

Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting
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Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas

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

LLL Kansas District Pastoral Advisor Rev. Dennis Kootz presented the opening devotion, based on Romans 10:5-17. Rev. Kootz showed the meeting an illustrated diagram that was drawn by Sarah Day, one of his students at Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina. In particular, the diagram with its embedded illustrations was a visual representation of the message in verses 8 through 10 of the scripture reading.

(8) But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart;" that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming; (9) That if you will confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. (NIV)

Following his message, Rev. Kootz led the group in prayer, asking that that meeting attendees and the work accomplished in the meeting be inspired by and blessed by the Holy Spirit.

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

Review of Minutes for 80th LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention

Richard Schrum, LLL Kansas District secretary, distributed printed copies of the minutes of the 80th LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention, which occurred on November 2, 2019, to the meeting participants. The meeting participants spent a few minutes reviewing the minutes document.

Review of Minutes for LLL Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting of February 1, 2020

After the review of the minutes of the 2019 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention,, Richard Schrum distributed printed copies of the minutes of the LLL Kansas Board of Governors meeting that occurred on February 1, 2020, to the meeting participants. After these minutes were reviewed, Fred Gruhn, LLL Kansas Zone 3 president, presented a motion to accept both the minutes of the 2019 LLL/LHM Kansas District convention and the minutes of the previous Board of Governors meeting. John Johnson seconded the motion. The Board of Governors members voted to accept both minutes documents.

LLL/LHM Kansas District Treasurer's Report

Carroll Hackbart, LLL Kansas District treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. Mr. Hackbart presented a summary of the income and expenditures that had been made during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Mr. Hackbart's report showed a total operational income of \$8,192.49, which included \$3,489.43 carried forward from the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Carroll Hackbart's report showed expenditures of \$6,215.30, yielding a beginning bank account balance of \$3,534.70 on May 31, 2019, the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Carroll Hackbart reported that the Kansas State Fair had refunded one half of the rent that was paid for the LLL/LHM state fair booth for the 2020 Kansas State Fair, which had been cancelled because of the danger to participants, vendors, and attendees of the COVID-19 pandemic. Carroll Hackbart reported that he did not know whether any amount of rent for the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena for the worship service had been refunded.

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Joseph Chretien, LLL Kansas District vice president, presented a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Ron Bott, representative for Region 2 on the LLL Kansas District Board of Governors, seconded the motion to accept the treasurer’s report. The Board of Governors members voted to accept the treasurer’s report.

2019-2020 LLL Kansas District Project Report

Carroll Hackbart, chairman of the LLL Kansas District Project committee, reported that \$40,435.50 in contributions had been received for the 2019-2020 LLL Kansas District Project. Mr. Hackbart expressed relief and praised God that such a gratifying large amount of contributions had been received despite that cancellation of so many LLL/LHM Kansas zone and congregational meetings and fund raising events because of the complications caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carroll Hackbart reported that dollar amounts contributed for each purpose had been reduced because the contributions received were \$9,564.50 less than the \$50,000 that had been budgeted. Carroll Hackbart reported that \$31,500 of the contributions received were allocated to student financial aid according to the 2019-2020 Kansas District Project’s distribution rules. Carroll Hackbart reported that the budgeted dollar amounts allocated to the other purposes were reduced by 14.9% in conformance to the 2019-2020 Kansas District Project’s distribution rules.

The following table displays the dollar amounts that were actually distributed compared to the budgeted fund-raising goals.

Purpose	Budget	Actual
Financial aid for Kansas District students attending an LCMS synodical school or seminary in preparation for full-time church work	39,500.00	31,500.00
Recognition Dinner for fourth year students at Concordia Seminary	1,000.00	851.00
Overseas Bible Correspondence Courses and Argentina Ministry	8,000.00	6,808.00
State Fair Booth	1,000.00	851.00
Tournament of Roses Parade Lutheran Hour Float	500.00	425.50
Total	50,000.00	40,435.50

Carroll Hackbart reported that the student financial aid committee had granted \$2,250.00 to eight students at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri. Carroll Hackbart reported that student financial aid committee had granted \$1,500.00 to seven students who enrolled at Concordia University, Seward. Carroll Hackbart reported that student financial aid committee had granted \$1,500.00 to one student who enrolled at Concordia University, Wisconsin and to one student who enrolled at Concordia University, Chicago.

2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project

Joseph Chretien, vice president of the LLL Kansas District, proffered a motion that the fund-raising goal, the charitable purposes, and budgeted amounts that had been adopted for the 2019-2020 fiscal year be approved for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Joseph Chretien also moved that the same guidelines regarding the receipt of contributions greater than or less than the total fund-raising goal be adopted for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Carroll Hackbart seconded this motion. The Board of Governors members voted to approve the motion.

