

## **Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting**

**January 29, 2022**

### **Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas**

The BOG meeting was called to order by President Arlen Schultz. Present were Richard and Janice Schrum, Tracy Brunner, Gary Neuschafer, Ronald Bott, John Johnson Mike Tonn, Tom Stanton, Joseph Chretien, Rev. Dennis Kootz and Tim Voelker. Joining the meeting virtually were Fred Gruhn, Polly Gregali, Elmer Kellner and Carroll Hackbart.

Rev. Kootz presented a devotion on I Cor. 13. The scripture shows us a picture of Jesus. Love never ends and looking at Jesus we know this is true. Pastor talked about the importance of showing hospitality to visitors to our church. Pastor also handed out a quiz "How well do you know the Lutheran Laymen's League."

Richard Schrum sent out the minutes from the previous meeting. Richard asked for two points of clarification. The rent for the arena for the State Fair worship service was \$1800 and Ambassadors can contact Suzi Sallee at LHM to receive the 20% discount on ordered items. Tom Stanton moved to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Joe Chretien. Motion carried.

John Johnson gave the treasurer's report. \$14,750 of financial aid for the spring semester has been paid. He discussed setting up ACH (Automated Clearing House) payments to colleges. He stated we need better communication with the Financial Aid Committee. He reported that we had been scammed out of \$1845 dollars. A police report was made. We need to set up a secure system. Tom Stanton stated that we should never pay without an invoice. Polly Gregali said she knew of several attempts to scam her. Fred Gruhn said we should cast no blame on anyone in our organization. He said we need to communicate better and we should have had a meeting immediately after it happened. Tom Stanton stated we need a procedure put into effect for paying money. Joe Chretien recommended that he, Fred and Arlen come up with a procedure to pay bills. John Johnson said we need to overhaul our financial structure. Tom Stanton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Richard Schrum. The motion carried.

Fred Gruhn gave the Technology Committee report. He said we may need to buy an external microphone and possibly a longer extension cord. He said our Zoom license is \$300. Fred will send out a link for the next BOG meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.

Joe Chretien made a motion that we appoint Tracy Brunner as Region 2 Board Member. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Region 2 will host the District Convention this year.

We broke for lunch at 12:05. The meeting resumed at 1:00.

John Johnson brought up mileage vouchers and was told this would be discussed later in the meeting.

Tom Stanton talked about the State Fair Worship Service. He said the attendance was about 100 and that brochures were set out for people to pick up. Rev. Tom Harmon was the preacher. If any church would like to be part of the worship service they should contact Tom Stanton. This year's Worship service will be on September 11, 2022 at 10:00. Rent for the arena is about \$1800. John Johnson asked if we wanted to bring in Dr. Michael Ziegler. Polly Gregali said to request a speaker from the LHM Speakers Bureau we needed to complete a form on the LHM website. Travel for speakers is often no cost, just meals and lodging. Tom said if anyone wanted a specific speaker they should contact him. Tom reported the LLL fund at Our Redeemer is at \$20,351.83. He also said the State Fair Staff was excellent.

Mike Tonn reported on the State Fair booth. He said a large amount of children's material was purchased and not that much was handed out because of covid. The booth rental, parking spaces and tickets cost \$1374. John Johnson asked about Sunday School materials. Elmer Kellner asked what needed to be sent. Mike said material like Portals of Prayer should be dated 2022. He said some Portals of Prayer were given to the prisons. Mike mentioned the information that was in the Lutheran Witness. He also said there would be a material collection at the LWML Convention. He said he was amazed how many congregations were involved in gathering materials. Polly Gregali asked if we could have a collection at our convention. Mike said the VA Hospital received King James Version Bibles. Ron Bott asked if we could move to a corner booth. Mike said it would cost more and we would need more volunteers. Mike announced that Dick Borchard died.

Arlen Schultz announced the Golf Tournament would be on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

For Region reports, Ron Bott reported the Zone 7 Convocation was held at Washington County High School on November 7, 2021. The speaker was Dr. Michael Ziegler and the attendance was about 700. It was also broadcast on two local radio stations.

Arlen reported the 2021 Convention went well and that Fred Gruhn did a great job organizing and arranging the Convention. The 2022 Convention will be at Trinity, Salina on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meet and greet on Friday. possibly with available past District Presidents. Polly Gregali said the LHM Virtual Event can be used at the Convention. Elmer Kellner suggested the Convention be on Zoom and that maybe we should send out a letter to

give people an opportunity to give. Arlen Schultz mentioned the 2023 Convention may be at Risen Savior in Wichita.

Arlen Schultz presented a proposal from Zone 15 that stated they would like to have the Convention every other year and that the Convention would coincide with the LWML Convention. Polly Gregali talked about the way other Districts are doing their conventions. Joe Chretien said the proposal should be brought up as a resolution at the next Convention. Tom Stanton said usually a resolution is approved by the BOG when it is brought to the Convention. He said Zone 15 could bring the resolution to the Convention. Polly Gregali said to check the by-laws. Richard Schrum will send out by-laws. Joe Chretien suggested we gather more information and talk about it at the next meeting.

Tom Stanton said Merle Lietz's bequest bought Project Connect material and that some booklets were given to Mike Tonn for the State Fair Booth.

Arlen Schultz mentioned we need to continue to recruit Ambassadors and we should remind them that they receive 20% off of LHM purchases.

John Johnson brought up the District Services Site and that there is a ton of information and resources for the District and Zone Leadership. Polly Gregali explained what was available on the District Services Site.

Tim Voelker reminded everyone to celebrate Lutheran Hour Sunday.

District Project deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

John Johnson mentioned he is concerned that we are allowing things to slip away. One example was how we now have a shorter Convention.

Spring Rallies will be held in Zone 7 on May 1<sup>st</sup>, location to be announced, and in Zone 15 on March 19<sup>th</sup> in Phillipsburg.

Mike Tonn made a motion to send a \$50 Memorial to LHM in the name of Loris "Bud" Hesterman. Elmer Kellner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joe Chretien made a motion to send a \$50 Memorial to LHM in the name of David Kruse. John Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Officers up for election are President, Vice-President, Region 1 and Region 4 Board Members.

John Johnson made a motion to change mileage payment for LLL events to 15 cents a mile. The motion was withdrawn. John Johnson made a motion to set the mileage payment for LLL events at 50 cents a mile. Tom Stanton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tracy Brunner asked about a virtual seminar on Connect. Polly Gregali said it was only for those that received an invitation. She said there was a Seminar on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 1:00 called Better Together. She also mentioned that there are promotional materials available. She asked if we wanted a display for the LWML Convention April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Elmer Kellner suggested it would be nice to have a display there because many women are LHM supporters. Polly also asked if we wanted a display for the Kansas LCMS Convention. Tom Stanton said he may be able to man a display at the Kansas LCMS Convention.

Pastor Kootz closed the meeting with the Psalm of departure, Psalm 121. Then we all joined in the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Voelker

Secretary, Kansas District LLL/LHM