

190TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) MONTANA DISTRICT
First Lutheran Church, Missoula, Montana
April 20, 2018

1. Call to Order – 1:05 p.m.

President Shari Miller called the 190th meeting of the LWML Montana District Board of Directors (BOD) to order with the Invocation.

Opening Prayer – Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Kyle Whaley

2. Roll Call –Recording Secretary Bridget Michel

BOD members signed the attendance sheet and noted corrections on the BOD roster. Recording Secretary Michel called roll.

Elected Officers	8
Counselors	1
Zone Presidents	6
Appointed Officers	8
Guests	<u>2</u>
Total Voting	20
Total Attendance	23

Excused Absence: Senior Counselor Rev. Rolf Preus

Note: Young Woman Co-Chairmen have one vote. One of the two co-chairmen is considered a guest. Rosanne Larson voted as Young Woman Chairman. LWML Vice President of Communication Charlotte Kroemer was a guest at the meeting.

3. Adoption of Agenda – Shari Miller

By consensus, the agenda was approved with changes as needed.

4. Appointment of Minutes Review Committee – Shari Miller

Vice President of Gospel Outreach Scott, Young Woman Co-Chairman Roseleip
Standing Committee Member: Corresponding Secretary

5. Minutes – Bridget Michel

The 189th Minutes were reviewed and approved by the Minutes Review Committee, filed with the Recording Secretary, posted to the LWML Montana District website, and emailed to the BOD, the LCMS Montana District President, and the LWML President.

6. Correspondence Requiring No Action – Janice Witt

Corresponding Secretary Witt presented a letter from the Bethesda Auxiliary Branch for the grant Sharing Jesus in the Dominican Republic. They were thankful to receive the full grant amount of \$3,000, which was \$1,582.44, more than the grant approved at the 2016 LWML Montana District Convention.

7. Reports of Elected Officers and Counselors

A. Recording Secretary – Bridget Michel

Recording Secretary Michel thanked the women who have served on the minutes review committees. She wore the 2018 Thrivent Action Grant T-shirt in honor of the \$250 grant approved for printing the convention manual.

B. Treasurer – Ruth Denning

Treasurer Denning reported the overage of the mite goal for this biennium. The LWML Montana District received \$12,147.93 in society mites in the month of March, a record for the district.

C. Vice President of Christian Life – Sonja Reeves

Vice President of Christian Life Reeves reported that she had many duties for convention as Convention Co-Chairman to be discussed later in the agenda. She will include more information regarding the 2019 Short-Term Mission Trip in the next *Montana Missive*.

D. Vice President of Gospel Outreach – Kathleen Scott

Vice President of Gospel Outreach Scott printed two sets of ballots to make sure things would go smoothly for convention voting.

E. Vice President of Human Care – Deborah Knudsen

Vice President of Human Care Knudsen reminded all that the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) drive is May 12, 2018.

F. Vice President of Servant Resources – Pam Kercher

Vice President of Servant Resources Kercher indicated she would be signing people up for 2-Minute Tuesday, Mustard Seed Devotions, Blog, eNews, and/or the eQuarterly. The clipboard for sign-up would be at the convention store.

G. Nominating Committee Chairman – Christine Wallace

Nominating Committee Chairman Wallace needed signatures for the nominating committee members. If they were not in attendance, someone could sign for them. The new pastoral counselor, Rev. Blake Marshall, was unable to attend the convention but looks forward to his new position.

H. Senior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Rolf Preus

No report.

I. Junior Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Kyle Whaley

Rev. Whaley spoke highly of the incoming pastoral counselor. The prayer request box for the convention will be in the fellowship hall. President Miller thanked Rev. Whaley for planning the prayers and worship service for the convention.

J. President – Shari Miller

President Miller reported her activities regarding the district convention. She worked on the Convention Manual; generated three agendas; answered questions or referred answers to various officers; communicated with all speakers and confirmed their speaking times; delved into the 75-year history of LWML in Montana; wrote the script for the Legacy Players; coordinated convention plans with the Convention Co-Chairmen; produced a Convention Script, Timed Agenda, and Tech Timed Agenda; apprised all BOD members of their individual convention responsibilities; developed a short speech for the Banquet; worked on four PowerPoint Presentations to consolidate all videos and slides into one (Friday evening, Saturday morning,

Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning); worked with *Montana Missive* editor on drafts of *The Declaration*; gathered together vintage clothing and resources; consolidated all convention themes into a concluding paragraph; encouraged; advised; and above all, prayed for the convention and its participants, that God's Name would be above all and in all. We confess His Name to the glory of God the Father.

