

MAY 16, 2010 SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER LFL MINUTES

President Lois Brauer called the Sacramento Valley Chapter of Lutherans for Life meeting to order and opened it with prayer. She welcomed everyone to the meeting especially greeting our speaker, Liz Culp, and a number of guests. Lois asked each person present to introduce himself/herself to the group.

Those in attendance were:

Liz Culp from the Sacramento Life Center
Brenda and Robert Russo, members of Zion Lutheran Church, North Highlands
Diane Buchholz, member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Georgetown
Paul Hubert, representing 40 Days of Life and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Fair Oaks
Diane Hintz, leader of Stephen Ministry, Zion Lutheran Church, North Highlands
Sean Keyworth, representative of 40 Days of Life and member of a local Catholic Church
James Brauer, Jr., Zion Lutheran Church, North Highlands
Wilbur Pullman, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sacramento
Roger Bohnhof, Zion Lutheran Church, North Highlands
Lois Brauer, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Rocklin

Secretary Linda Cruz was earlier excused from the meeting. Bob Russo offered to take notes at the meeting.

After the introductions, President Brauer introduced Liz Culp, Director of Development, of the Sacramento Life Center. Liz gave an interesting presentation about the Sacramento Life Center (SLC) and its work. They have two (2) facilities--one in down-town Sacramento and another in Roseville. She shared with the group how the SLC offers support and assistance to women facing unplanned pregnancies particularly those not wanting the babies. Of the women who come in, 25% are not pregnant and 75% are pregnant. The SLC relies solely on contributions to run their programs. Recently they purchased a RV that they plan to convert into a mobile unit for their agency to use in reaching out to hurting families in the more outlying areas. She shared some stories and experiences of the help they provided and the results. Liz reminded us that the Sacramento Life Center's big annual fund raising dinner will be held on November 13 and encouraged us to attend.

President Brauer thanked Liz for her presentation and then reminded those present to continue to support the Sacramento Life Center--with financial support and also with clothing and diapers. A number of the local LWML societies or other women's groups are supporting SLC by making blankets, burp bibs, and also by collecting baby items.

Minutes from the January 17th meeting were read by President Brauer. James Brauer, Jr., treasurer, indicated he thought there was a typo on the treasurer's report. (Note: He checked into it after the meeting and said the information was correct.) Minutes were approved as read & with notation of James' remarks.

James Brauer, Jr. gave the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of today was \$3540.82. The report was filed for review.

Roger Bohnhof gave a brief report on our supplies. He asked for permission to purchase more "precious feet pins." Approval was given.

Old Business:

President Brauer shared the evaluations from the March 13th event with the group. The

event was attended with approximately 30 people present. The evaluations showed that the event was well received and greatly appreciated. They all showed good to excellent comments with only a need for more time for the speakers and sessions at the next event. Both the speakers and attendees felt there needed to be more time to share everything in their presentations.

Lois brought up again her concern about having some kind of honorarium or gift for our Chapter to present to each speaker.

James Brauer, Jr., gave a brief update on our web site. It is being worked on and he would like input and ideas from others as to what they would like to have on the website. James also had contacted Kathy McGatha about doing artwork for us and trying to develop a logo of our own. A drawing was shared with the members but they felt it was not broad enough for our mission and goals.

Since some of the guests and members had to leave the meeting early, new business was moved forward on the agenda. There was a discussion on the September 25th event and a need for a theme, Bible verse(s), etc. for our next event. It was suggested and agreed upon by the membership to have the same theme as National's this year--"Bringing Good News to Life." Verse 15 from Deut. 30 will be checked out as our Bible reference to tie in with the theme. Dr. Delbert Meyer has agreed to speak on stem cell research. Roger has contacted Brian Johnston but has not received a response from him. Search is ongoing for other speakers on topics such as Down Syndrome, grief--loss of loved one, job, or a home. Pastor Ellis has volunteered to speak on any topic but we feel his experience living daily with family disabilities would be very valuable and helpful to attendees. Lois has information on a number of people whom she has heard speak before as keynote speakers. She will do research and make contacts for this particular speaker.

The following assignments were given and confirmed:

- Y Facility - Town and Country Lutheran Church on Marconi Ave., Sacramento
- Y Number of tracks - four
- Y Lunch - Ali Bohnhof and Romaine Sigl
- Y Posters - Paul Hubert and Wilbur Pullman in recruiting students from Faith Lutheran School in Fair Oaks, Town and Country Lutheran School on Marconi, Sacramento, and the Lutheran High School in Elk Grove do draw posters, etc. Paul and Wilbur are to give report at our next planning meeting. Lois will also see if she can find others to help with designing posters for this event.
- Y Lois will meet with Diane Hintz and discuss involving Stephen Ministry members in this event and their assisting in getting the rest of our speakers dealing with grief/loss issues.

The meeting was returned to the order of Old Business at this point with some attendees having to leave due to prior commitments.

Lois requested that we seriously need to consider giving something special (related to life issues) to our guest speakers unless they specifically request a fee or donation to their cause.

A motion was M/S/C that we send \$50 to the Sacramento Life Center as a token of thanks for Liz Cup's presentation today.

A reminder was given to the members that our Chapter is still in need of a Vice President.

Lois asked Paul Hubert and Sean Keyworth to share information about their work with 40 Days for Life. Both of these gentlemen provided information about their work and asked if our Chapter would assist them and participate in events of their agency and help them reach the Lutheran congregations in the area. Lois shared that our Chapter is already involved in a number of their activities and she also forwards important information she receives via e-mail to all the churches on her e-mail address list. The churches do receive the information from us.

The next item on the agenda was election of officers. Since we are small in numbers, there was no nominating committee. Lois asked for nominations from the floor. A motion was M/S/C that the current officers be re-elected. The motion was carried unanimously.

Again Lois reiterated the need for a vice president and that it would be nice to have someone be historian for our Chapter.

Paul Hubert expressed his interest in and a desire to _____ member of our Sacramento Valley Chapter of LFL. He was going to send in his donation to the National office and volunteered to be our vice president. He was enthusiastically received and given approval to be our vice president.

Wilbur Pullman asked for discussion on how our Chapter can support both the Alternative Pregnancy Center and Sacramento Life Center to be tabled for our next meeting.

Our next meeting was scheduled for August 22, 2010, at _____ utheran Church--4:30 p.m. Those with letters

A - J will bring main dish for the pot luck

K - P Salads

Q - Z Desserts

The Chapter will provide the remaining necessary items for the pot luck.

Wilbur volunteered he and Ethel will provide the beverages and salad.

Lois announced that one or more planning meeting(s) need to be held before our next meeting on August 22nd.

Reminders and announcements are printed at the bottom of today's agenda.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Brauer (with notes from Robert Russo)
President
(Filling in for Linda Cruz, secretary)