

**Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting
January 26, 2019
Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas**

Arlen Schultz, LLL Kansas District president, called the meeting to order.

LLL Kansas District Pastoral Advisor Rev. Dennis Kootz presented opening devotions title "Remember Your Baptism". Rev. Kootz began by proclaiming that the meeting participants and he were baptized into the family of God. Rev. Kootz declared that God calls us to be His own through the blood of Jesus. Rev. Kootz encouraged the audience to make the sign of the cross whenever they wash in remembrance of the cleansing that they experienced during baptism.

Rev. Kootz read Chapter 5 of the Book of Genesis. Rev. Kootz reviewed the genealogy of the first 10 generations beginning with Adam. Rev. Kootz explained that the names of these 10 men contains an encoded prophecy of the coming of Jesus Christ and of the redemption from the death that is the consequence of sin. Rev. Kootz emphasized that a Christian's sin is washed away in baptism. Rev. Kootz led the meeting participants through a short litany that featured verses from Galatians 3:26-29.

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Following the opening devotions, President Schultz made a few remarks. He showed the meeting attendees an electric light candle, which he had set in front of him. He told the attendees that the candle should remind them to let the light of the Holy Spirit, of God's love as is manifested in Jesus Christ, shine wherever they go, to whomever they meet, in whatever they do. Besides glorifying the Father in heaven, letting the Christian light shine before others, is an act of evangelism.

Following the President Schultz's opening remarks, the 12 persons who attended the meeting introduced themselves.

President Arlen Schultz presented the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of November 3, 2018, which preceded the 79th Convention of the Kansas District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. President Schultz also present the minutes of the 79th LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention, which was held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays, Kansas. After the minutes were reviewed, Carroll Hackbart moved to accept the minutes. Nathan Harkins seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Carroll Hackbart, LLL Kansas District treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. Carroll Hackbart presented a summary of the income that had been received and expenditures that had been made during the first and second quarters of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which began on June 1, 2018. Mr. Hackbart's report showed a carryover amount of \$3,783.85 from the prior fiscal year. Rebates of 3,060.53 had been received from the International Lutheran Laymen's League, and \$885.00 was received from the 2018 LLL Kansas District Convention. Thus, a total income of \$7,729.38 was received during the first and second quarters. Carroll Hackbart's report showed expenditures of \$4,505.63, yielding a beginning bank account balance of \$3,223.75 at the end of the second quarter of the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Carroll Hackbart's report included an estimate of income and expenditures for the second half of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The projection of income and expenditures predicted a bank account balance of \$4,223.75 on May 31, 2019. Carroll Hackbart noted that the cessation of the printing and mailing of the Kansas LLL/LHM Reporter newsletter had reduced planned expenditures by approximately \$1,100. He also reported that the rebates received from the International Lutheran Laymen's League had increased by approximately

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\$1,000. John Johnson moved to accept the treasurer's report. Nathan Harkins seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion to accept the treasurer's report was passed.

Carroll Hackbart requested a discussion of suggestions for appropriate expenditures that might be made to utilize extra available funds. Carroll suggested that a Kansas District Ambassador Rally could be organized in which ambassadors could be trained. Nathan Harkins, vice president of Zone 3, agreed with Mr. Hackbart's proposal, but he suggested that an ambassador rally in each of the five regions of the district might be better attended by congregational ambassadors. John Johnson suggested that a Lutheran Hour Rally be organized in conjunction with a LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention. Carroll Hackbart also suggested that the LLL Kansas District work to plan congregational or zone-level events at which Polly Gregali, LHM Ministry Resource Manager, could make presentations.

Carroll Hackbart presented the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The proposed budget estimated a beginning bank account balance of \$4,323, the receipt of \$7,395 from the International Lutheran Laymen's League, and the receipt of \$500 from the 2019 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention. Thus, \$12,218 of revenue was estimated to be available for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The proposed expenditures included \$2,500 for district Board of Governors meetings, \$500 for the 2019 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention, \$1,000 for the training of congregational ambassadors, \$200 for the expenses of the pastoral advisor, \$50 for office expenses, \$900 for the article in the Lutheran Witness magazine, \$3,000 for the Kansas State Fair booth, \$1,500 for the Kansas State Fair worship service, and \$100 of miscellaneous expenses. Thus, the expenses for the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal year budget total to \$9,750. Mark Westerman, representative for Region 5 of the LLL Kansas District, moved that the proposed budget be accepted. John Johnson seconded the motion to approve the proposed budget. The motion to approve the proposed budget was passed.

