

Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting
April 6, 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 began opening devotions by reading the Parable of the Vineyard Owner and His Tenants, which is recorded in Luke 20:9-19.

This parable is allegorical. The owner of the vineyard represents God, the Father. The tenants of the vineyard represent the religious leaders of the Jews. The owner of the vineyard successively sends three servants to collect His share of the fruit of the vineyard. The tenants treated the servants shamefully, beating them, and sending them away empty-handed. When the owner of the vineyard sends his son to collect His share of the fruit of the vineyard, the tenants kill the Son, horribly miscalculating that they will be able to keep the vineyard and all of its fruit as their own if the Son is dead.

In this parable, Jesus revealed himself as the Son of God and predicted his death at the hands of the priestly leaders of the Jews. Jesus quoted Psalm 118:22, alluding to himself as the stone that the builders (i.e., the Jewish religious leaders) rejected, who becomes that capstone.

Rev. Kootz continued by speaking of Saul, of his conversion to belief in Jesus as Christ on the road to Damascus, and of his subsequent metamorphosis as Paul, the apostle. Rev. Kootz read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and expounded upon the message, which is encapsulated in verse 1 Corinthians 1:18, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.", and also in verses 1 Corinthians 1:22-24.

"Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block for the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Rev. Kootz quoted verse John 3:16, and proclaimed that redemption is ours through the incredible sacrifice and subsequent resurrection of Christ Jesus. Rev. Kootz expressed thanks to God that He has sent us the Holy Spirit, who enlightens us to the Gospel, ignites our faith in redemption through Jesus' death and resurrection so that we are cleansed of our iniquities and sanctified.

Following the opening devotions, the 10 persons who attended the meeting introduced themselves.

President Arlen Schultz informed that meeting participants that Walter Frederking, who had actively served the LLL Kansas District in a variety of roles over many years, had been called home to his Savior on January 27, 2019 at the age of 90 years.

President Arlen Schultz presented the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of January 26, 2019. After the minutes were reviewed, Carroll Hackbart moved to accept the minutes. John Johnson, representative for Region 3 on the LLL Kansas Executive Board, seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes of the previous Board of Governors meeting 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, second, and third quarters of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Mark Westerman, representative for Region 5 on the LLL Kansas Executive Board, moved to accept the treasurer's report. John Johnson seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion to accept the treasurer's report was passed.

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Carroll Hackbart gave a report regarding funds received for the 2018-2019 LLL Kansas District Project. He expressed the opinion that the amount of money received as of the date of the meeting conformed with his estimate of the amount that should be received in order to meet the goal of \$42,000 by May 31, 2019.

Tim Voelker, the previous president of the LLL Kansas District, asked the meeting attendees to encourage congregations in the areas that they serve to send contributions for the 018-2019 LLL Kansas District Project, even if there are not groups affiliated with the Lutheran Laymen's League in these congregations.

Following Carroll Hackbart's reports, President Arlen Schultz gave a report about the Spring Rally for Zone 13, which was held on March 9, 2019, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays, Kansas. President Schultz reported that Polly Gregali, Community Facilitator for the International Lutheran Laymen's League, made the featured presentation at the rally, and that he gave the report of activities in the LLL Kansas District. President Schultz showed the meeting attendees the flyer for the LLL Kansas District Project, which was distributed to the attendees of the Zone 13 Spring Rally.

Arlen Schultz told that meeting attendees that he would not be able to attend recognition dinner for fourth year students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, which was scheduled to occur on Friday, April 26, 2019. He asked that someone volunteer to attend in his place. Arlen Schultz reported that Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook, Vice President of Global Ministries for the International Lutheran Laymen's League, was scheduled to be the banquet speaker. Arlen Schultz reported that the RSVP deadline for this meeting was April 16, 2019.

Tim Voelker, the previous president of the LLL Kansas District, reported that he and many of the members of the LLL Kansas District Board of Governors has received a letter from Kurt Buchholz, President and CEO of Lutheran Hour Ministries, that provided information about the merging of the United States Ministries with the International Ministries into a single department, called Global Ministries. He reported that Polly Gregali, who had formerly served as LHM Ministry Resource Manager, had assumed the position of Community Facilitator. In this position, Polly Gregali will work with the LLL districts and zone to assist and facilitate their engagement with their communities. Tim Voelker read Kurt Buchholz's letter to the meeting attendees.

