

Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting

August 27, 2022

Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas

The BOG meeting was called to order by President Arlen Schultz. Rev. Mark Boxman led a devotion. What is the mission of the LLL? It is God's mission bringing Christ to the nations and the nations to the church. God accomplishes this through His people. It is a partnership. God gives us opportunities to share Christ. We need to take advantage of these opportunities. Pastor read from John 2. We must also tell others to "Come and See".

Present were Pastor Mark Boxman, Arlen Schultz, Joseph Chretien, Tom and Dorothy Stanton, Gary Neuschafer, Ray Keller, Tracy Brunner, John Johnson, Fred Gruhn, Pastor Richard and Marilyn Reimer, C J Cross, Keith Gloe, Mark Westerman, Mike Tonn and Tim Voelker. Joining virtually were Polly Gegali, Richard Schrum and Elmer Kellner.

The previous meeting's minutes were emailed. Tom Stanton moved to accept the minutes. Fred Gruhn seconded. Minutes were accepted.

John Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report. We have roughly \$50,000 in the bank. He said there are now very few clubs. Clubs previously funded the District Project and much of this support has gone away. He suggested we target 12 churches in the state and tell them about our situation. He said he had talked to Bervin Merching about the situation. Polly Gregali suggested we should use Ambassadors to reach out. The District Service Site has tools that can be used. John said there are 60,000 baptized members we should aim to get at least \$1 from each member. John will put information on the website. Arlen said we should use the sponsor list to contact people. Tom asked why we don't have a District Ambassador. We need to get our information out to the people, not just talk about it at the Board of Governors' meetings. We need to set goals and hold people accountable. Arlen volunteered to be the District Ambassador. He will send letters out by September 30th. Joe moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Mike seconded, motion carried. John will have a written report at the next meeting. \$1747.07 was received as the 4th Quarter rebate from St. Louis. This is 2.5% of the gifts for LHM from Kansas. Arlen read a list of churches that donated to the District Project and amounts given. There were questions raised about the amounts given. This will be checked and reported at the next meeting.

Fred had nothing to report concerning technology.

The Golf Tournament was held and \$758 was given to the District Project.

Elmer reported that there would be a Rally at Redeemer, Atwood on September 17th.

Tom reported the State Fair Worship Service speaker would be Pastor Kootz. and the choir would be from Trinity, Salina. The Worship Service will be at Peoples Bank and Trust Arena on Sunday September 11, 2022 at 10:00.

Lunch was served.

Mike gave the State Fair Report. He said there were still some time slots open for the fair booth. On the opening Friday a service dog from Immanuel, Ellsworth will be at the booth. He said several boxes of material for the booth were brought to this meeting. Ralph Unger donated Kids Booklets. Bibles will be handed out. Mike thanked everyone that helped.

Arlen shared information about this year's District LLL/LHM Convention. The Convention will be at Trinity, Salina. November 4th and 5th. Friday, November 4th will be a Meet & Greet, "Nostalgia Night". On Saturday, November 5th, Registration will start at 9:00 and the Convention at 10:30. The LHM reports will be given virtually. Rooms are reserved at the Baymont Inn & Suites, 1740 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS. 785 823-6900. A 2 Queen bed room is \$76.50 for 2 people. A one King bed room is \$72.25 for 1 or 2 people. Please call and reserve a room and mention Kansas District LLL.

Elections at the Convention will be: President, Vice-President, Region 1 & 4 Reps.

Arlen asked people to bring auction items to the convention. Fred suggested we find another way to raise funds because many don't really want the items.

Joe asked if there were any speakers the BOG would like to have at the Convention.

Fred asked for a list of names and Congregations of students we are giving financial aid to.

Arlen asked if Trinity, Salina could provide a lunch at the Convention. C J Cross said he would ask.

Arlen shared some thoughts about speaking at the LWML Convention.

Tom shared about speaking at the District LCMS Convention and setting up a booth "Households of Faith". Tom also shared about some conversations he had with people at the booth.

John said we have \$5000 of Bequest money left. He reviewed the history of the bequest and said we need to decide how we will spend this money.

Polly recommended we contact Ambassadors several times a year. She said each month she sends information to the District Presidents. She said the Virtual Event could be used as a Convention presentation. These Virtual Events are done twice a year in the spring and in the fall. These also can be used at rallies or at the congregational level. These are on the District services site. The latest one is "Bringing Christ to the Nations, Global Overview." Polly said she could provide registration and promotional material for our Convention. She said other events coming in October concern the Hoffman Society and General Information.

Arlen gave out the Argentina Newsletter.

"Gifted for More" is a book available from LHM describing giftedness of people and how they can use their gifts to extend the Kingdom of God. (\$60 for a pack of ten)

Zone 3 will have a Rally this fall.

Pastor Reimer asked if congregations were using the evangelism programs. Joe and John mentioned how they were being used.

Arlen shared that the Rose Bowl float would be "A New Day With Jesus."

Richard said the cost of early Registration for the Convention should be sent out. He also asked if expenses for the Website were donated to the District Project before May 31st. John said they were.

Arlen said \$100 of the lunch free will donation would go to the District Project.

Tom moved to adjourn. Joe seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Voelker, Secretary