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The following table displays 2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project fund-raising goal and the purposes for which the contributions are allocated.

Purpose	Budget
Financial aid for Kansas District students attending an LCMS synodical school or seminary in preparation for full-time church work	39,500.00
Recognition Dinner for fourth year students at Concordia Seminary	1,000.00
Overseas Bible Correspondence Courses and Argentina Ministry	8,000.00
State Fair Booth	1,000.00
Tournament of Roses Parade Lutheran Hour Float	500.00
Total Dollar Amount Goal	50,000.00

Following are the guidelines for allocating dollar amounts received in excess of the fund-raising goal and the guidelines for allocating dollar amounts received if the total contributions received fall short of the fund-raising goal.

- Any amount of contributions received over the goal will be designated for additional financial aid to Kansas District students who are preparing for full-time church work.
- Should the total amount of contributions received be less than \$42,000, then the amount designated for financial aid to students will be \$31,500 and, the amounts designated for all purposes will be prorated to accommodate the shortage of contributions.
- Should the total amount of contributions received be greater than \$42,000 but less than \$50,000, then the amount designated for financial aid to students will be reduced to accommodate the shortage of contributions.

Carroll Hackbart shared notes of thanks that the Lutheran Hour Ministries had received from eight seminary graduates. These notes expressed thanks for the gifts that the newly called pastors had received from the Lutheran Hour Ministries after Call day.

LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention Planning – Part 1

President Arlen Schultz asked Fred Gruhn, chairman of the committee organizing the 2020 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention, to make recommendations regarding the manner in which the convention would be presented.

- Fred Gruhn, president of LLL Kansas Zone 3, recommended that the 2020 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention **not be physically** presented at the Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Basehor, Kansas or at another venue in the Kansas City area in order to eliminate the possibility that presenters or participants could be infected by the COVID-19 virus.
- During following discussion, Richard Schrum asked whether an abbreviated LLL Kansas District Convention meeting could be scheduled during the Saturday before or after the LLL Kansas Zone 7 Convocation, which was scheduled to occurred on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Ron Bott,

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representative for Region 2 on the LLL Kansas District executive board, replied that this idea has been considered by those involved in the planning for the convocation and was determined to be unworkable because of the full schedule of events for the weekend.

- After further discussion, the meeting participants agreed that the 2020 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention **would not** be an in-person event.
 - President Arlen Schultz said that the 2021 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention could be hosted by Region 1 at the Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Basehor, Kansas or at another venue on Saturday, November 6, 2021.
- President Arlen Schultz reported that Polly Gregali, Community Facilitator for the International Lutheran Laymen's League, had informed him that the Lutheran Hour Ministries would present the LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event on September 26, 2020, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. President Schultz reported that following information about the LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event.
 - The LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event will consist of live-stream presentations from Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, the Lutheran Hour Speaker, Kurt Buchholz, the president and CEO of Lutheran Hour Ministries, and Rev. Dr. Tony Cook, Vice President for Global Ministries.
 - The live-streamed presentations are intended to precede the live-streaming of virtual sessions of district conventions.
 - Arlen Schultz would collect the names and email addresses of the persons who could prospectively view the streamed presentations and provide these to Polly Gregali. Subsequently, email invitations would be sent to the email addresses of the prospective virtual event attendees.
- President Schultz also reported that the LLL district presidents meeting in the fall of 2020 would also be presented as a virtual meeting using the Zoom application.

Zoom Meeting with Polly Gregali

President Schultz positioned his PC so that the meeting attendees could see the screen and so that its camera could view some, if not all, of the meeting attendees. Using the Zoom application, an online meeting was initiated with Polly Gregali. Following is a summary of the information that Polly Gregali provided during the Zoom conversations.

- Polly Gregali said that the email invitations that are sent to prospective participants of the LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event will contain a link to a web page that the invited participant may use to register for the event. After a prospective participant has registered, an email message that contains instructions for viewing the live stream will be sent to his/her email account.
- Beginning in 2021, the Lutheran Hour speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, will speak at each district convention every third year. Rev. Dr. Zeigler is scheduled to speak at the 2021 LLL Kansas District Convention.
- The Lutheran Hour Ministries will continue to provide streamed virtual events in the spring and fall of each year. The districts may include these streamed presentations or the recordings of the presentations in their conventions.

