

Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting
August 28, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas

This meeting of the Board of Governors of the Kansas District of the Lutheran Laymen's League occurred as an in-person meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas. However, two persons participated in the meeting using the Zoom video communications software. Fred Gruhn, chairman of the Technology Committee for the LLL Kansas District, set up a web camera and a microphone to capture the images and voices of the persons who physically attended the meeting; Fred Gruhn also attached a large flat-panel television to the host personal computer; the television enabled the persons who physically attended the meeting to view the images of those persons who participated in the meeting virtually by means of the Zoom video communications software, to view the images of the persons who physically attended the meeting, and to view images of documents (i.e., agenda, meeting minutes).

Arlen Schultz, president of the LLL Kansas District, called the meeting to order a few minutes after 11:45 AM.

Opening Devotion

LLL Kansas District Pastoral Advisor Rev. Dennis Kootz presented the opening devotion. Following is a summary of Rev. Kootz' homily.

Former Secretary of Education Bill Bennett said that a person can judge a nation by the Gates Test: Are people trying to get in or to get out? The citizenship that we desire is found within the borders of the kingdom of heaven. When sin entered the world, human souls became captive to its grief, guilt, and its destructive ways. Sin, which is rebellion against God, brought death and God's rightly deserved punishment in hell. Sin causes us to suffer under the tyranny of an evil ruler, the prince of this world, the devil. However, by His death on the cross and victorious resurrection, Jesus Christ paid our debt of sin, reconciled us to the Holy Father, broke the grip of death, and secured our escape from this sinful world into the kingdom of heaven, where we will one day have a new life and a new glorified body. The only way into the kingdom of heaven is through a repentant heart that has faith in Jesus.

Rev Kootz ended his homily by reading Phillipians 3:20-21.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body.

Following his devotional message, Rev. Kootz prayed, thanking and praising the Heavenly Father for all of His gracious gifts, especially the sure hope of salvation through faith in the atonement attained through the redemptive life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Rev. Kootz prayed that the Holy Spirit would guide the LLL Kansas Board of Governors meeting to make decisions that would help churches to be built up in God's truth and peace.

Following the opening devotion presented by Rev. Dennis Kootz and the opening prayer led by Rev. Kootz, the 15 persons who physically attended the meeting introduced themselves. Polly Gregali, Community Facilitator of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, introduced herself by means of the Zoom video communications software. Elmer Kellner, ambassador at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atwood, Kansas, joined the meeting using the Zoom video communications software during the review of the minutes of the prior meeting.

Review of Minutes for LLL Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting of April 17, 2021

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Richard Schrum, LLL Kansas District secretary, distributed printed copies of the minutes of the LLL Kansas District Board of Governors meeting that occurred on April 17, 2021, to the meeting participants that were physically present at the meeting. Mr. Schrum reviewed the pages of the minutes, summarizing the actions and discussions that had been recorded. After these minutes were reviewed, Fred Gruhn, region 1 representative on the LLL Kansas District executive board, presented a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting that had occurred on April 17, 2021. Joseph Chretien, LLL Kansas District vice president, seconded the motion. The Board of Governors members voted to accept the minutes document.

Lunch Break

Arlen Schultz provided a delicious lunch to the persons that attended the meeting in person after a prayer was said by Rev. Dennis Kootz. The meeting attendees contributed amounts of their choice to compensate Arlen Schulz for the expense of the lunch. Arlen Schultz reported that contributions for the lunch exceeded expenses by \$120. Arlen Schultz reported that \$120 was contributed to the 2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project.

LLL Kansas District Treasurer's Report

Because Carroll Hackbart, LLL Kansas District treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting, President Schultz distributed a printed copy of the treasurer's report to the meeting attendees. The treasurer's report contained a summary of the income and expenditures for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Mr. Hackbart's report showed a total operating income of \$14,830.59. The report showed that total operating income included \$8,461.50 in rebates that were received the International Lutheran Laymen's League for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Carroll Hackbart's report showed total operating expenditures of \$9,138.98 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The report showed that LLL Kansas District had \$5,691.61 in operating funds at the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The treasurer's report noted that \$1,000 was budgeted for the training of congregational ambassadors during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The report said that previous Board of Governors meeting had discussed carrying the unexpended \$1,000 forward from the 2020-2021 fiscal year to combine it with the \$1,000 budgeted for ambassador training in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The report said that the previous Board of Governors meeting had discussed allocating the \$2,000 to reimburse congregational ambassadors for the travel (mileage and tolls) and hotel expense that they incur to attend the 2021 LLL Kansas District Convention. The report said funds could be drawn from the Delmar Maiké bequest fund to pay for congregational ambassador travel and hotel expenses that exceeded \$2,000.

