

**Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting
Prior to the 80th Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention
November 2, 2019
Perkins Family Restaurant, Great Bend, Kansas**

Arlen Schultz, LLL Kansas District president, called the meeting to order.

Rev. Dennis Kootz, pastoral adviser for the LLL Kansas District, led an opening prayer.

Carroll Hackbart, LLL Kansas District treasurer, presented a schedule for authoring the one-half page article, which is published in the Kansas District edition of the **Lutheran Witness** monthly magazine. In general, the **Lutheran Witness** magazine article presents information about activities within the LLL Kansas District.

President Arlen Schultz informed the attendees of the passing of former LLL Kansas District president, Merle Lietz, on September 12, 2019. Arlen Schultz described the funeral, which he attended at Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland, Kansas on September 19, 2019. Arlen Schultz shared the bulletin from the memorial service with the meeting attendees. Arlen Schultz also shared a poem obituary that Merle Lietz had composed about his life. Arlen Schultz noted that Merle Lietz had obtained a small measure of renown as a composer of poems, especially humorous poems. Arlen Schultz and some of the meeting attendees shared their reminiscences of Merle Lietz.

Elmer Kellner, president of LLL Kansas District Zone 15, moved that the LLL Kansas District contribute \$50 to Lutheran Hour Ministries in memory Merle Lietz. Gary Neuschafer seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Arlen Schultz reviewed the candidates who had accepted nominations for LLL Kansas District offices for the term of November, 2019 through November, 2021. Following is a summary of the election ballot as it was planned to be presented before the convention.

- Secretary – Richard Schrum
- Treasurer – Carroll Hackbart
- Executive board representative for Region 1 (northeast Kansas) -- (No nomination)
- Executive board representative for Region 2 (north central Kansas) – Ron Bott
- Executive board representative for Region 3 (southeast and south central Kansas) – Mark Westerman

Arlen Schultz announced that no one had yet agreed to be a candidate for the office of vice president of the LLL Kansas District for the term ending November 2020. He asked that the persons who were present at the meeting consider candidacy for the office of vice president. Arlen Schultz said that the office of vice president would be left vacant unless a nomination was made from the floor of the convention.

When reviewing the candidates for the executive board representativea for Regions 1, 2, and 3, President Schultz reminded the meeting attendees that the position of executive board representative for Region 5 (southwest Kansas) would be eliminated after the election because the Board of Governors had voted to revise the boundaries of the zones and regions in the LLL Kansas District to conform to the boundaries of the circuits and regions in the LCMS Kansas District. President Schultz reminded the meeting attendees that Region 4 would cover roughly the western one-third of the state of Kansas. President Schultz said that John White, the incumbent executive board representative for Region 4, would assume the responsibility of representing the western one-third of the LLL Kansas District following the election.

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President Schultz reminded the meeting attendees that the area of Kansas that was formerly named Region 3 would be renamed to Region 2. President Schultz also reminded the meeting said that the area of Kansas formerly named Region 2 would be included in the Region 3 in the new LLL Kansas District map.

President Schultz reminded the meeting attendees that the approximate western two-thirds of the land area of the former Region 5 had been consolidated into the new Region 4 and that the eastern one-third of the land area of the former Region 5 had been apportioned between Region 2 and Region 3. President Schultz reminded the meeting attendees that Zone 14 had been eliminated because the land area of Zone 14 had been apportioned between Zone 11 and Zone 13.

Arlen Schultz reviewed the proposed LLL Kansas District Project fundraising goals for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year.

Financial aid for Kansas District students attending an LCMS synodical school or seminary in preparation for full-time church work.....	\$39,500
Recognition Dinner for fourth year students at Concordia Seminary.....	\$1,000
Overseas Bible Correspondence Courses and Argentina Ministry.....	\$8,000
State Fair Worship Service and State Fair Booth.....	\$1,000
Tournament of Roses Parade Lutheran Hour Float.....	\$500
Total Goal.....	\$50,000

Arlen Schultz reminded the meeting attendees that the following provisions regarding overages and deficiencies in the receipt of contributions had been approved at the Board of Governors meeting on August 10, 2019.

- Any amount of contributions received over the goal will be designated for additional financial aid to Kansas District students who are preparing for full-time church work.
- Should the total amount of contributions received be less than \$42,000, then the amount designated for financial aid to students will be \$31,500 and, the amounts designated for all purposes will be prorated to accommodate the shortage of contributions.
- Should the total amount of contributions received be greater than \$42,000 but less than \$50,000, then the amount designated for financial aid to students will be reduced to accommodate the shortage of contributions.

Arlen Schultz reviewed of the convention agenda. He noted which officers would read each of the convention resolutions.

