

Sacramento Valley LFL Chapter Meeting – Mar. 16, 2013

The meeting was opened with prayer at 11:36 A.M. by President Lois Brauer. We had 13 present at this meeting.

Ali Bohnhof, Secretary, read the minutes of our last meeting of Feb. 2, 2013. The minutes were approved as read.

James Brauer, Jr., Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. We currently have a balance of \$2,545.10 in our account at El Dorado Savings Bank. We bought life materials and a set of fetus models for display purposes. The treasurer's report was approved and filed for review.

Sarah Hintz has contacted a person who has agreed to do a financial audit for us at no charge. She gave her Lois's phone number & will call and make arrangements for audit.

Diane Buchholz shared some downloads available from Lutheran Hour Ministries concerning Alzheimer's, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other life issues that are in both English and Spanish.

Valeriya Brauer will begin researching event publicity outlets in newsletters, Facebook, web site, radio stations and newspapers for our June 29th caregiving event. Sarah and Valeriya will coordinate a deadline in April for posters, bulletin inserts, etc. to be distributed.

Linda Cruz reported on the caregiving event and has the timetable and confirmation of speakers. Lois will speak to Denise Davis at Alzheimer's Assoc. concerning participation. The group decided to call the event "Surviving the Golden Years" and we will research a Bible verse to reference. We decided no fee for event but a free will offering basket will be placed on the display table and on one of the lunch tables.

Sarah Hintz will coordinate the lunch, purchasing and distributing at lunch time. Valeriya will take care of registration and ask some in her family to help with babysitting. Ali will contact Town and County Lutheran about a setup and clean up person. We will need a microphone and other items for presentations.

Lois read an email she received from Karen Kropf concerning a Sexuality event in Sept. and it was voted to contact Bayside, APC and others about sharing Karen's message to get a larger audience and defray cost. It was also suggested that we may possibly have the event in Vacaville so we can include the Bay Area and Valley Chapters and participants. Sarah will mention to her contacts at Bayside and Adventure.

Lois discussed the feedback concerning Zion's Life Sunday presentation by our LFL Chapter. We had very positive suggestions and offers to make Snugglers for the fetus models. Both children and adults were very receptive to the display and LFL presentation.

Lois gave membership applications to many in our group who have not officially joined our LFL Chapter. We hope to have them as members before our May meeting when we vote in new officers. Joanne Hintz, Sarah Hintz, and Tim Brauer have volunteered to be the nominating committee.

Lois continues to distribute some of our materials to LWML Board members and Zion's Tuesday Morning Bible study as well as keeping local churches informed about our events and sending materials by email.

The APC & Sac Life Center's Walk/Run for Life is on May 18, 2013 and we are encouraged to participate. James Brauer agreed to be the contact person and coordinator for the "Team Walk". If we all walk as a team representing LFL, we will let our presence be known. James is very good at getting pledges and we may either want to get our own pledges for the team or James will be happy to accept pledges.

We agreed to have our Board of Directors May meeting for election of officers after the May 18th Walk for Life. Details will be sent to members in May.

We discussed having a Mid-August fundraiser at either Tuscany or Chevy's. Tim and Lois Brauer are researching for best venue.

Joanne Hintz announced the annual World Down Syndrome Day at BJ's Brewery on March 21st, 2013.

We will meet on July 13, 2013 at Diane Buchholz in Garden Valley. Details will be sent closer to that date by email.

The meeting was closed at 1:44 pm with James Brauer leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ali Bohnhof
Secretary