President Schultz said that email messages would be sent to the congregational ambassadors of the Kansas District to notify them of the availability of funds to reimburse the travel and hotel expenses that they incur to attend the 2021 LLL Kansas District Convention.

During discussion of this action plan, President Schultz said that ambassadors could identify themselves to the hotel desk clerk when checking into the convention hotel. President Schultz said that the convention hotel would be informed that the LLL Kansas District would directly pay the room rent for congregational ambassadors. President Schultz said that expense forms would be provided to congregational ambassadors at the convention so that the ambassadors could fill out and submit these forms for the reimbursement of travel expenses.

2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project Report

The treasurer's report showed that only \$27,300 in contributions to the 2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project had been received. The treasurer's report showed that \$4,200 had been transferred from the Delmar Maiké

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bequest fund to the LLL Kansas District Project fund in order to enable \$31,500 to be disbursed as grants-in-aid to Kansas students who were preparing for full-time church careers at LCMS universities and seminaries.

Joe Chretien presented a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Fred Gruhn seconded the motion to accept the treasurer’s report. The Board of Governors members voted to accept the treasurer’s report.

President Schultz noted that line items in the 2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project other than student financial aid were not funded. In particular, he informed Polly Gregali that \$4,000 would not be sent of the LHM ministry in Argentina in 2021.

2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project Goals

President Arlen Schultz suggested that the fund-raising goals and guidelines for the 2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project be retained for the 2021-2022 LLL Kansas District Project. Mark Westerman, region 3 representative on the LLL Kansas District executive board, moved that the fund-raising goals and guidelines for the 2020-2021 LLL Kansas District Project be retained for the 2021-2022 LLL Kansas District Project. Fred Gruhn seconded the motion. The Board of Governors members voted to approve the motion.

The following table displays 2021-2022 LLL Kansas District Project fund-raising goal and the purposes for which the contributions are allocated.

| Purpose | Budget |
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| Financial aid for Kansas District students attending an LCMS synodical school or seminary in preparation for full-time church work | 39,500.00 |
| Recognition Dinner for fourth year students at Concordia Seminary | 1,000.00 |
| Overseas Bible Correspondence Courses and Argentina Ministry | 8,000.00 |
| State Fair Booth | 1,000.00 |
| Tournament of Roses Parade Lutheran Hour Float | 500.00 |
| Total Dollar Amount Goal | 50,000.00 |

Following are the guidelines for allocating dollar amounts received in excess of the fund-raising goal and the guidelines for allocating dollar amounts received if the total contributions received fall short of the fund-raising goal.

- 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.

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LLL Kansas Student Financial Aid Discussion

John Johnson, ambassador for Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Manhattan, asked why the LLL Kansas District's student financial aid application form requested information about the income of the student or student's parent during the two prior years. John Johnson said that neither the LCMS Kansas District nor the LWML Kansas District ask for this information on their student financial aid application forms. John Johnson suggested that the request for this income information be removed from the LLL Kansas District's student financial aid application form.

Tim Voelker said that the student financial aid committee did not take the financial income of the student applicant or the student applicant's parents into consideration when granting aid during his tenure as chairman of the committee prior to 2013.

Fred Gruhn reported that Nathan Harkins, former vice president of LLL Kansas Zone 3 and second-year student at the Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, received grants-in-aid for his seminary studies from the LLL Kansas District. Fred reported that Nathan had sent a letter of thanks for the financial aid to Carroll Hackbart, LLL Kansas District treasurer.

Fred Gruhn expressed that opinion that the financial aid granted to students preparing for non-pastoral church careers should be equal to financial aid granted to seminary students, who are preparing for the pastoral ministry because he believed that more financial aid sources were available to seminary students than were available to students enrolled in LCMS universities.