John Johnson, the editor of the discontinued Kansas District LLL/LHM Reporter newsletter, requested that the LLL Kansas District zones and the LLL-affiliated groups in the Kansas District send information and news articles about local events to the Richard Schrum, who maintains the LLL Kansas District web site (<http://www.lhm-ks.org>), so that he could post the information and new articles on the web site.

John Johnson's request initiated a discussion regarding that media that the LLL Kansas District uses to disseminate information about its activities to Lutheran congregations, affiliated groups, and lay persons in Kansas. The creation of a Twitter account and a Facebook account for the LLL Kansas District was suggested. Ron Bott asked how persons can receive new feeds regarding LLL-related news and information. President Schultz asked the participants to consider and research these suggestions and the questions so that they might be further discussed in future Board of Governor meetings.

President Arlen Schultz reported that Mike Tonn, chairman of the Kansas State Fair Booth Committee, has written news articles in the Lutheran Witness magazine for the LLL Kansas District. Carroll Hackbart suggested that the Board of Governors members think about how to better utilize the half-page in the Lutheran Witness magazine that is devoted to the LLL Kansas District.

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John Johnson reported that he shows a 30-minute worship service video at nursing homes/retirement communities in Manhattan, Kansas, three days each week. The videos that John shows are produced by the Worship Anew outreach ministry, which is affiliated with the Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. John reported that these videos are well received. He recommended that the LLL Kansas District consider organizing an outreach ministry program to show the worship service videos at nursing homes and retirement communities.

John Johnson also informed that meeting attendees that Lutheran congregations and groups in South Dakota underwrite the recording of worship service videos and of the four-minute Moments of Hope devotional videos. John reported that some local congregations have sponsored the broadcast of these videos on local television stations and local public service cable channels. John wondered if the LLL Kansas District could assist in the organization or funding of video recording of worship services and/or devotions in Kansas. He wondered whether it might be possible for the LLL Kansas District to sponsor the broadcast of worship service videos or devotional videos on local cable channels. John said that any persons who have questions about these worship service and devotional videos should send these questions to him by email.

President Arlen Schultz provided the following information about the 80th LLL Kansas District Convention, which is scheduled for November 2, 2019.

- ◆ The convention meetings and banquet will be held in the meeting room behind the Perkins Family Restaurant, which is next to the Best Western Angus Inn, 2920 10th Street, Great Bend, Kansas.
- ◆ A block of 15 rooms have been reserved at the Best Western Angus Inn for Friday, November 1, 2019. The telephone number to call to make a reservation is (620) 792-3541. The reservation deadline for this block of rooms is October 18, 2019.
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler, the Lutheran Hour Speaker, will be the featured speaker for the convention in the afternoon of November 2, 2019.
 - Tentatively, a meet-and-greet event with Rev. Ziegler is planned for Friday evening, November 1. This event is planned to be held at Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Holyrood, Kansas.
 - Arlen Schultz said that he would attempt to arrange for Rev. Ziegler to preach at a nearby Lutheran Church on the following Sunday morning or at a rally on the following Sunday afternoon.

As in the previous Board of Governors meeting, President Arlen Schultz reviewed the 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.

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- Information about the golf tournament and the entry form are posted at URL http://www.lhm-ks.org/lll_ks_golf.htm

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 Schulz for the expense of the lunch. Excess contributions of \$45 were contributed to the LLL Kansas District Project.

After lunch, 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.

- For an increase in rent of \$100, Mike Tonn was able to rent a corner booth, which should approximately double the area of the booth.
- The LLL/LHM Kansas State Fair booth will be open from 9:00 AM through 8:00 PM each day of the Kansas State Fair.
- Ralph Unger, former president of the LLL Kansas District, from Oberlin, Kansas, contributed \$500 for the purchase of Holy Bibles and childrens materials.
- Materials that will be freely distributed from the LLL/LHM Kansas State Fair booth will include Holy Bibles in Spanish and English, Project Connect pamphlets, Portals of Prayers devotional booklets, Sunday school materials, Christian-themed toys, pens, bookmarks, trinkets, and other novelty items.

