

## **Kansas District LLL Board of Governors Meeting**

**January 25, 2025**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas**

President Joe Chretien called the meeting to order.

Present were Joe Chretien, Jim Johnson, John Johnson, Seth Wagner, Ray Keller, Arlen Schultz, Pastor Gary Wolf, Mike Tonn, Tracy Brunner, Warren and Donna Briggeman, and Tim Voelker.

Richard Schrum, Tom Stanton and Polly Gregali joined virtually.

Pastor Wolf led a devotion based on I Peter 4:10 & 11. God gives us certain gifts. We should not be afraid to use them in service to God and our fellow man.

The minutes of the last meeting were presented. Warren moved to approve the minutes. John seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Johnson gave the treasurer's report. He gave everyone a hand out that explained the details. Arlen moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Tracy seconded. Motion passed.

Arlen made a motion to give a \$100 memorial for Ivan Grimm. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Tim reminded everyone to ask the people of their congregations to contribute to the District Project.

Jim told everyone to make sure checks were made out to the Kansas District LLL.

We broke for lunch which was prepared by Arlen.

Mike Tonn gave the State Fair Booth Report. The 2024 booth was a great success. There were pictures in the Lutheran Witness. It made the front page of the LCMS Kansas News Letter. Polly and Suzie at LHM gave great support. The most popular hand out was the 365 Bedtime Stories. Other popular hand outs were the Children's Booklets and the plastic crosses and wristbands. Over 60 volunteers worked at the booth. Ten congregations were represented. Keran the Comfort Dog was also a big hit. It gives us a great opportunity to have a presence at the State Fair.

Joe gave the Golf Tournament Report. He talked to Mark Nieman. The Golf Tournament has been going for 51 years, but there was no tournament last year. 60 golfers were needed to go in the morning and we didn't have enough so we were moved to the afternoon. The day ended up being very hot and not many showed up, so it was cancelled. They are still deciding what is going to happen in the future.

Arlen talked about maybe having a bowling tournament. Joe mentioned Frisbee Golf.

For the Region Reports Warren reported that in Region 3, St. Paul, Preston had their 68<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Supper. In Region 2, St. Luke's, Manhattan is having a Pancake Supper on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Zion, Linn had their Pancake Supper in January. In Region 4, Ray reported St. Peter, Holyrood will have a Pancake Supper. Trinity, Hunter will have their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 13<sup>th</sup> and their 70<sup>th</sup> Barbeque on May 8<sup>th</sup>. St. Paul, Ellsworth will have a Pancake Supper on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bethlehem, Sylvan Grove will have a Pancake Supper on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Tim gave a report on the Zone 7 Convocation which was held November 10<sup>th</sup> at Washington County High School in Washington, Kansas. Lutheran Hour Speaker Michael Ziegler was the Preacher. It was well attended. Dr. Ziegler also led a Bible Class before the service. There was a meet and greet held the night before the service.

The 2025 Kansas District LLL Convention will be at Beautiful Savior, Olathe, on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Joe led a discussion on finding someone for President and Vice-President for Kansas LLL. He will not be able to continue as President after the next Convention. He will not serve another term. He is going to be President of his congregation, He has worked to streamline the office of Kansas District LLL President.

Richard said the website needs to be updated. He will provide access information to the President and Vice President. Polly recommended we have a team handle the website.

Arlen said a News Letter is not feasible right now. Joe said it maybe should only go out 2-4 times a year.

Joe talked about the 2024 Convention. He said he received both positive and negative feedback on the Dream and MomCo presentations. He also mentioned that the Bylaws and Constitution upgrade was a big step.

Some upcoming dates were announced. The next BOG Meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup>. Lutheran Hour Sunday is February 2<sup>nd</sup> or any Sunday that is convenient for the congregation. The Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Deadline for District Project donations is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Fall BOG Meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Fair Booth is September 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. The State Fair Worship Service is September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

Tom gave a State Fair Worship Service Report. He said information had been emailed. The Worship Service will be listed on the State Fair Guide. The speaker will be Pastor C J Luttinen of Risen Savior, Wichita. Risen Savior will also provide a choir. The cost will be \$1800. Tom will coordinate with the State Fair people to get everything arranged. The Service may be announced throughout the fair grounds.

Tracy made a motion to give Tom permission to sign the contract for this year and this permission to continue into future years. Ray seconded. Motion passed.

The Kansas LCMS Convention is on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Tony's Pizza Event Center in Salina. Kansas LLL plans to have a booth set up and Joe plans to address the Convention.

Arlen announce \$40 from the lunch offering would go to the District Project.

Polly shared that the Lenten Devotions are available online. She also said the LLL Leadership all member webinar is March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. An email will be sent out. She also reported that the Connect Initiative Wrap-Up will be October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chase Park Plaza in St. Louis.

Arlen said the "Streets of Bethlehem" was a success.

Pastor Wolf closed with prayer.

Ray made a motion to adjourn, Tracy seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Voelker, Secretary, Kansas District