LLL Kansas State Fair Ministry Endowment Fund Report

Tom Stanton reported that the balance of state fair ministry endowment fund managed by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, was unchanged. During the April 17, 2021, meeting, Tom Stanton had reported that the balance was \$20,851.83. Mike Tonn reported that \$500 was scheduled to be distributed from the state fair ministry endowment fund to the LLL Kansas District. Tom Stanton suggested that the distribution not be made if no rent was due to the Kansas State Fair for the LLL/LHM booth in 2021. Tom Stanton said that he would report whether the distribution was made at a future Board of Governors meeting.

Arlen Schultz noted that Terry Simpson, member of the state fair booth committee and LHM ambassador at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, is the only person who is authorized to request a withdrawal from the state fair ministry endowment fund. He suggested that another person be designated as a back-up for Terry Simpson. Tom Stanton said that he would check on the process of obtaining a distribution from the fund and provide a report at a future Board of Governors meeting.

LLL/LHM Kansas State Fair Worship Service Report

Tom Stanton, coordinator of the LLL/LHM worship service at the Kansas State Fair, reported the following information regarding preparations for the worship service.

- Tom Stanton had received gate passes and tickets for the persons who will perform various roles in the worship service.
- Tom reported that he would be checking to ensure that all of the necessary equipment would be available and ready for use at the worship service.

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- Tom Stanton had purchased and received the Project Connect rack and booklets. He planned to place at the entrance to the arena and at the LLL/LHM booth.
- Ron Bott had applied for a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 to help pay for some of the expenses of the worship service. The grant was awarded.
- There were plenty of Holy Bibles available to be distributed free-of-charge to those attending the worship service or passing by the arena during the worship service.
- If additional Holy Bibles should need to be purchased for the 2022 LLL Kansas State Fair ministries, Tom Stanton reported that 100 New Testaments could be purchased for \$210 and that 100 full Holy Bibles could be purchased for \$420 from Concordia Publishing House.

LLL/LHM Kansas State Fair Booth Report

Mike Tonn, chairman of the LLL/LHM Kansas State Fair Booth committee, reported the following information regarding preparations for the fair booth.

- Mike Tonn reported that the following COVID-19 precautions will be in effect for the 2021 exhibit buildings.
 - The Kansas State Fair strongly recommends that all exhibitors wear masks.
 - Each exhibit building will have designated entrance and exit doors.
 - Traffic flow along the aisles will be designated by arrows placed on the floors and on signs.
 - The Kansas State Fair recommends social distancing among visitors.
- Mike Tonn reported that he had received tickets and gate passes, including some extra gate passes, for the persons assisting with the LLL/LHM booth. Tom reported that one numbered parking spot was assigned to the LLL/LHM booth near the Meadowlark Exhibition Hall and that three other parking passes had been received for the parking lot south of the Meadowlark Exhibition Hall.
- Mike Tonn reported that volunteers had signed up for about 75% of the time slots for the booth.
- Mike Tonn said that the rent of the arena for the worship service was about \$1,800 and that the rent for the booth was about \$1,400.
- Mike Tonn reported that the Kansas State Fair commences on Friday, September 10, 2021 and closes on Sunday, September 19, 2021.
- A few persons at the meeting volunteered to staff the booth for time slots on some days of the fair.
 - Mark Westerman volunteered to staff the booth for a time on Monday, September 13.
 - John Johnson volunteered to staff the booth for a time on Saturday, September 11.
 - Richard Riemer volunteered to staff the booth for a time on Sunday, September 19.
- Mike Tonn reported that he had placed a large order for children's books for the LLL/LHM booth.
- The Kansas State Fair will not require that the booth be staffed at all times between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM on each day of the fair.