8. Reports of Zone Presidents

A. Central Zone – Valerie Martin

The Fall Zone Rally will be in Chinook.

B. Divide Zone – Marjorie O'Rourke

The Fall Zone Rally will be in Ennis.

C. Eastern Zone – Claudia Kransky

The zone is still seeking a pastoral counselor. The closed church in Rock Springs is donating items to the LCMS ministry in Big Timber and Livingston.

D. Flathead Zone – Kathleen Scott

Zone participation has decreased because some of the part-time "snowbirds" in the zone have moved south permanently.

E. Southern Zone – Shirley Zeller

The Fall Zone Rally will be in Bridger-Belfry. Southern Zone women are excited that their former zone pastoral counselor, Rev. Blake Marshall, will now be a district pastoral counselor.

F. Western Zone – Dorothy Rummel

Zone President Rummel was busy with convention preparations. She brought pens donated by Farmers State Bank in Hamilton, Montana. She put out a welcome table with paper items from previous conventions. The Fall Zone Rally will be in September.

9. Reports of Appointed Officers

A. Archivist-Historian – Marjorie O'Rourke

Archivist-Historian O'Rourke invited the BOD to look at scrapbooks from earlier LWML Montana District Conventions and from a national convention.

B. Corresponding Secretary – Janice Witt

After the convention, Corresponding Secretary Witt will create the new calendar for the BOD.

C. Financial Secretary – Barb Kohs

Financial Secretary Kohs gave the BOD an LWML Montana District Society Contributions spread sheet. She will send copies to the societies in the fall.

D. *Montana Missive* Editor – Brook Gerard

The first issue of *The Declaration* was published and available at the registration table. Two other issues would be produced during the convention. *Montana Missive* articles should be sent to montanamissive@gmail.com. April 30, 2018, is the deadline for *Montana Missive* articles. Each outgoing board member should interview the newly elected officer and submit an article to Editor Gerard. If a BOD member would like to use the clip art subscription the editor has ordered, she will share the password if you contact her for information.

E. Scholarship Chairman – Edee Anderson

Scholarship Chairman Anderson stated the LWML Montana District needs to publicize the availability of scholarships. A message was published in *The Declaration*.

F. Structure Chairman – Myrt White

As part of the 75th anniversary preparations, Structure Chairman White reworked table decorations from an LWML prayer service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings for the convention banquet.

G. Web Coordinator – Stephanie Edgar

Web Coordinator Edgar worked with Structure Chairman White to update the *Montana Manual* on the website. She has taken a teaching call to Jacksonville, Florida, and her family will be moving towards the end of June. She will continue on as webmaster for our district website, but she will no longer be on the BOD. The BOD position of Web Coordinator will remain unfilled.

H. Young Woman Co-Chairmen – Rosanne Larson and Billye Roseleip

Co-Chairman Larson stated that a breakfast would be provided for the young women. She encouraged BOD members to invite young women to participate in the convention activities.

10. Unfinished Business

A. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Drive – Deborah Knudsen

The date for the 2018 LWR Pickup is May 12, 2018. Volunteers are needed to load the trucks. Zone Presidents need to communicate with their societies about the drive.

Route: 8 a.m. – Missoula, First Lutheran Church; 2 p.m. – Belgrade, Trinity Lutheran Church (LWR volunteers use the Peace Lutheran parking lot and store some boxes at their church until the day of the drive. Volunteers help load boxes.); 10 a.m. – Billings, Mount Olive Lutheran Church; 3 p.m. – Glendive, Our Savior Lutheran Church.

B. District Retreat Report – Pam Kercher, Sonja Reeves

1. Western Retreat

Trinity Lutheran Camp charges a \$100 nonrefundable deposit per night. The cost was reported as \$24 per night without food or \$40 per night with meals.

(m/s/c – I) to reserve Trinity Lutheran Camp for the nights of September 21-22, 2018, for the Western Retreat of the LWML Montana District. When the registration cost is determined, it will include the prepared meals option.

Dates: September 21-23, 2018, Trinity Lutheran Camp (two miles south of Bigfork, Montana)

Theme: “As Far as the East is from the West”

2. Eastern Retreat

Vice President of Servant Resources Kercher reported that the Lion’s Camp at Mikoshika State Park is unavailable due to road construction. Eastern Zone President Kransky described Yellowstone Jewel, a renovated stage stop six miles from Miles City.

