

LFL CHAPTER SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING- AUGUST 8, 2010

President Lois Brauer opened the meeting at 1:10 P.M. in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. She read a devotion from Portals of Prayer, "Keepers", based on Psalm 17:18. Fourteen members were present, plus guest Dr Del Meyer, one of our speakers for the upcoming seminar.

Lois spoke of Paul Hubert, who at the last Chapter meeting had offered to be Vice-President. Although he currently attends Town And Country Lutheran, he is not a member there. This makes him ineligible for that position, per our By-Laws. In e-mails to Lois, he has indicated he is not satisfied with the direction and activities of our organization. He will probably not attend again.

The main order of business was to plan for our next conference. The theme is "Bringing Good News to Life". It will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010, at Town and Country (T&C) Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California.

We have seven speakers for the sessions: Delbert Meyers, M.D. (Stem Cell Research); Brian Johnston, Executive, California Pro-Life Council (Euthanasia); Nancy Muir, Down Syndrome Information Alliance (Down Syndrome); Rev William Ellis (Disabilities within the Family); Robin Bevier, Attorney-at-Law (End of Life Legal Issues); Pam Bailey-Silva, Parish Nurse (Dealing with Grief); Donald Wiswell, District Manager for Rite Aid (Medications and their Interactions).

In addition, our Keynote Speaker, during lunch, will be Heidi Floyd, from Indiana. She has an inspirational presentation about being diagnosed with breast cancer while pregnant.

Parish Nurse Pam also has offered to do a session on "Palliative care"- most at the meeting were not aware of this topic, or how it will fit with the other subjects.

Mr Wiswell of Rite Aid has offered to provide flu shots for those who want them. We will have to find out if there is a cost. There was also a concern about legal liabilities for T&C.

Lois had an ice breaker to be used during registration. She was also going to ask Pastor Hess of T&C to do a 15-20 minute opening devotion. The group decided these were not needed for this program- most people will be eager to go to their sessions.

Each attendee will be able to go to four sessions. They will be one hour each, with a fifteen minute break in between. Lunch will be one hour, fifteen minutes, to assure everyone can eat and Heidi has time for her speech.

The tentative schedule will be as follows:

8:30-9:00 A.M.	Registration
9:00-9:20	Welcome, Introductions, Housekeeping, Short opening prayer
9:30-10:30	Session 1
10:45-11:45	Session 2
12:00-1:15 P.M.	Lunch/Keynote Speech
1:30-2:30	Session 3
2:45-3:45	Session 4
3:45-??	Wrap-up/Roundtable (?)

Lois will ask the speakers if they want to make any final remarks or answer any additional questions at the end.

The speakers will be told in advance of the times they are assigned. We will try to accommodate special requests (e.g., morning or afternoon) if possible.

James Brauer will set up on-line registration. Registrants will be able to pick both speaker and Session number/time. There should also be some hard copy registration forms for those without computer access.

Lois had a sample bulletin insert to send to the LCMS churches. Robin Bevier will get us e-mail addresses for the ELCA churches. Lois would also like to find out if there are other parish nurses in our area to put on our mailing lists. The "40 Days of Life" group will publicize our event in their newsletters.

Lois has contacted radio stations to see if they will play public service announcements for our conference. The Georgetown station sent a form to fill out and return. Diane Buchholz will do this.

James has the on-line registration information from our conference in March 2010. He will send notices of this conference to those people.

We have purchased round trip airline tickets for Keynote Speaker Heidi at a cost of \$424.50. She will arrive on the afternoon of Friday, September 24 and leave on Sunday, September 26. She will stay at Lois' home.

Ali Bohnhof and Romaine Sigl will make the lunch arrangements. They would like to know the estimated registration by September 15 to decide the amounts of food needed. Wilbur Pullmann offered to supply bottled water.

T&C has a person to set up the rooms and equipment at the church. We will have to pay him approximately \$80-100 for his services.

So far, only Heidi Floyd and Brian Johnston have asked specifically for donations to their organizations. It was decided to take a free will offering during lunch. After we factor in this amount and subtract expenses, we can see how much is in our treasury. We will then decide at a meeting after the conference how much of an honorarium to give to each speaker/organization. It can be sent along with their thank you note.

If any of the speakers have books or other items to sell, we decided they can set up a display in the room where they are to speak. They can also send (in advance) fliers or brochures to be put in the attendees' folders. Roger Bohnhof will order some LFL materials for this purpose. Romaine and Walt Sigl, Diane Buchholz, and Betty Buchholz offered to assemble the folders.

It was decided to not offer babysitting.

Dr Meyer suggested some books on our topics that can be purchased from Amazon.com. One is "Bioethics-A Primer for Christians" by Gilbert Meilaender. Another is "Life, Liberty, and the Defense of Dignity". Besides stem cell research, he may also speak on issues of disease treatments during his session. Lois invited him to come to future

Chapter meetings.

If we plan to put any photos of the event on our website, we should have a release form signed by those in the photo.

Doug Brauer will design this form.

Doug and Beth Brauer offered to recruit some youth to attend and act as timekeepers for the speakers, so they don't run overtime.

A future goal will be to put together a manual explaining how to put on a conference, with samples of schedules, program folders, topics, etc.

Roger Bohnhof shared information on some activities he has taken part in:

He worked at a booth at the Placer County Fair on behalf of the "Coalition of Christian Churches", a loose organization to promote life sanctity.

He will be making some presentations at local colleges for the Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) group, headed by Bud Reeves.

He attended a planning meeting for "40 Days Of Life", which will begin this year on September 22. He offered Zion as a meeting place for next year. He would like our Chapter to make a contribution for some of their expenses. This will be tabled for the next meeting.

Lois asked if someone would like to be a prayer captain for the Chapter. Diane Buchholz offered to prepare the prayers if Lois e-mailed them.

Closed with prayer at 3:50 P.M.

Linda Cruz
Secretary