Carroll Hackbart reported that the Charles Friedrich, chairman of the LLL Kansas District Financial Aid Committee reported that a student's application for grant-in-aid had been lost. Charles Friedrich asked Carroll to make a late grant-in-aid of \$1,600 for the qualified student.

Carroll Hackbart reminded the meeting participants that a fund-raising goal of \$42,000 for the 2018-2019 LLL Kansas District Project had been approved at the 79th LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention on November 3, 2018. Following is a summary of the planned disbursements of the money that is being raised for the 2018-2019 LLL Kansas District Project.

Financial aid for Kansas District students attending an LCMS synodical school or seminary in preparation for full-time church work.....	\$31,500
Recognition Dinner for fourth year students at Concordia Seminary.....	\$1,000
Overseas Bible Correspondence Courses and Argentina Ministry.....	\$8,000
State Fair Worship Service and State Fair Booth.....	\$1,000
Tournament of Roses Parade Lutheran Hour Float.....	\$500

Following a general discussion about ideas for raising money for the 2018-2019 LLL Kansas District Project, the regional representatives in attendance made brief reports to the meeting.

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John Johnson, representative for Region 3 on the LLL Kansas Board of Governors, reported that he had spoken that the Zone 7 Rally, on November 4, 2018, at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Clay Center, Kansas. He said that the major part of his presentation was a tour of the LHM web site at URL <https://www.lhm.org>.

John Johnson urged the meeting participants to recruit and install people where that best suited to serve. John quoted Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"

Mark Westerman, representative for Region 5 on the LLL Kansas Board of Governors, reported that he had contacted the Best Western Angus Inn in Great Bend, Kansas, regarding room availability for the 80th LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention, which is scheduled for November 2, 2019. He said that the cost of rooms with outside entrances would be \$76.95 per night, and the cost of rooms with inside entrances would be \$81.95 per night. Mark said that he had not yet reserved the meeting room behind the Perkins Family Restaurant, which is next to the Best Western Angus Inn.

Keith Jopp, representative for Region 2 on the LLL Kansas Board of Governors, reported that he had not been able to attend and participate in the 2018 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention at Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays, Kansas on November 3, 2018 because of serious injuries that he had suffered in a fall. He praised the merciful God that he was recovering well from these injuries. He thanked those present for their prayers for his recovery.

President Arlen Schultz opened a short discussion regarding the revision of the boundaries for the zones and regions in the LLL Kansas District. President Schultz proposed that the boundaries for the zones and regions in the LLL Kansas District be changed to match those of the LWML Kansas District. Arlen Schultz said that a map of the proposed revised boundaries would be reviewed at the next LLL Kansas District Board of Governors meeting.

President Arlen Schultz reviewed the following information about the 47th Lutheran Laymen's League Kansas District Golf Tournament.

- After having successfully chaired the 2017 and 2018 LLL Kansas District Golf Tournaments, Mark Nieman continues as the chairman for the 2019 fellowship and fund-raising event. His email address is mark.nieman@yahoo.com. His telephone number is (785) 817-8374.
- The golf tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, May 4, 2019, 1:30 PM**, Village Greens Golf Course, 5615 Highway K-92, Meriden, Kansas. The location is about 3.5 miles west of Ozawkie, Kansas, near the intersection of K-4 and K-92 highways. This golf course is near Lake Perry.
- The registration fee is \$65 per golfer. The entry fee includes green fees, golf cart rental, and lunch.
- The lunch will be served between 12:00 pm and 1:15 PM.
- Information about the golf tournament and the entry form are posted at URL http://www.lhm-ks.org/lll_ks_golf.htm

Arlen Schultz asked for the meeting attendees to think about fellowship and fund-raising events in which younger Lutherans would participate.

- Ron Bott, Zone 7 Ambassador Coordinator, shared information about a skeet shooting event that was organized at his church. Ron reported 15 young men participated in the event. Ron Bott said that he judged that a skeet shooting event was very appealing to the young men in his zone. Ron Bott said that he will propose a zone-level skeet shooting event to raise money for the LLL Kansas District Project.

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- Arlen Schultz reported that a successful disc golf tournament fund-raising event was held in Ellsworth, Kansas. Arlen suggested that the LLL Kansas District consider whether disc golf tournaments should be sponsored by the LLL Kansas District or by regions of the LLL Kansas District.
- Nathan Harkins responded that fellowship events could successfully introduce young Lutherans to the Lutheran Hour Ministries. However, Nathan expressed the opinion that the events must be designed to connect young Lutherans with Lutheran Hour Ministries.
- John Johnson said that the LLL Kansas District must recognize that contemporary young men engage in different activities than did the young men of 15 or more years ago. He said that the LLL Kansas District must engage in these activities.
- Arlen Schultz suggested that the LHM and LLL Kansas web sites be publicized in order to appeal to both young and old.
- John Johnson said that it is important to acknowledge both young and old persons as human beings of importance and value. He said that when interacting with both young and old, one should convey how happy one is to talk and work with them. He said that it is important to acknowledge that accomplishments of the persons with whom you interact, especially the older persons.

