from APC- baby bottles that can be filled with change, cash or checks and returned to APC. As this is an ongoing project, we may be able to promote it in conjunction with the Sanctity of Life events in January 2010.

The Executive Board will plan to meet early next year to decide on possible programs to present to the membership.

Officers for May 2009-May 2010- Lois Brauer agreed to stay on as President for the next term, Linda Cruz as Secretary, and James Brauer, Jr, as Treasurer. Becky Stroble will consider becoming Vice-President. She will have to become an official member of National Lutherans for Life. She was given an application form for that purpose.

Upcoming Events- Lois had information on a "Silver Ring" (Chastity) event to be held at William Jessup College. She

passed it on to those on her e-mail mailing list.

APC is hosting a conference, "Let's Talk About Sex," for parents and youth counselors on May 22-23, 2009 at First Covenant Church in Rancho Cordova. It was moved, seconded and carried to pay the \$25 registration fee for Zion Youth Intern Stacy Sparks to attend, if she is available.

Date and location for the next meeting is to be determined (depending on the arrangements for the speaker.)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M. Closed with a prayer by James Brauer Jr.

Linda Cruz
Secretary