

Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting

April 30, 2022

Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas

The BOG meeting was called to order by President Arlen Schultz. Rev. Kootz led a devotion entitled "Running the Race; Ready, Set, Go". The key verse was I Corinthians 9:24. A number of verses were read which described the life of Paul showing some of the attributes he had that were later used by God for the purpose of spreading the Gospel to the gentiles.

Present were Pastor Dennis Kootz, Arlen Schultz, Joseph Chretien, Tom Stanton, Gary Neuschafer, Ray Keller, Tracy Brunner, Elmer and Dorothy Kellner, John Johnson, Fred Gruhn and Tim Voelker. Joining virtually were Polly Gegali, Richard Schrum, Mike Tonn, and Pastor Richard Reimer.

Arlen announced that he had spoken at the LWML Convention in Overland Park, Kansas.

The minutes of the January 29th BOG meeting were emailed. Fred Gruhn made a motion to accept the minutes. Tom Stanton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mike Tonn gave a report about the State Fair. The State Fair will be September 9-19 and the Worship Service will be September 11th. He asked for volunteers to man the State Fair Booth. He said the LWML had had an in-gathering of material at their convention. He mentioned Pastor Luke Brown may have a comfort dog at the Fair Booth.

John Johnson, Treasurer, reported the amount in the bank was \$46,178.23. He did not have the current amount raised for the District Project. He said the treasurer's report would be sent out.

Tom Stanton gave a report on the State Fair Worship Service. Pastor Tom Harman would be the speaker. He asked if any congregation had a praise band that wanted to help with the service. He said Our Redeemer's praise band would help if no one else wanted to volunteer. He asked us to ask other churches for a praise band or choir for next year. LCMS Kansas District President, Rev. Panser will be the speaker in 2023. Tom suggested that we pay expenses for a praise band or choir to come to the State Fair Worship Service and help with the service. Joseph Creitian suggested we give them a stipend. Ray Keller suggested tying the stipend to the mileage travelled. Fred said he would ask at his church. Fred asked what amount should be given. He recommended \$750. Tom said if Our Redeemer is the praise band or choir, there would be no cost. Fred moved that we allocate \$1000 for a praise band or choir for travel expenses. Tom

seconded the motion. The motion passed. John asked where the money would come from. Arlen asked how much rebate money the Kansas LLL/LHM received. Polly said she would look it up. Tom Stanton reported there was \$20,355.83 in the Our Redeemer State Fair account. \$500 is taken out each year. Polly suggested we look for other sources of revenue.

Fred reported \$400 was spent on Technology. It cost \$320 for a Zoom license and an addition microphone and cord were purchased.

Arlen prepared lunch and it was served.

The meeting resumed at 1:05

Polly announced that \$6628.66 was received in rebates last year and we were on target to receive about \$6600 again this year.

John presented a Budget Sheet. The group worked through the budget sheet, line by line. There was discussion concerning the amount which should be in each category. The budget sheet is attached.

Fred stated that we needed to know the current amount raised so far for the District Project.

Tom Moved to approve the budget. Elmer Kellner seconded the motion and it passed.

Arlen presented a sheet concerning the Golf Tournament which is May 7th at Village Greens Golf Course which is 3.5 miles west of Ozawkie, Kansas. Lunch and registration is 12:00 to 1:15 and tee-off time is 1:30.

Arlen was asked to speak at the Kansas LCMS Convention. Tom will speak for him. It will cost us \$50 to set up a booth at the Convention. Tom will set it up. Tom moved to spend \$50 for the booth. Tracy Brunner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The year's Kansas LLL/LHM Convention will be November 4th and 5th at Trinity, Salina. The night of the 4th will be a meet and greet and a trip down memory lane with passed Kansas LLL Presidents. Saturday the 5th will be the Convention. Saturday's Convention will be on Zoom. The International Report will be virtual. We will need to elect a President, Vice-President and Region 1&4 Representatives. The Baymont by Wyndham in Salina will have rooms starting at \$72.25.

John asked if we were still giving \$100 for LLL advertising in congregations.

Polly discussed the different reports that were available.

Elmer asked for an Ambassador Report from Arlen.

The cut-off date for the District Project is May 31st.

Elmer suggested we ask the congregations to give an amount to the District Project.

Arlen worked through the District Annual Planner Calendar.

Zone 15 Rally is at Atwood on September 17th.

Polly mentioned the LLL/LHM Promo Video was available on the District Services Site. Just click the Presentation & Promotions tab.

Elmer suggested we meet with the Pastors at their winks or meetings.

John said LHM has the best resources and Pastors need to know about them.

Arlen announced it costs us \$40 for our State of Kansas Not for Profit status.

Fred spoke to address the Financial Controls for Kansas LLL that need to be put in place including the following points:

- BOG Officer approval for non-budgeted one-time expenses. (A personal phone call)
- Cyber Security training conducted annually. (Fred would do this.)
- Recurring expenses from a recognized vendor or Lutheran organization paid without approval.
- Recurring internal audit.

Tom moved to adopt the Financial Controls for Kansas LLL. John seconded the motion. Joseph amended the motion to be voted on next meeting. Tom withdrew his motion and Joseph withdrew his amendment.

Arlen passed out Neighborhood Bingo sheets.

Fred gave a prayer of thanksgiving for the LWML Convention in-gathering of materials for the fair booth and prayed for Carroll Hackbart.

Lutheran Hour Speaker, Dr. Michael Ziegler, will be speaking at the Lutherans for Life gathering at Calvary, Wamego on June 26th.

Arlen announced that \$60 of the free-will lunch offering would go to the District project.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Voelker, Secretary