

**Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting
January 28, 2017
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas**

Tim Voelker, District President called the meeting to order.

Pastor Scott Snow, pastoral advisor for LLL Kansas District, led devotions, which were based on Matthew 4:18-25. Jesus began calling his disciples. Jesus called the unqualified and began to teach them so they would be qualified to change the world. In the same way Jesus chooses us, the unqualified, and changes us. Then as followers of Jesus, our lives change. We believe, we serve and have the courage with Jesus at our side to change peoples lives.

Then the 12 members present introduced themselves.

Gary Neuschafer moved that the minutes from the Board of Governors meeting dated August 6, 2016, be approved as printed. He motion was seconded and carried.

Gary Holle, District Treasurer, reported income of \$1,317.21 and expenses of \$225 so far during the third quarter (i.e., December 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017) of the fiscal year. Gary reported a balance of \$1,257.69 as of January 28, 2017. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Gary Holle reported that he had transferred \$7,000 from the bequest fund that was in the operating fund to the district project fund so the LLL Kansas District could qualify for International LLL rebates. Gary asked that the district officers and ambassadors should encourage churches and groups to submit applications for \$100 grants from the \$1,000 that had been allocated from bequest funds for the purpose of promoting LLL/LHM activities.

Gary Holle presented the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Gary explained every line. The proposed budget projected income of \$13,650 and expenses of \$12,316. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the budget as presented.

Pastor Scott Snow announced that there were a few seats available for the tour reformation-related sites in Germany that is scheduled for the last week in July, 2017. He also thanked the District in behalf of his daughter and others for the financial aid students receive.

Carroll Hackbart, chairman for the 2016 – 2017 LLL/LHM Kansas District Project, reported that \$7,022.23 had been received as of December 31, 2016 and that approximately \$1,100 in donations had been received during January, 2017. Carroll asked the meeting attendees to encourage potential donors to the LLL/LHM Kansas District Project NOT to wait until the last week before the deadline of May 31, 2017 to send donations to him.

Mark Westerman reported on LLL/LHM activities in region 5 (i.e., southwest Kansas). Keith Jopp reported on LLL/LHM activities in region 2, (i.e., southeast and southcentral Kansas).

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President Tim Voelker presented a proposal to hold the 2017 District Convention in conjunction with the event at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Marysville that will feature LCMS President Pastor Matthew Harrison. The purpose of this convocation type event is to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 theses on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany. A Meet-and-greet event is planned for the evening of November 4, 2017 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Marysville. A worship service is scheduled to occur at Washington High School in Washington, Kansas on Sunday, November 5, 2017. After discussion, the district board of governors voted to endorse the proposal. The district board of governors asked the Zone 7 leaders to arrange the LLL Kansas District Convention at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Marysville, on November 4, 2017.

President Tim Voelker reported for John Johnson, region 3 representative and editor of the Kansas LLL/LHM Reporter newsletter that an associate editor is needed. President Tim Voelker asked that reports about zone events be sent to John Johnson by email or mail shortly after they occur rather than just before the deadline for each of the semi-annual editions. President Voelker also asked that the email address of each church or of a volunteer in each church be sent to John Johnson. It is hoped that copies of the newsletter can be printed for each church and distributed to those who prefer to receive the newsletter printed on paper. The intent of this plan is to reduce the postage expense for distributing the newsletter.

Mike Tonn, chairman of the State Fair Booth committee, reported that the fair booth committee has received 200 Bibles from Zone 15. He reported that the fair booth could always use more help.

Ronald Bott, coordinator for the state fair worship service, reported that the worship service is planned for Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 AM. He received several possible names of pastors for the service.

President Tim Voelker led a discussion about the events at which the Kansas District LLL should have a presence. Some events mentioned were church leader events, pastor and teacher events, youth events and Saints Alive after 55.

President Tim Voelker presented a report from Polly Gregali: Tim asked that the district officers and ambassadors celebrate Lutheran Hour Sunday in their local churches. He encouraged ambassadors to ask for the ambassador newsletter and to check Online Mission events. Tim asked that all LHM supporters in Kansas pray for the 98 ambassadors in the Kansas District, pray for the healing of the nation and for a volunteer to fill the vacant District Ambassador Coordinator position.

President Tim Voelker asked for suggestions on ways that the LLL Kansas District could use the \$7,000 from the bequest money. It was decided to talk to the Kansas District LCMS to see if newly graduating pastors could use financial support. Gary Holle volunteered to check on this.

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Following are dates to remember: Zone 15 rally March 25 in Norton; Zone 12 rally in Haven on April 23; Zone 3 rally at First Lutheran Church in Paola on May 21, and Zone 7 rally at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Linn on May 25.

Church historian Rev. Paul Meier will be at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Wamego, on June 24 for a worship service at 4:00 PM, then dinner at 5:00 PM.

The next BOG meeting is scheduled for April 1 at 10:00 AM at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina.

The 45th annual LLL Kansas District Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 at 1:30 PM, at the Village Greens Golf Course, 3.5 miles west of Ozawkie on Kansas highway 92. Lunch will be served from 12:00 PM until 1:15 PM.

Find ways to promote the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting his 95 theses on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Be sure to promote the Lutheran Laymen's League as we celebrate 100 years of "Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church."

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Secretary
Ronald Bott