Arlen Schultz reviewed the schedule of events for the LLL Kansas District for the year of 2020. Following is a summary of the dates and locations of the events.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
02/01/2020 <i>Saturday</i>	10:00 AM until 3:00 PM	LLL Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church 702 South 9th Street Salina, Kansas
04/04/2020 <i>Saturday</i>	10:00 AM until 3:00 PM	LLL Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church 702 South 9th Street Salina, Kansas
08/08/2020 <i>Saturday</i>	10:00 AM until 3:00 PM	LLL Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church 702 South 9th Street Salina, Kansas
09/11/2020 <i>Friday</i> through 09/20/2020 <i>Sunday</i>	9:00 AM until 8:00 PM	2020 Kansas State Fair LLL/LHM Booth	Meadowlark Building Kansas State Fairgrounds Hutchinson, Kansas
09/13/2020 <i>Sunday</i>	10:00 AM until 11:00 AM	2020 Kansas State Fair LLL/LHM Worship Service	Bretz and Young Injuray Lawyers Arean, Kansas State Fairgrounds Hutchinson, Kansas
11/07/2020 <i>Saturday</i>	10:30 AM until 11:30 AM <i>(tentative)</i>	LLL Kansas District Board of Governors and Convention Committee Meeting	Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 14700 Leavenworth Road, Basehor, Kansas
11/07/2020 <i>Saturday</i>	1:00 PM until 5:15 PM <i>(tentative)</i>	81st LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention	Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 14700 Leavenworth Road, Basehor, Kansas
11/07/2020 <i>Saturday</i>	6:00 PM <i>(tentative)</i>	81st LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention Banquet	Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 14700 Leavenworth Road, Basehor, Kansas

Nathan Harkins, vice president of LLL Kansas Zone 3, announced that Risen Savior Lutheran Church (<http://www.risensaviorlems.org/home.html>) in Basehor, Kansas, had agreed to host the 2020 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention on Saturday, November 7, 2020. Nathan described that location of town of Basehor as a few miles west of the popular Legends shopping and entertainment district in western Kansas City, Kansas.

Nathan informed the meeting that the Zone 3 executive board, which had assumed the primary responsibility for organizing the convention, was enthusiastic about organizing an event at which residents of the Kansas City metropolitan area would be able to listen to presentations by the Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Nathan Harkins said that the Zone 3 executive board planned to invite the Lutheran congregations in western Missouri to attend Rev. Zeigler's presentations.

Arlen Schultz introduced the speakers that Lutheran Hour Ministries had provided for the convention.

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- Jeff Craig-Meyer, Vice President of Constituencies, Lutheran Hour Ministries
- Rev. Micah Glenn, Regional Ministry Facilitator, Lutheran Hour Ministries
- Bervin Mirtsching, Ministry Advancement Officer, Lutheran Hour Ministries

After these introductions, President Schultz asked all meeting attendees to introduce themselves.

John Johnson, LLL Kansas executive board representative for the former region 3 (which is renamed to region 2 under the redrawn map of regions and zones in the LLL Kansas District) shared some observations regarding evangelism and the growth of the Lutheran Church in Kansas that he gleaned from a meeting at the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Wamego, Kansas.

- Demographic trends are working against the Lutheran Church in Kansas.
- We Lutheran laypersons cannot figuratively sit on our hands and do nothing to halt the decline in membership in the Church.
- We Lutheran laypersons must find different ways to connect with unchurched.

John Johnson told the meeting attendees that the Lutheran Hour Ministries web site is a useful portal for access to the tremendous resources for outreach and evangelism that the Lutheran Hour Ministries provides. John Johnson gave a brief Microsoft Power Point presentation that he titled "LHM Knowledge Base". John Johnson's presentation discussed the outreach resources that were available from the Lutheran Hour Ministries web site (<https://www.lhm.org>).

One of the LHM programs that John Johnson reviewed was Project Connect. Project Connect offering of free advisory and inspirational booklets that are available as PDF-format electronic documents, audio files, and printed booklets elicited very favorable responses from the meeting attendees.

- John Johnson reported that the PDF-format booklet documents and audio files could be downloaded without charge from a LHM Project Connect web page (<https://www.lhm.org/projectconnect/booklets.asp>). John Johnson reported that printed booklets could be ordered from another LHM Project Connect web page for \$.50 per booklet (<https://www.lhmgift.org/storefront/products.asp?by=topic&id=7>).
- John Johnson reported that many of the booklets were available in Spanish.
- John Johnson said that he had given a booklet about dealing with depression to a person, and that he believed that the booklet had helped the person cope with depression.
- Bervin Mirtsching reported that Sapp Brothers Travel Centers has allowed the placement of racks of Project Connect booklets in 17 travel centers. (<https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/enewsstory.asp?ArticleID=30424>)
- Bervin Mirtsching also reported that a rack of Project Connect booklets had been placed in a pet store in Edmond, Oklahoma.

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- Mike Tonn, chairman of the LLL Kansas State Fair booth committee, reported that Project Connect booklets were distributed gratis from the LLL Kansas State Fair booth. Mike Tonn reported that the Kids Booklet titled "The Bully", which advised children about responding to bullies, was a popular at the fair booth.
- Carroll Hackbart, LLL Kansas District treasurer, reported that Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan, received a Thrivent Action Team grant to purchase the Project Connect Kids Booklets. Carroll Hackbart reported that the booklets were distributed through Saint Luke's Lutheran Church's pre-school.

Arlen Schultz declared the meeting adjourned. Rev. Dennis Kootz, LLL Kansas District pastoral adviser, closed the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary,
Richard Schrum