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- John Johnson asked Polly Gregali if she had been able to find a particular video as a DVD or MPG file that could be shown on a large screen TV in the fair booth. Polly Gregali reported that she no longer possessed the particular DVD that had been requested. Polly said that the video to be shown in state fair booths was last created in 2019. Polly said that she would ask other districts if they still possessed the DVD or MPG file and that she would also check within LHM headquarters.
- Mike Tonn expressed his appreciation to the LWML in Kansas and to all of the churches that had collected material for gratis distribution from the LLL/LHM booth at the Kansas State Fair.
 - Mike Tonn reported that the LWML in Kansas had contributed a tremendous quantity of material for the LLL/LHM booth. Mike Tonn reported that he had met Bev Weise at an LWML meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas two weeks before this Board of Governors meeting, Mike reported that she had provided him with 15 boxes of material.
 - Mike Tonn reported that he had recently received material from Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina and from Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington. Tom Stanton noted that an additional two boxes material for the LLL/LHM booth were present at Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, and ready to be transported to Hutchinson, Kansas.
- Mike Tonn said that he was preparing an article for the Lutheran Witness magazine that would report information about the state fair ministries. Mike said that he would submit the article with pictures taken at the Kansas State Fair.

2021 LLL Kansas District Convention

Fred Gruhn, chairman of the 2021 LLL Kansas District Convention committee, reported the following information about the 2021 LLL Kansas District Convention.

- Dates: November 5 and 6, 2021
- Location: Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 14700 Leavenworth Road, Basehor, Kansas
- Convention Hotel: Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, 1805 North 110th St., Kansas City, Kansas
 - This hotel is located in the Legends shopping and entertainment district of Kansas City, Kansas.
 - A block of rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$99 per night.
- Convention Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour
- A Meet and Greet event with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is scheduled on Friday night, November 5, from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Country Inn and Suites.
 - Hors d'oeuvres will be served.
 - If 10 rooms are rented by LLL Kansas District convention attendees, then the \$50 rent for the conference room is waived.
- A LLL Kansas District Board of Governors Meeting is scheduled on Saturday, November 6, from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM at the Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Basehor.
- Convention registration opens a 9:00 AM.
- The Convention is scheduled from 10:20 AM until 4:00 PM.

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- Other presentations at the convention include the following:
 - Lutheran Hour Ministries Advancement Officer
 - Lutheran Emergency Response Team (LERT)
- A tour of the sanctuary of the Risen Savior Lutheran Church and a hymn sing is planned, possibly at 4:00 PM. The sanctuary of the Risen Savior Lutheran Church is very beautiful; it contains beautiful art.
- It is anticipated the Rev. Dr. Zeigler will leave the convention around 3:00 PM to drive to Washington, Kansas. Rev. Dr. Zeigler will preach at the LLL Kansas Zone 7 Convocation on Sunday, November 7.
- The attendance goal is 50 persons.
- A catered lunch is planned during the convention.
- Mark Trivilino, LLL Kansas Zone 3 treasurer, has arranged the catering with a company that he has previously used for event catering. The estimated cost for catering the lunch for 50 persons is just over \$1,000.
 - Fred Gruhn said that \$500 was needed to pay the caterer in advance of the event. Fred was advised to call Carroll Hackbart, LLL Kansas District treasurer, and request that Carroll send a check for \$500 to the caterer.
- The luncheon menu will include chicken, potatoes, salad, and bread.
- Mark Trivilino is also working on having T-shirts made for the first 30 or 40 convention registrations.
- Fred Gruhn proposed a convention registration fee of \$15. Because none of the meeting attendees voiced concerns or objections regarding the proposed fee, Fred concluded that \$15 was an appropriate convention registration fee.

A discussion of how the preregistration and registration at the convention would be accomplished followed.

- John Johnson recommended that preregistration forms for the convention be advertized and made available to all Kansas LCMS churches prior to the convention.
- Joseph Chretien said that convention attendees should send the preregistration forms and checks for the convention registration fee to Fred Gruhn or someone else on the convention committee.
- Joseph Chretien said that the 2018 convention committee sent information about the convention and preregistration forms to all Kansas LCMS churches. The committee received 22 preregistration forms. The committee planned for approximately 40% more attendees to register on the morning of the convention.
- Polly Gregali said that Lutheran Hour Ministries would create the following documents to aid the district in promoting its convention.
 - A flyer with information about the convention, including the convention speakers, the convention hotel, the district website URL, and a registration form. Polly said that the flyer would be provided as a PDF-format document.
 - A PowerPoint slide that contained information about the convention, including the convention speakers, the convention hotel, and the district website URL.

