

Lutherans for Life meeting January 12, 2014

The meeting started at 1:40 pm. There were 14 members in attendance. One new person, Pastor Becker was there, and Pastor Ellis was also there.

Minutes were corrected and approved. Sarah Hintz suggested for secretary to email the minutes so she has a copy of them. Jim Brauer also suggested for secretary to follow-up with people who offered to help do something.

Also suggested was to make a list of what people's responsibilities are so that they know and get them done by the next meeting.

Jim read Treasurer report. Sanctity of Life Sunday is held next Sunday and people will be standing with signs on the street sharing pro-life. Lois asked Danielle Nichols to see if she's attending the Walk for Life that will be held in San Francisco on January 25. Lois expressed concern that our voice should be heard in San Fran because it's a big city. She encourages us to let other people know about the walk that we think would be interested in participating and share the info with them.

Pastor Bill Ellis mentioned if we got a head start next year we could get a large group of Lutherans together to rally in the walk. He also suggested renting a bus to go altogether.

Next, we discussed about who could speak for the upcoming Adoption seminar. Pastor Becker's mom, Judy was a possibility. She lives in Vancouver, Washington. Alternatives is another option that we might be able to have speaker from there. Also mentioned was to find a speaker from an adoption agency. The title "Adoption instead of abortion" was suggested by Ali Bohnhof. "Adoption: The Better Choice" was suggested by Ali and we all agreed and motioned an agreement for our upcoming Adoption seminar to be called that.

I think this was discussed but in terms of the abortion speaker that if parents want to bring them, otherwise children would not be encouraged to attend. Also discussed was showing the positive of the baby on a womb and videos in the womb, not the graphics. Joanne will call to find one more speaker from an adoption agency to speak at the adoption seminar. People in the meeting thought we should hear both sides of adoption. They each share their story and then a question and answer.

Non consent adoption, open-end adoption and closed adoptions were mentioned and thought one speaker from each of these types should be discussed.

Abortion topic was discussed about doing it another day or for the afternoon. Those who attended the meeting made a consensus not to combine both abortion and adoption on the same day.

We decided on April 5th for the date. Possible location is Greenhaven. Pastor Becker can check with the secretary to see if Greenhaven is available. 9 am – 3 pm We will make 9 am – 9:30 registration.

Elder Care:

Ruben and possibly Bruce Wilswell are possible speakers to speak @ Elder Care. June 28 is a possible date and a tentative possibility for a location is Town & Country.

Lois and Ali said they will help plan the Elder Care event.

July fundraiser: Sarah Hintz will be contact person for the Chevy's at the River location. Lois will contact Carol Kwolek to see if she will be the contact person at the Elk Grove location.

The website will expire in 7 days. Ben could possibly be the web tech but we need to make sure. Richard will contact Ben.

Contact Rich to let him know about a pastoral counselor. A pastoral counselor is someone who has spiritual guidance and helps keep the group on track and centered.

A table being set up for Lutherans for Life at the Spring Conference at Rohnert Park was discussed. Conference is going to be held May 6-8.

For the Sexuality event, held from Oct. 8 -12, Adventure is not available. Bayside is probably not available either. Ray Nichols is possible person to ask about Bridgeway since Amanda attends there. Val will contact the Rock of Roseville to see if we can hold the event there. We felt that the parent and teen location to be the same place.

In regard to this event and applies to another, Pastor Ellis said "If our task is to educate Lutherans, it should be at a Lutheran church."

Faith Lutheran & Jessup Lutheran Church are other options.

Chapter Logo contest- Sarah will look info up for this and come up with some different drawings. We are continuing our LFL chapter website. It was approved by members.

Pastor Ellis is willing to step up as pastoral counselor unless other pastors want to participate. Contact Rich if one of us finds a potential pastoral counselor. A pastoral counselor is someone who has spiritual guidance and helps keep the group on track and centered.

Sarah Hintz will contact Matt Molinari for St. Matthew. A grant proposal was accepted and funds could possibly be funded depends on how long the process takes.

Executive board meetings are going to be held so that General Member Meetings can be expedited. March 16th- 2 pm @ Zion Lutheran is our next scheduled LFL member meeting.

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Meeting concluded at 3:45.

Submitted by Joanne Hintz,
Secretary

Responsibilities for members:

Richard – check on progress of what different people are offered to help with until next meeting such as contacting Ben to see if he wants to be in charge of LFL chapter valley website

Joanne- email minutes to people/members who attended the LFL meeting, contact Cheryl, contact Birth Connection (adoption agency) to get a speaker, help coordinate with the Adoption event

Lois- follow up with Greenhaven about having Adoption event there, contact Carol Kwolek about being contact person for Chevy's Elk Grove location, help coordinate with the Adoption event

Ben Nichols- keep him updated so he can put updates on the LFL chapter valley website.

Sarah- make up a few logo drawings

Lois & Ali- planning the Elder Care event

Responsibilities among the different members that were allocated: