

SACRAMENTO LFL EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES- NOVEMBER 11 2009

The meeting was opened at 10:25 A.M. by President Lois Brauer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lois also gave a prayer. Present were Lois, Secretary Linda Cruz, and Treasurer James Brauer Jr.

Linda read the minutes of the last Chapter meeting held on May 17, 2009. James gave the treasurer's report, which will be filed for review. Balance was \$3,427.87. \$1,657.40 was received from the dissolution of the California State LFL organization.

The National LFL has been sending information, including checks, to Lois' home address instead of the Chapter at the Zion Lutheran Church address.

The "End of Life Concerns" seminar, with attorney Robin Bevier, held October 18, 2009, received many favorable comments. There were 25 attendees from six congregations. Many would like to hear Robin again. Lois gave her a \$25 Starbuck's gift card as an honorarium, and mailed her a thank you with information about LFL and a membership application form. She also sent thank you notes and the membership form to each of the attendees.

We need to have an official policy on speaker honorariums. James will ask Roger Bohnhof, our supply chairman, to check for small gifts (such as a plaque) that might be available.

James asked for suggestions on what should be on the Chapter Website he plans to design. Some ideas were: upcoming events, reports, the by-laws, goals, a mission statement, contact info (possibly special e-mail addresses), links to other life organizations, an address to send in donations. We need to decide what URL to use, depending on what is available.

The Alternatives Pregnancy Banquet (APC) was on October 2, 2009. Zion had very good representation. As a Table Host, Lois had an evaluation sheet to fill out. All present agreed that there was too much fund raising and not enough inspiration.

The Chapter still needs a Vice-President. Becky Stroble

and Joanne Hintz were asked and declined. Kitty Falk of Town and Country may be considering it. James suggested asking Walt Sigl. Any candidate has to be a registered member of the National LFL.

There have been some life education activities at Grace, Grass Valley and St Paul's, Auburn, but it is often hard for their members to come to our area for our programs. Lois would like to have a contact point for St Paul's.

Pastor Cusson at St Matthew, Rocklin (Lois' home church) would like her to work with the Parish Nurse program at that congregation.

Our Chapter hosted or participated in several life events in 2009- Abstinence education, End of Life concerns, the APC Walk and Banquet. We seemed to have participants from more congregations than previously. In addition, Lois has spoken at many locations.

Some tentative plans were made for 2010. In general, business meetings will be held at Zion. We will try to find other sites for special events. We should always have take-home folders available with LFL information and membership forms.

Possible programs:

January- Life Sunday (need to find the exact date). Meet at Zion at 2:30 P.M. Have Kitty Falk report on the National LFL convention which she attended. Plan for the March program.

March- Program on Senior/Aging Needs (e.g., caregiving, home remodeling, hospice). At Messiah or Holy Cross.

May- Take part in APC Walk for Life. Business meeting to elect officers, review goals. Speaker from Sacramento Life Center.

July- National LFL Conference

August- General Meeting. Report from National Conference (if someone attended). Final planning for September event. Fun activity- B-B-Q and/or movie.

September- the 18th or 25th at Town and Country. Multi-topic, multi-speaker Educational Seminar (similar to the one we had in September 2004.)

October- Take part in the Life Chain, APC Banquet, and 40 Days of Prayer. General business and planning meeting.

December- Christmas event.

Consider having another Abstinence program in March 2011.

At any time, encourage support for local Pregnancy Centers- showers or collections for baby items, use of APC's Bottles for Life(for fund raising).

As a closing, Lois read an article about stem cell research and assisted suicide, written by a member of St Mark's Lutheran Church, Sacramento (Wisconsin Synod).

Linda Cruz
Secretary