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- Resources and presentations for congregational activation and ambassador recruitment and training will be incorporated into convention materials.
- Polly Gregali reported that she had sent information about LHM ambassadors, affiliated groups and the congregations that requested Lutheran Hour Sunday materials to Arlen Schultz.
- Polly Gregali suggested that the district officers and zone officers maintain regular contact with the congregational ambassadors. Polly Gregali requested that the LLL Kansas District set a goal to increase the number of LCMS Kansas congregations with ambassadors by ten percent.
- The LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event presentations will be recorded and will be made available on the web to be viewed on-demand.
- Viewers of the live-stream LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event on September 26, 2020, will be able to text questions to the presenters.
- Congregational ambassadors can find LHM materials that can be shared with their congregations at the web page with URL [HTTP://www.lhm.org/promote/](http://www.lhm.org/promote/)
- Polly Gregali reported that she continued to work with Steve Oldhe on the LLL Kansas Zone 7 Convocation, which is scheduled to occur in the Washington High School gymnasium, Washington, Kansas at 10:00 AM on Sunday, November 8, 2020.
- Bervin Mirtsching, the LHM Ministry Advancement Officer for the region of the United States that includes Kansas, announced that his retirement effective September 1, 2020.
- Polly Gregali informed that meeting attendees that district officers and zone presidents may request reports of donors in the congregations in their regions or zones as an aid to recruiting congregational ambassadors. Polly requested that the president of the LLL Kansas District be copied on the email request for these reports.
- Polly Gregali requested a calendar of events and deadlines that LLL Kansas District planned for 2021 calendar year.

LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention Planning – Part 2

While the Zoom meeting with Polly Gregali continued, Fred Gruhn proposed a motion that the 2020 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention be presented as a live-stream using internet technology, which would be determined at a later time. Fred Gruhn moved that the live-stream convention commence at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 7, 2020. John Johnson seconded the motion. The Board of Governors members voted to approve the motion.

Fred Gruhn proposed a motion that the LLL Kansas Board of Governors member view the LLL 2020 Virtual Fall Event live-stream presentations on September 26, 2020. Joe Chretien, LLL Kansas District vice president, seconded the motion. The Board of Governors members voted to approve the motion.

Lunch Break

Arlen Schultz provided a delicious lunch to the persons that attended the meeting after a prayer was said by Rev. Dennis Kootz. The meeting attendees contributed amounts of their choice to compensate Arlen Schulz

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for the expense of the lunch. Arlen Schultz reported that contributions for the lunch exceeded expenses by \$35. Arlen Schultz reported that \$35 was contributed to the 2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project.

Proposed On-line Lutheran Knowledge Base

John Johnson, past president of the LLL Kansas District, made a presentation of a proposed web site that he had developed. The proposed web site contained video, audio, document, slide show and other resources for the Christian outreach, edification, and spiritual inspiration.

- John Johnson reviewed the Lutheran Hour Ministry resources that he had downloaded to his proposed web site.
 - Lutheran Hour Ministries On-line Courses
 - **Speaking of Jesus** audio files
 - 419 **Lutheran Hour** audio files from 2019 and 2020
 - **This is the Life** video files
- John Johnson provided information about the worship service videos that were freely available to be viewed by streaming or by downloading from the **Main Street Living** web site ([HTTP://www.mainstreetliving.com/](http://www.mainstreetliving.com/)). John reported that his proposed web site contained video files that had been downloaded from the **Main Street Living** web site.
- John Johnson reported that the files for his proposed web site consumed approximately 500 gigabytes of digital storage.
- John Johnson proposed that Polly Gregali ask the appropriate persons at Lutheran Hour Ministries to consider taking his assemblage of web pages, video and audio links and hosting them as a publicly accessible web site.
- John Johnson also asked the meeting whether the LLL Kansas District might make his assemblage of web pages, video and audio links available as a publicly accessible web site.
 - Joseph Chretien expressed some reservations about infringing copyrights and licenses. He proposed that the LLL Kansas District postpone consideration of John Johnson's request until Lutheran Hour Ministries had reviewed the feasibility of such a web site and the related legal issues.
 - The majority of the Board of Governors members attending the meeting informally agreed with Joseph Chretien's proposal to defer consideration of John Johnson's request.

Nominations for District Offices

President Arlen Schultz reminded the meeting participants that the following LLL Kansas District officers were supposed to be elected at the virtual 2020 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention for a two-year term (i.e., November, 2020 – November, 2022):

- President
- Vice President
- Executive board representative for Region 1 (northeast Kansas)
- Executive board representative for Region 4 (western Kansas)

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Arlen Schultz noted that the first year of the two-year term of the representative for Region 1 was not filled at the election that occurred during the 80th LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention, November 2, 2019. Therefore, President Schultz stated that the election of the two-year term of the executive board representative for Region 1 would be moved to even-numbered years. President Schultz explained that the terms for the positions of executive board representative for regions 1 and 4 would begin in even years while the terms for the positions of executive board representative for regions 2 and 3 would begin in odd years.

