

Sacramento Valley LFL Chapter Meeting – May 12, 2012

The meeting was opened with prayer at 1:30 p.m. by President Lois Brauer. Eight members were present.

Ali Bohnhof, Secretary, read the minutes of our last meeting of March 25, 2012. The minutes were approved as read.

James Brauer Jr., Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. We currently have a balance of \$2,356.04. We discussed life materials that we had left from our last event and the suggestion was made that we give them to Stacey Sparks at Zion Lutheran for a possible youth event in the future.

Roger Bohnhof reported on the Sierra College Forum regarding life issues. The forum panel was represented by both pro life and pro abortion speakers. Val said she had also been to part of the presentation and both Roger and Val said it was educational but noticed a tension growing in the audience and decided to leave.

Diane reported on the District Synodical Convention regarding the possibility of LFL having a booth at the next convention. Diane said that there were so many people that a booth would be unnoticed.

Lois gave personal testimony at the LWML Convention regarding Lutherans for Life. She made many contacts with participants concerning life issues including Pastor Newton. The Christian book store in North Highlands would be happy to post flyers in their store and the local North Sacramento News is also a possibility for advertising. We are hoping someone will send event plans to the local papers and radio stations.

We discussed our last event and the presentation given by Pastor Francis from The Rock Church. The presentation was a personal testimony by Pastor Francis. A suggestion was made that perhaps we need to "interview" our speakers and let them know what kind of message we wish to present to our audience. Although the testimony was wonderfully heartfelt we had hoped for more encouragement to the audience.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Lois Brauer
Vice President: Diane Buchholz
Treasurer: James Brauer, Jr.
Secretary: Ali Bohnhof

Lois has requested that Diane take over some of her duties, due to needing some time off from the ever present demands of the office. Diane, the board, and the members feel this is a very good solution.

Val suggested that we have 2 events per year, educating congregations and supporting other pro-life groups such as APC and Sacramento Life Center. Roger also suggested that we support other groups such as SOHLNET and Wynette Sills group.

Diane presented a motion to create a Programming and Planning Committee. All members approved the motion. Val was asked to volunteer for this position, she agreed and all members accepted her for this position.

Our Estate Planning Event on Sept. 22, 2012 is all set. Ali will get with Robin Bevier's secretary to finalize and get publicity going at the end of July or early August.

We plan to have Karen Kropf with APC's help for our Sexuality Event in February 2013. The Caregiving Event has been rescheduled for Sept. 2013.

Our chapter's 10th Anniversary has become a fundraiser at Chevy's on Douglas Blvd., Roseville on June 14th, 2012. Chevy's will donate 15% of each meal to our chapter. James is heading this event and will get flyers and "tickets" from Chevy's to distribute.

We are pursuing possibility of grants for our events from LWML and other groups who provide grants. We will also be sending our LFL DVD and brochures to circuit counselors.

A reminder was given concerning the APC annual Walk for Life on May 19th.

Our next meeting will be in the fall of 2012.

The meeting was closed at 4:20 p.m. with closing prayer by Linda Cruz.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ali Bohnhof
Secretary