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.
- Barbara Guey, from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, has volunteered to be the music director again. A choir from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will sing at the service.
- Ron Bott reported that the cost of renting the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena on the Kansas State Fairgrounds in 2018 was increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500.
- Ron Bott reported that the rent includes 40 general gate admission tickets for those persons who are participating in the service or assisting with the service. Ron Bott reported that the rent also includes four parking permits.
- Ron Bott reported that the maximum seating capacity of the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena on the Kansas State Fairgrounds is approximately 1,000.
- Ron said that he believed that the first Sunday of the Kansas State Fair provided a better opportunity for attracting fair attendees and communicating the Gospel to them than the second Sunday of the fair.

Arlen Schultz suggested that part of the distribution from the Delmar Maiké Bequest Fund be used to pay expenses for training events for LHM congregational ambassadors. Arlen Schultz suggested that a portion of the Delmar Maiké Bequest Fund distribution be used to pay the travel and lodging expenses of Polly Gregali, who would lead the training.

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Arlen Schultz asked for suggestions regarding the presentation of LHM congregational ambassadors training events. Nathan Harkins suggested that LHM congregational ambassadors training events be held on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings. He suggested that these events run for approximately three hours and that they include a meal. He suggested that these events be scheduled in the fall or winter in order to attract better attendance from LHM congregational ambassadors.

John Johnson submitted a motion that \$3,000 be allocated from the Delmar Maiké Bequest Fund distribution to pay for the expenses incurred in the presentation of LHM congregational ambassadors training events. Nathan Harkins seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

President Schultz suggested that clinics be organized at Lutheran churches in the Kansas District to assist in the creation of wills for young families. After discussion, John Johnson created a motion that \$2,500 be allocated from the Delmar Maiké Bequest Fund distribution to pay for the expenses incurred in the presentation of wills clinics, and that \$2,500 be allocated for paying the expenses of evangelism training events. John Johnson's motion stipulated that portions of these allocations that were not expended by November 2, 2019, should be donated to the LCMS Kansas District for the purpose of providing grants to pastors and full-time church workers for the purpose of repaying the debts that they incurred while studying at LCMS universities and seminaries. This motion was seconded by Carroll Hackbart. The motion was passed.

John Johnson volunteered to contact Bervin Mirtsching, LHM Ministry Advancement Officer, regarding the scheduling of wills clinics in Kansas.

President Arlen Schultz announced that the following LLL Kansas District officers will be elected at the 2018 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention for a two-year term (i.e., November, 2019 – November, 2021):

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive board representative for Region 1 (northeast Kansas)
- Executive board representative for Region 3 (central Kansas)
- Executive board representative for Region 5 (southwest Kansas)

Arlen Schultz said that candidates must be recruited for these positions. Arlen Schultz noted that the position of Vice President for the LLL Kansas District remained unfilled and that candidates should be recruited fill this position for the second year of the term.

John Johnson suggested that a nominations committee be formed to recruit candidates for these positions. Mark Westerman, representative for Region 5 on the LLL Kansas Executive Board, agreed to chair the nominations committee. President Arlen Schultz appointed the other four region representatives of the LLL Kansas Executive Board as members of the nominations committee.

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 had not been finalized at the time of the meeting).
 - Richard Schrum volunteered to present the LLL Kansas District report this rally.
- ◆ Zone 7 – May 5, 4:00 PM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bremen, Kansas

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- 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.

John Johnson reminded that meeting attendees that the constitution and by-laws for the LLL Kansas District must be revised. He noted that the revised constitution and by-laws must be approved at the annual LLL/LHM Kansas District's convention. Richard Schrum volunteered to post the current Constitution and by-laws on the LLL/LHM Kansas District web site.

President Schultz reminded the meeting participants that the next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled to occur at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 10, 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