After discussion with the meeting attendees, President Schultz announced the following slate of candidates for the listed LLL/LHM district executive board positions.

Office	Candidate	Incumbent?
President	Arlen Schultz	Yes
Vice President	Joseph Chretien	Yes
Executive board representative for Region 1 (Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)	Fred Gruhn	No
Executive board representative for Region 4 (Zones 13, 15, 16)	Ray Keller	No

President Schultz told the meeting participants that he had recruited Ray Keller, who is the son-in-law of former LLL Kansas District president Les Walter, for the position of executive board representative for Region 4. President Schultz said that he would speak with Ray Keller to confirm his candidacy for this office.

Tentative Planning for Board of Governors Meetings in 2021

President Schultz led a discussion of planning for the schedule of Board of Governors meetings in 2021. The following table displays the tentative schedule to which the meeting participants informally agreed.

Date	Time	Event	Location
2021-02-13 <i>(Saturday)</i>	10:00 AM <i>until</i> 3:00 PM	LLL/LHM Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church 702 South 9th St., Salina, Kansas
2021-04-10 <i>(Saturday)</i>	10:00 AM <i>until</i> 3:00 PM	LLL/LHM Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church 702 South 9th St., Salina, Kansas
2021-08-14 <i>(Saturday)</i>	10:00 AM <i>until</i> 3:00 PM	LLL/LHM Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church 702 South 9th St., Salina, Kansas
2021-11-06 <i>(Saturday)</i>	10:30 PM <i>(Depends on Convention Agenda)</i>	LLL/LHM Kansas District Board of Governors and Convention Committee Meeting	Risen Savior Lutheran Church 14700 Leavenworth Road, Basehor, Kansas 66007-5292

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President Schultz said that some meetings might not occur or might be rescheduled because of the health safety issues presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. President Schultz said that some meetings might be rescheduled to accommodate conflicts with LHM events or other events in the LCMS Kansas District.

LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention Agenda Planning

President Arlen Schultz proposed the following high-level agenda for a short virtual on-line 2020 LLL/LHM Kansas District convention.

1. The convention convenes at 10:00 AM on November 7, 2020.
2. Opening Devotion.
3. Review of Minutes of the 2019 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention.
4. Presentation by LWML Kansas District President, Kim Burdett.
5. Presentation of LLL Kansas District Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020 fiscal year.
6. Presentation of a report of the 2019-2020 LLL Kansas District Project Receipts and Distributions.
7. Presentation of the 2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project Goals.

Fred Gruhn volunteered to contact Kim Burdett, who is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Overland Park, Kansas, to arrange her presentation.

Other LLL/LHM Kansas District Business

President Schultz announced that LLL Kansas Zone 15 had scheduled a Fall Rally at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton, Kansas. Vice president Joseph Chretien volunteered to present the LLL Kansas District report at the LLL Kansas Zone 15 2020 Fall Rally.

President Schultz encouraged the Board of Governors members who were in attendance to fill out and submit the Volunteer Travel and Expense Report. President Schultz reminded the meeting attendees that the LLL Kansas District reimburses district and zone officers who drive to the Board of Governors meetings at the rate of 50 cents per mile. President Schultz encouraged the meeting attendees to contribute mileage reimbursements to the LLL Kansas District Project.

President Schultz reminded the meeting participants that the LLL Kansas District will reimburse the lodging expenses of Board of Governors members who must drive long distances to attend Board of Governors meetings.

President Arlen Schultz reported that a \$500 contribution was received from the memorial for former LLL Kansas District president and long-time leader Merle Lietz.

Carroll Hackbart reported that \$500 was received from an endowment fund owned by the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kansas. The \$500 is normally used to pay some of the expenses of the LLL Kansas District's booth at the Kansas State Fair. However the Kansas State Fair was cancelled in 2020 because of the public health danger that was posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fred Gruhn submitted a motion to pay the Trinity Lutheran Church \$200 for the usage of its facilities for the LLL Kansas District Board of Governors meeting. Joseph Chretien seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

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Fred Gruhn recommended that someone research the cost of the LLL Kansas District obtaining a Zoom license. Both Fred Gruhn and Joseph Chretien recommended that the LLL Kansas District Board of Governors give future consideration to renting digital cloud storage in which to store document files for common access by district and zone officers. No motions or assignments were made regarding these suggestions.

Treasurer Carroll Hackbart reminded the meeting participants that none of the funds that were distributed from the Delmar Maike bequest investment account in 2020 had been spent. President Schultz asked that zone presidents and executive board members be prepared to submit suggestions for spending the Delmar Maike bequest investment distribution at the next LLL Kansas District Board of Governors meeting.

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

Secretary,
Richard Schrum