Vice President Kercher proposed inviting the entire district to Trinity Lutheran Camp this year. She suggested reserving Mikoshika State Park for 2019. By consensus, the BOD approved the proposal. Vice President Kercher will submit the information for publication in the *Montana Missive*.

C. Short-Term Mission Trip – Sonja Reeves

Vice President Reeves has researched domestic mission opportunities in Texas. The target date is Spring 2019.

D. LWML Assembly of Leaders (AOL) – November 7-10, 2018

President Miller and the Junior Pastoral Counselor are scheduled to attend AOL. The District President may nominate two others to attend. Names for consideration should be forwarded to President Miller by April 30, 2018. If she receives no names, she may choose women from the district to invite to the meeting.

E. Ratification of Young Woman Chairman

(m/s/c – II) to ratify Emy Stueve as Young Woman Chairman for the 2018-2020 biennium.

F. Grants Account Disbursement

Distribution of grants for the 2018-2020 biennium will begin in the fall. President Miller proposed using the overage from the 2016-2018 Grants Account to pay ahead on the scholarship distribution in December 2018. If \$3,000 of the overage money in the Grants Account is set aside for scholarships, then the remaining \$4,000 in the Grants Account could be distributed to other mission grants starting in September 2018.

(m/s/c – III) to set aside \$3,000 from the Grants Account to guarantee scholarship disbursement in December 2018.

Zone President Rummel recommends tabling the discussion about the remainder, \$4,300, until the post-convention meeting and that was agreed by general consensus. Corresponding Secretary Witt estimates that the LWML could fund all of the grants proposed for the 2018-2020 biennium.

12. 2018 LWML Montana District Convention

April 20-22, 2018 “Every Tongue Confess” (Philippians 2:11)

A. Agenda – Shari Miller

President Miller distributed the order for the banner processional. The communion ware for the worship service came from the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rev. Whaley will make announcements prior to the worship service.

B. Co-Chairmen – Sonja Reeves, Christine Wallace

Co-Chairman Wallace requested assistance in cleaning up after the banquet. Dr. Kosche will be paid an honorarium of \$50 from the convention funds. He is a musician who wrote a choral piece for the convention. 75th Anniversary Committee member White will write him a thank-you note.

C. Vice Presidents of Meetings – Shari Miller

Vice President of Meeting #1 – Kathleen Scott

Vice President of Meeting #2 – Pam Kercher

Vice President of Meeting #3 – Deborah Knudsen

Meeting # 4 – Banquet

Vice President of Meeting #5 – Sonja Reeves

Savannah Reeves is the President’s Page. She will be seated to the right of the president.

President Miller instructed the BOD to not cross in front of the president’s microphone and the front table. Address President Miller as “Madam President.” Each Vice President of Meeting should arrive at the front table about 15 minutes prior to the meeting.

D. BOD Job Assignments – Shari Miller

Charge of Floor (All Meetings): Treasurer Denning

Store: Vice President of Servant Resources Kercher
Hostess to Past Presidents: Archivist-Historian O'Rourke
Vice President of Servant Resources Kercher requested volunteer workers Friday evening and Saturday during store hours. People may pick up a new Mite Box at the store.

E. BOD Job Descriptions – Shari Miller

The BOD should line up in the order designated by Treasurer Denning and face the convention body when standing in the front of the fellowship hall.

F. *The Declaration* Convention News – Brook Gerard

If you have any news to publish, either email it or hand it to Editor Gerard.

G. Sketch for LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama

President Miller will lend her gavel to the group.

H. 75th Anniversary Committee Update – Marjorie O'Rourke

Nothing new to report, except plans for the banquet celebration are underway.

I. Other Convention Update Information

Corresponding Secretary Witt requested a meeting with the zone presidents about their Teller Committee responsibilities.

13. Upcoming Meetings

A. April 20-22, 2018, District Convention at First Lutheran Church, Missoula

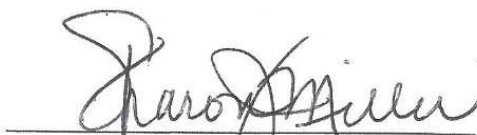
B. April 22, 2018, Post-Convention BOD Meeting at First Lutheran Church, Missoula
Ongoing, outgoing, and newly elected BOD members

C. October 12-13, 2018, BOD Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings
Alternate date: October 26-27, 2018

Adjournment 3:32 p.m.

Closing Devotion – Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Kyle Whaley


Bridget A. Michel, Recording Secretary


Sharon J. Miller, President