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- Bulletin inserts in electronic format to advertize the convention.
- Polly said that the convention committee would send the electronic files as email attachments to the congregations, ambassadors, or LLL members. Polly said that the electronic files could be posted on the LLL Kansas District website.
- Polly said that the electronic files could also be printed and distributed manually or by mail. Polly said that Lutheran Hour Ministries could provide mailing labels for the Kansas LCMS churches, the LLL Kansas District ambassadors, and LHM donors in the Kansas City area. Polly said that President Schultz would be required to sign a confidentiality agreement that limited the use of the mailing labels to LLL Kansas District letters.
- Fred Gruhn requested that a checkbox be added to the promotional flyer. Fred said that checkbox would be labeled to request that the registrant check the box if he or she is a congregational ambassador.
- Polly Gregali said that information about the LLL Kansas District convention, including the appropriate LLL Kansas District web page URL, will be posted in the events section of the LHM home web page.
- Polly Gregali said that some districts used Sign-up Genius to enable on-line registration in their conventions and payment of registration fees.

President Arlen Schultz said that the convention agenda will consist primarily of presentations in the morning. President Schultz said that a business meeting is planned for 1:30 PM. President Schultz said that Rev. Dr. Zeigler will give another presentation after the business meeting. President Schultz said that the Lutheran Hour Ministries Advancement Officer will make a presentation following Rev. Dr. Zeigler's afternoon presentation.

Fred Gruhn recommended that Carroll Hackbart be honored for his service as LLL Kansas District treasurer during two nonconsecutive four-year terms and for his many years of service as chairman of the LLL Kansas District Project during the 2021 LLL Kansas District convention.

Polly Gregali's Report

Arlen Schultz asked Polly Gregali whether the information about LLL Kansas District ambassadors that she sent to him at the end of July could be validly utilized for email distribution lists and mailings for the convention. Polly Gregali answered that the spreadsheet contained accurate information. Polly described that contents of the Microsoft Excel workbook that she sent to Arlen.

- A list of the current ambassadors in the Kansas District.
- A list of the churches in the LLL Kansas District that downloaded LHM Sunday materials.
- A list of the churches in the LLL Kansas District that ordered one of the Barna Group kits.
- A list of persons who participated for the Spring LLL Virtual Event.

John Johnson asked Polly to describe all of the items that ambassadors can purchase from LHM to which the 15% discount applied. Polly said that the registration process for affiliated groups was eliminated in 2020. Polly said that LHM subsequently granted all ambassadors the 20% discount that was formerly granted to affiliated groups. Polly said that ambassadors will receive a 20% discount on anything purchased from LHM, including DVDs, bible studies, Project Connect racks and pamphlets, the Barna kits. Polly said that an

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ambassador must contact Suzie Sallee (suzie.sallee@lhm.org) to enter eligibility for the 20% discount into the purchase system before the ambassador makes a purchase either using the LHM web site or by telephone.

Nominations for LLL Kansas District Offices

President Arlen Schultz opened the discussion of candidates for the LLL Kansas District officers to be elected at the 2021 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention for a two-year term (i.e., November, 2021 – November, 2023). After discussion with the meeting attendees, President Schultz announced the following slate of candidates for the listed LLL/LHM district executive board positions.

| Office | Candidate | Incumbent? |
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| Secretary | Tim Voelker | No |
| Treasurer | John Johnson | No |
| Executive board representative for Region 2 (Zones 7, 8, 9, 12) | No Candidate | No |
| Executive board representative for Region 3 (Zones 5, 10, 11) | Mark Westerman | Yes |

Ron Bott said that he would not seek reelection to the position as executive board representative for Region 2. President Arlen Schultz asked Ron Bott to recruit a candidate for this position.

Recruiting and Mentoring Officers for the LLL Kansas District

The difficulty in recruiting candidates for LLL Kansas District offices raised the topic of mentoring the next generation of LLL Kansas volunteers and leaders. John Johnson talked about his past experiences with being mentored in the church. He also told the meeting participants about the sample LHM Learn course titled “Intergenerational Learning” (<https://www.lhm.org/learn/course-IntgenMentoring/index.html>).

Arlen Schultz asked Polly Gregali to share her advise regarding recruiting and mentoring persons for LLL activities. Polly’s advise included the following.