Arlen Schultz, president of the LLL Kansas District, provided a delicious lunch to the persons that attended the meeting. The meeting attendees contributed amounts of their choice to compensate Arlen Schultz for the expense of the lunch. Excess contributions of \$40 were contributed to the LLL Kansas District Project.

Mike Tonn, chairman of the State Fair Booth committee, reported that the LLL/LHM booth will open at the Meadowlark Exhibit Hall from the beginning of the Kansas State Fair on Friday, September 6, through the end of the fair on Sunday, September 16, 2019. The following information about the fair booth was presented.

Tubs full of printed material and Portal of Prayer booklets were not distributed from the state fair booth last September, 2018. Mike Tonn requested suggestions regarding which organizations would accept these dated materials. Ron Bott said that some county jails would accept religious printed materials.

- All Spanish language bibles and other Spanish language printed materials were distributed.
- Arlen Schultz asked whether the fair booth committee would accept donations of the Good News translation of the New Testament of the Holy Bible. Mike Tonn said donations of Good News bibles would be accepted.
- Mike Tonn reported that approximately 50 volunteers from between 10 and 12 LCMS Kansas District churches staffed the booth from Friday, September 7, through Sunday, September 15, 2018.
- It was reported that Ralph Unger, former president of the LLL Kansas District, from Oberlin, Kansas, organizes a pancake breakfast fund-raising event each year to purchase Holy Bibles for distribution from the LLL/LHM Kansas State Fair booth.
- Mike Tonn expressed appreciation for the large quantities of printed material that was contributed for free distribution from the LLL/LHM Kansas State Fair booth.

Following Mike Tonn's report, the following suggestions for changes or improvements to the LLL/LHM Kansas State Fair booth were offered by the meeting participants.

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- Arlen Schultz suggested that fabric bags or T-shirts printed with the LHM logotype be distributed. Ron Bott remarked that promotional T-shirts were distributed by the Church of the Nazarene after the worship service that it sponsored at the Kansas State Fair in 2016.
- Arlen Schultz also suggested the showing of videos on a large screen flat television. John Johnson responded that the showing of videos, which are no longer than 30 seconds, might be effective. Mark Westerman noted that state fair attendees cannot linger at the booth for as long as a minute because the great crowds of visitors on the week-ends will force them to move along quickly.
- Ron Bott suggested that research be done regarding the feasibility and cost of renting a space that larger than the 8 foot by 10 foot space that is currently rented. Ron Bott suggested that additional space could be rented using part of the money that is received from the distribution from the Delmar Maike bequest investment account.
 - John Johnson informed that the meeting attendees that the LLL/LHM booth that the Nebraska State Fair was large enough to include a craft table at which children made bracelets.

Ron Bott, outgoing coordinator for the LLL/LHM worship service at the Kansas State Fair, gave a report about the state fair worship service, which is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 8, 2019, at the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena on the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

- Tom Stanton, a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, is the state fair worship service coordinator for 2019.
- Tom Stanton has asked a choir from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to sing at the service.
- Tom Stanton has asked Rev. Henry Blickhahn, associate pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, to officiate at the service.
- Tom Stanton has requested that the LLL Kansas District provide him with a legal document that grants him authority to sign the contract to rent the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena on the Kansas State Fairgrounds
 - President Arlen Schultz said that he would provide such a document. President Schultz said that he would also provide a similar document to Mike Tonn, chairman of the committee that coordinates the LLL/LHM booth at the Kansas State Fair.
- Ron Bott reported that the cost of renting the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena on the Kansas State Fairgrounds in 2018 was \$1,200. Ron Bott reported that Thrivent Financial made an Action Team grant of \$250 to pay some of the expenses of the LLL/LHM worship service at the 2018 Kansas State Fair.

President Schultz reported that no LCMS Kansas District events were scheduled for 2019 at which the LLL/LHM Kansas District would present a booth.

Arlen Schultz reviewed the report of the status of the Delmar Maike Bequest Fund, which Carroll Hackbart had included in the Treasurer's Report. This report showed distributions from the investment fund of \$7,320 in 2016, \$7,500 in 2017, \$8,051 in 2018. This report showed that the balance of the fund, which is invested with the LCMS Foundation, was \$21,854 on January 1, 2019. Carroll Hackbart reminded the meeting participants that a distribution of approximately \$7,500 was scheduled from the investment fund in the spring 2019, in accordance with the distribution plan that the Kansas District Board of Governors had approved in 2016.

