

Kansas District LLL Board of Governors meeting

April 26, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina KS

President Joe Chretien called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM

Those present were Joe Chretien, John Johnson, Seth Wagner, Pastor Wolf, Ray Keller, Arlen Schultz, and Mike Tonn

Joining by zoom were Fred Gruhn, Elmer Keltner, Jim Johnson, Tracy Brunner, Polly Gregali, Richard Schrum, and Tom Stanton

Pastor Wolf opened with devotions on John 20 verses 14 to 21. The devotion was on doubting Thomas and the verse, blessed be to those who believe and have not seen.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. John moved to accept and Arlen second. Minutes were approved.

Jim presented the treasurer's report. Attendees viewed his handout. There was discussion on funding the seminary banquet. Fred made a motion to make up any amount to pay \$1000.00 Tracy seconded. Motion approved.

Joe's open discussion on the district project goal of \$50,000, do we want to continue to set that goal? Arlen's input was to keep it as is. Fred's input was that we should always try to improve giving. John inputted that if we were to give \$1.00 per baptized member from each congregation it would help fund the District Project. Joe also said he will have an insert that could be put in bulletins 2 times a year asking for donations to meet our district project goal.

Fred presented the tech report, reported that zoom is going well and we are using the Kansas district zoom account.

Joe reported that the annual convention will be at Beautiful Savior in Olathe at 13145 S. Black Bob Rd. on October 31st through November 1st. Friday evening there will be a meet & greet and on Saturday the convention meeting. Pastor Ziegler from the Lutheran Hour Ministries will attend and be the guest speaker.

Joe said he will be a delegate at the LCMS convention in Salina and will present greetings from the LLL and set up a booth.

At 12:00 we had lunch break, with the meal provided by Arlen. Fred and Tracy will have to leave the zoom meeting.

Meeting resumed at 1:05

Those joining by zoom were Jim, Tom, Polly, Richard, and Elmer

Mike gave a report on the State Fair. The dates will be September 5 through the 14th and on the 7th will be worship Sunday. Karen, the comfort dog will have be there and we will have two sites at the same location. We will need volunteers in the first week, Saint Lukes, Canton and Haven congregations will help.

Tom gave report that the worship will be on September 7th at 10 AM. Guest pastor will be CJ Luttinen. Risen Savior choir will be singing at the service. \$1800 was paid for the use of the facility and \$100 to the pastor.

There was discussion on the golf tournament and it's struggling to exist. Mark Neiman is busy working on rebuilding his home that was destroyed by fire and problems scheduling an appropriate time has been a challenge. There was also discussion on what other type of event could be held as a fund raiser.

Reports from different regions were presented. Manhattan on May 4th will have a mission festival. There will be a Spring rally in Oberlin. Tom stated that Zone 12 has experienced a loss of members due to deaths and health issues.

There was a discussion on the district annual planning calendar handout from Joe. The calendar shows months for zone meetings both in the spring and fall. Joe is attending the Winkle meeting on May 13th in Hays.

Discussion on the annual budget worksheet included Jim and Tom discussing paying for ambassador training. Lutheran hour ministries have videos for training the ambassadors. Our discussions involved needing more connections in our district to help membership in the LLL Kansas District.

Polly reported that Lutheran Hour Ministries has a reward program incentive, if the district has 10 congregation visits per year. If this criterion is met, then there is a discount on ordered material. More information coming in July. On this program Joe has a Kansas ambassador list and can e-mail any groups if needed. Arlen discussed paying for ambassadors to our conventions. Tom moved to add to the annual budget, \$300.00 for ambassador training and \$200.00 for ambassadors attending conventions. Ray second. Motion approved.

Jim reported he has separate forms to keep invoices for the conventions. Arlen made a motion to amend the budget changes. Mike seconded. Motion approved.

Arlen reported \$50 from the meal going to the district project.

The group went into discussion on how to make the Kansas LLL district sustainable. We need to e-mail all ambassadors inviting them to BOG meetings and conventions. It was stressed that our LLL needs people to attend.

Joe reported he has a bulletin insert for LHM information and to be used twice a year in January and in August or September. There will also be ambassador information at the state booth.

The calendar of events for June will be the LCMS convention at Salina. Joe will try to have a booth at the convention. Arlen said we will have a silent auction at our convention in November.

Pastor Wolf informed us of his heart situation that he may retire.

Next meeting will be in Salina on August 23rd.

Pastor Wolf closed with prayer.