

76th Annual Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention
November 7 and 8, 2015
St. John's Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas

The convention was called to order by our president Tim Voelker.

Tim Voelker led a Bible study with the theme "We are sent". Beginning with Matthew 28:19, we are to make disciples. The woman at the well told others about Jesus. In Ephesians 6:18-20, St. Paul directs us to pray for the spirit that we will bold and speak fearlessly to be AMBASSADORS of Jesus Christ.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 75th convention as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Carroll Hackbart, district treasurer, explained his report as printed. He reported a beginning balance of \$2,377.49 with a ending balance of \$1,730.49. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried. Carroll reported that there were \$26,475.00 in the LCMS Foundation – Bequest Funds. Then it was explained that \$1000 of the Bequest Funds could be set aside to be used for advertising "Lutheran Hour Ministries" programs for Gospel Outreach. It was suggested \$100 per event with larger amounts requested be made to the district president and the district treasure. Grant applications are available from a district board member.

Carroll Hackbart reported that the district project surpassed the goal of \$33,000 thanks to a financial aid refund of \$2500, family retreat refund of \$2,461.05 and a memorial of \$2,000. Funds available for the district project are \$38,000.

Bervin Mirtsching, LLL/LHM Ministry Advancement Officer, reminded us that the purpose of the LLL/LHM and every Christian life is to tell everyone about Jesus Christ. We should not assume people know about Jesus. Programs of LLL/LHM reaches into places that the Church cannot reach. LLL/LHM has a 5 year goal to reach 100 million people with the Gospel every WEEK. Bervin then mentioned numerous ways we can support LLL/LHM financially.

Ken McCosh then read resolution 15-01 based on John 20:21. "Jesus said to them again "Peace be with you, as the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." As Christians, armed with God's word, we are "SENT", using the many programs and materials of LLL/LHM to witness to others.

Next we had the election of some district officers. Those elected were Ronald Bott – secretary, Gary Holle- treasure, Paul Steinke – Region 1 representative, John Johnson – Region 3 representative, and Mark Westerman – Region 5 representative. Carroll Hackbart agreed to serve as district project chairman. Pastor Mark Frith then installed these officers.

Ronald Bott presented resolution 15-02 Ministry Action- District Project. Financial Aid to Students \$26,000, Recognition Dinner to 4th year students at Concordia Seminary \$1000, Overseas Bible Correspondence Courses and Argentina Ministry \$4500, State Fair Booth and State Fair Worship Service \$1000, Rose Bowl Parade Float \$500, total \$33,000. Any overrun will go to financial aid. This was approved as presented.

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Pastor Mark Frith, Program Director at LLL/LHM and Polly Gregali, Constituent Relations Manager Central and South United States, explained many programs of LLL/LHM, using these to be fishers of men, to equip and energize the laity for outreach. Some things mentioned were 6 different Children's Booklets, Advent Devotions, Mission U, Lutheran Hour [with over 1600 radio stations in North America], God Connects [used for conformation classes], and many others. Events coming up Regional Outlook Conference October 20-23, 2016 in St. Louis. This will begin the celebration of 100 years of the Lutheran Laymen's League, which will be in December 2017. Polly mentioned that the LLL/LHM is financially sound. They also mentioned to use the matching grant opportunities to double our financial contributions.

Richard Schrum then read Resolution 15-03, Convention Thanks Resolution, thanking everyone who helped in any to host the convention.

For old business there was discussion on the funds in the LCMS Foundation and how these funds could be used. After some discussion, the motion was made to set aside \$1000, with a maximum of \$100 for each application, this was seconded and carried. Also there was discussion about how to use these funds. Most of the suggestions were to use these funds for outreach. We are to remember we can only use about \$7000 per year.

Tim Voelker announced that Lutheran Hour Speaker, Pastor Gregory Seltz will be the speaker at the Kansas State Worship Service in 2016. Members of Zone 12 and others around the Hutchinson area will plan other events with Pastor Seltz.

Tim Voelker announced that the 2016 convention is scheduled to be in Region 2, this will be discussed at future board meetings.

The meeting was suspended till Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M.

The banquet was served by ladies from St. John's Topeka. The speaker was Pastor Mark Frith. He encouraged us to include the younger members of our congregations. He also encouraged us to try different things to get people involved.

Sunday morning. Arlen Schultz announced the results from the silent auction, which raised \$204 for the District Project. There were 31 registered for the convention. Tim Voelker announced that our next Board of Governors meeting will be February 6, 2016 in Salina.

There was no more business, so Tim Voelker declared the convention adjourned.

Secretary Ronald Bott