

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LFL CHAPTER MINUTES- FEBRUARY 12, 2011

President Lois Brauer opened the meeting at 12:30 P.M. at Town and Country Lutheran Church. Ten were present.

Secretary Linda Cruz read the minutes from the last chapter meeting, which were approved with one correction.

Treasurer James Brauer gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$3,445.21. We received a \$50 memorial gift. The report was filed for review. James also had a list of donations and expenses for the September 25, 2010 Seminar. Total cost was \$1,114.58.

Correspondence- A note from Maureen Lawrence, from a Hospice organization, thanking us for allowing her to take part in the September Seminar. A lady from Chico was looking for contacts on the Forty Days for Life program.

Member-at-Large Roger Bohnhof stated that this year's Forty Days prayer vigils will take place from March 9 through April 23, 2011.

Website- We recently renewed our contract with the host site. James had a Usage report that shows the number of "hits" are mostly increasing. He would like to add some video capabilities. Nathan Brauer said he could assist with that.

This meeting was held immediately after our "Sanctity of Life" Panel Discussion was held. About 55 people attended. The three Pastors did a very good job and had a well thought-out program. This experience may make them more willing to participate in other LFL activities. A quick look at the Evaluation sheets showed ratings of mostly 4s and 5s (with five being the highest score). One person was upset because the program ran overtime-perhaps we could send them a note of apology.

We had not discussed childcare during our planning meeting. The families that needed a sitter brought their own along, Isabella Yeisley. We agreed to pay her \$25 for her services. In future, we should have a place on the registration form (both paper and on-line) to indicate if childcare is needed.

It was agreed to give each of the Pastors a \$50 Starbuck's Gift Card as a gratuity.

Doug Brauer asked if we knew how many congregations were represented. That information was not immediately available, though it was probably six or seven.

Pastor Bill Ellis has resigned as Chapter Pastoral Counselor. We will have to pray about finding a replacement. As far as we know, National LFL does not have any guidelines for such a position.

Lois and Doug were able to speak at a recent meeting of local LCMS pastors. She has contacted the California-Nevada-Hawaii (CNH) District Secretary and the Circuit Counselor about any other conferences, and how we might get on their agendas. She has not had any response yet.

Nathan has a friend who may be able to help us with graphics, such as designing a new logo and a brochure.

Youth and Family Event- We had scheduled this for May 14, 2011. However, it may have to change as the Alternatives Pregnancy Center (APC) is holding their "Walk for Life" in Roseville on the same day. Possible locations are either Holy Cross, Rocklin, or Faith, Fair Oaks. Some suggested speakers were Josh Brahm (who works with teens in the Right To Life organization in Central California), Lenore Booth of St Matthew, Rocklin, and John Ficker, youth chair for the Sanctity of Life organization. James and Doug volunteered to take the lead in planning and were authorized to make decisions as far as date, location, theme, speakers, etc. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the budget for this event will be \$1,000.

Phone calls to congregations- Not everyone who was to make the calls was present to report. Those who were said they generally went well, although there were also a lot of answering machines. They did not want to continue this on a regular basis.

We are still looking for contact points at other churches. Doug said he will call attendees at this seminar to see if some of them will do it.

Lois would like to ask the other congregations what events they do to support life issues, whether or not they are related to LFL. We could also provide them assistance and resources in their life activities.

A Chapter newsletter would also be helpful in reporting on recent events and to publicize upcoming ones- a means to keep people aware of us.

Election of officers will occur at the May 2011 Chapter meeting (following the Youth and Family event). Lois would like someone else to take over as President. NOTE: Secretary Linda also has decided not to run again.

Doug suggested we see if there is a way to make monetary contributions through our website. This may involve the use of credit cards. Treasurer James was authorized to have this investigated and to report back to the Executive Board.

A list of responsibilities and/or a checklist should be developed that can be used for any of our large events. This will make it easier to ask for volunteers for specific tasks.

Lois closed the meeting at 1:45 P.M. with the reading of Galations 6:9-10 and the Lord's Prayer by all.

Linda Cruz
Secretary