

Kansas LLL Board of Governors Meeting

January 31, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church, Abilene, Kansas

Joe Chretien opened the meeting. He talked about communications received from LHM and LCMS and that they had been sent.

Present were Ray Keller, C J Cross, Fred Gruhn, Rev. Nathan Harkins, Jim Johnson, Arlen Schultz, John Johnson, Warren and Donna Briggeman, Joe Chretien, Rev. Gary Wolf, Mike Tonn, Tracy Brunner and Tim Voelker. Attending virtually were Seth Wagner Richard Schrum and Polly Gregali.

Pastor Wolf led a devotion and opening prayer. He spoke of Jesus welcoming the children and how actions of Christians affect the whole church body. We need to pray for the church body. We need to support other church members.

Minutes from the previous BOG meeting were approved as presented. The motion was made by Arlen. Second was made by Fred. Motion carried.

Jim Johnson gave the treasurer's report. He handed out a written report to everyone. We had \$37,733.29 in the bank. We have collected \$15,281.65 for the District Project. Jim reported that one of the recipients of financial aid was a colloquy student and we gave her money to cover the cost of her classes. Jim suggested the application be adjusted. He said he would contact Charlie Freidrichs. Fred moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Warren seconded. Motion carried.

Joe passed out District Project sheets. Arlen passed out sheets about the Rose Parade float.

Fred talked about the District Project. We need to work at it and emphasize it. We need to let the congregations know about it. We should talk to our congregations. Fred said he passes a basket at his men's Bible Study and that it is quite effective for raising funds for the District Project.

Joe announced that the President's Report was emailed to everyone.

Mike gave a report on the Kansas State Fair Booth. This is the 40th year of the for out booth. We received a \$200 deduction. The cost this year is \$2248. Mike said he will need to back off some concerning his duties for the booth. He would like to hand off his job to someone else. He would like to have more congregations send volunteers.

Tom gave a report on the State Fair Worship Service. The Worship service will be September 13th. He has contacted the State Fair and the contract will be \$1800. He needs a Pastor for the service.

Mark Hatesohl and Dennis Tegtmeier ran the Golf Tournament last year. They raised \$3915 for the District Project. They hope to have this year's tournament on a Sunday in September and it will be at Rolling Meadows near Milford.

Lunch was provided by Arlen.

Region Reports were given. Region I – Fred stated the Convention was a success and was thankful for all that attended and helped. Region II-C J announced that the Trinity, Salina Pancake Feed was February 1. Region III-Warren said St. Paul, Preston would have their 69th pancake supper. He thanked Region I and Fred for the Convention. Region IV- Ray said many fund raisers were going on in his region. Zone 15 Rally is Sunday March 22nd. He also thanked Fred for the Reformation Service. Pastor Wolf talked about going to the new church in De Soto.

Richard spoke about the website. He asked everyone to get information to him. We need a new owner for the domains. Fred said he would meet with Richard.

Joe thanked everyone who worked to make the Convention a success. Fred also thanked everyone. Fred suggested the since this year will be the 86th Convention we should set a goal to have at least 86 people at the Convention. He said we need something to draw people to the Convention.

Polly talked about Convention advertising and what some of the other Districts were doing at their Conventions. Some are having Conventions every other year and having Regional Conferences on off years with some time set aside for Districts.

Joe brought up having a Convention every two years when the LWML doesn't have their State Convention. Fred again stated that we need a special event, something for the people to do. Joe said we could maybe have a servant event. We will talk about this more in April.

The 2026 Kansas LLL District Convention will be at Redeemer, Hutchinson on November 6th and 7th. The State Fair Worship Service will be September 13th. The Board of Governors meetings will be at Faith, Abilene on April 25th and August 29th and at Redeemer, Hutchinson on November 7th.

Tom will talk to his Pastor about having a Reformation Service.

Fred spoke about the Policy Manual. He asked if we have the LHM Financial Officer signature on our account. This was discussed by the Board. Polly said some Districts do have the LHM Financial Officer's signature on accounts. No action was taken. Fred also suggested we have an audit done. Tom suggested we have someone on the Board and someone off the Board do an audit with Jim. This was tabled until April.

We talked about making money available to students so they could visit Synodical schools. Jim stated this was not a good idea because it was too vague and would be difficult to manage properly. Tim will talk to the Kansas LCMS about money given to students to visit schools.

The lunch offering provided \$70 to the District Project.

Pastor Harkins suggested we store Kansas District LLL files in the LCMS office in Topeka.

Jim moved that we adjourn. Ray seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned. Pastor Wolf had a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Voelker, Secretary