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President Schultz asked the Board of Governors for suggestions about how the distribution could be effectively used to fund and facilitate mission work and out-reach in Kansas. President Schultz reported that most of the distribution that was received in the spring of 2018 was donated to the LCMS Kansas District for the purpose of providing grants to pastors for the purpose of repaying debts that they incurred while studying at LCMS universities and seminaries. Arlen Schultz noted that while the reduction of pastors' student debts was important, he hoped that more of the Delmar Maike bequest investment fund distribution could be used for out-reach and supporting the mission of the LLL Kansas District.

Richard Schrum, secretary of the LLL Kansas District, noted that \$100 grants has been made from the funds received from the Delmar Maike bequest for the purpose of partially reimbursing LCMS Kansas congregations and affiliated groups for the cost of outreach events. Richard Schrum moved that the maximum grant that the LLL Kansas District would make to LCMS Kansas congregations and affiliated groups to reimburse the cost of outreach events be increased from \$100 to \$250. Carroll Hackbart seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

President Arlen Schultz suggested that half-day events be organized by the zones to inform Lutherans about the Lutheran Hour Ministries' outreach and educations programs and to entice them to become involved with Lutheran Hour Ministries. Arlen suggested that such an activity might be a fun day at a comp.

The following comments were made regarding Arlen's suggestion.

- Such events would likely be more successful if they are focused on men and families that are already active in a congregation.
- At such events, the presentation about Lutheran Hour Ministries must be short.
- Nathan Harkins, vice president of LLL Kansas Zone 3, expressed the opinion that events shorter than a half day might be more effective. He expressed the opinion that events that are focused on younger persons must be designed to accommodate a generally shorter attention span. Nathan Harkins said that he would attempt to interest young persons in Lutheran Hour Ministries at his congregation, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, Kansas. He said that he would provide a report about his efforts at a subsequent LLL Kansas Board of Governors meeting.

Tim Voelker, past president of the LLL Kansas District, urged district and zone officers and congregational ambassadors give five-minute presentations after worship services on LHM Sunday, February 2, or on other Sundays. Tim Voelker urged that presentations be made at churches that do not currently have LHM ambassadors. Tim Voelker also reported about the success of recreational events that preceded Monday Night Football at his congregation.

John Johnson shared his experience in attempting to call the International Lutheran Hour Ministries headquarters for the purpose of ordering materials for the Lutheran Hour Sunday presentation at his congregation, Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kansas. John Johnson reported that he had successfully connected with the appropriate person, initially. He reported that a young man from the International Lutheran Hour Ministries headquarters called him later and was responsive to his suggestions.

Ron Bott expressed surprise that the Lutheran Hour Sunday materials that he had ordered on January 14 had not yet arrived.

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Richard Schrum, who also maintains and updates the district's web site (URL: <http://lhm-ks.org>), expressed concern that the district's web site did not display well on tablets and smart phones. Richard Schrum explained that he was currently too busy to rewrite the web pages to provide a more modern user interface. President Arlen Schultz suggested that Richard Schrum research the possibility of out-sourcing or of otherwise seeking assistance in the development and maintenance of the web site.

Arlen Schultz reviewed the location and dates of the LLL Kansas District spring zone rallies. Arlen Schultz asked for volunteers to give the LLL Kansas District reports. Following is a summary of the information that resulted from this discussion.

- Zone 3 – (Date and location was not yet determined.)
 - Richard Schrum volunteered to present the LLL Kansas District report this rally.
- Zone 7 – May 5, 4:00 PM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bremen, Kansas
 - Tim Voelker volunteered to present the LLL Kansas District report this rally.
- Zone 8 – May 5, 3:00 PM, Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kansas
 - Carroll Hackbart volunteered to present the LLL Kansas District report this rally.
- Zone 12
 - Mark Westerman reported that a zone rally was planned for the fall of 2019. Mark reported that a zone rally was not planned for the spring of 2019.
- Zone 15 – March 9, 10:00 AM, Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays, Kansas

President Schultz reminded the meeting participants that the next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled to occur at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ninth Street and Crawford Avenue, Salina, Kansas. Arlen Schultz again reminded the meeting participants that the 47th Lutheran Laymen's League Golf Tournament was scheduled to commence at noon on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Village Greens Golf Course, 3.5 miles west of Ozawkie, Kansas on K-92 highway.

There being no more business, Arlen Schultz declared the meeting adjourned. Rev. Dennis Kootz led the closing prayer.

Secretary,
Richard Schrum