- Polly encouraged LLL Kansas officers to ask persons to participate in LLL events, to perform tasks in support of the events, and build the personal relationships.
- Polly Gregali noted that there are LCMS church members in Kansas who have specialized vocational skills and interests (e.g., accountants, bookkeepers, web masters, graphic designers, salespersons, event planners). She encouraged LLL Kansas officers to ask church members with the specialized skills that are required to contribute to the completion of LLL Kansas projects or the presentation of LLL Kanss events.
- Polly Gregali expressed the opinion that younger persons are not going to participate unless LLL Kansas volunteers can convince them that their efforts will make a difference in a mission that is important.
- Polly said that LLL Kansas volunteers must build networks and relationships in the same way that they build networks and relationships in their neighborhoods, careers, and businesses.

Arlen Schultz expressed the opinion that congregational ambassadors should personally visit with as many of the members of their congregation as is practical. Arlen expressed the opinion that the reliance on mass marketing techniques (e.g., mass mailing and emailing of solicitations) did not contribute to the building of relationships and networks tied together by the Lutheran Laymen's League. Polly Gregali said that some

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congregational ambassadors continue to personally talk with as many of a congregation's members as is practical. Polly said that these visits are often made in connection with Lutheran Hour Sunday presentations. Polly encouraged LLL district officers and ambassadors to be creative about the best way to connect with members of their congregations.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Video Presentation

John Johnson opined that Lutheran Hour Ministries should provide a video that displays an overview of its programs and the resources that it provides to churches. John Johnson said that the showing of such a video would provide LLL Kansas officers and ambassadors with an effective and easy tool for communicating the value and importance of LHM programs and of the resources that it provides to churches for outreach, training, development, and encouragement.

Polly Gregali informed John and the meeting participants that the Lutheran Hour Ministries did provide the video that he requested on the District Presentations and Promotion Resources web page of the LHM district services web site (<https://www.lhm.org/districtservices/resources.asp>). Polly Gregali displayed this video to the meeting using the Zoom video-conferencing software.

Polly Gregali said that the LLL Kansas District could create a customized version of this video, adding information about the LLL Kansas District Project, other district projects and events. Polly said that a generic script and graphics for creating a customized version of this video are available on the same web page. She said that the Indiana district had created a custom video and that the Oregon and South Wisconsin districts had worked on the creation of a custom video.

Polly Gregali encouraged the LLL Kansas officers and ambassadors to meet with their pastors to show them the video. Polly suggested that the LLL representative ask the pastor for permission to show the video to the mission board, church council, bible study leaders, or other church group that the pastor might recommend.

Polly Gregali also reported that a link to the two-hour video of the July 2021 District Presidents meeting is available on the LHM district services web site. Polly reported that the July 2021 District Presidents meeting focused on congregational engagement.

Polly Gregali informed the meeting attendees that a user name and password was required in order to access the LHM district services web site (<https://www.lhm.org/districtservices>). She said that district and zone officers and ambassadors could request login credentials from her, should they not already have login credentials.

Activities in the LLL Kansas District

Fred Gruhn said that Zone 3 did not present a spring rally because of the complications that the COVID-19 pandemic presented for in-person activities. Fred Gruhn said that Zone 3 was not planning a fall rally in order to concentrate on organizing the LLL Kansas District Convention.

Ray Keller invited the meeting participants to attend a fund-raising meal at the Community Center in Hunter, Kansas. The benefit begins at 5:00 PM. Funds are being raised to defray the medical expenses that Pastor Snyder has incurred and will incur for the treatment of cancer.

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Polly Gregali reported that the LLL Kansas Zone 7 Convocation would occur on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at the Washington County High School in Washington, Kansas. Polly reported at a bible study class was scheduled for 9:00 AM and that the worship service was scheduled for 10:30 AM.

Gary Neuschafer, secretary/treasurer for LLL Kansas District Zone 12, reported that the LLL men's club at Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, held a well-attended ice cream social in July, 2021. Gary reported that the LLL men's club sold 65 gallons of ice cream in less than four hours.

Joseph Chretien reported that the Noble Men of Messiah group at the Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays, Kansas held a drive-up-and-pick-up pancake feed this year in order implement safety procedures that minimized the danger of COVID-19 infections for the customers. Joseph reported that members of the men's group delivered the pancakes in styrofoam containers to congregation members in their cars and trucks in the church parking lot. Joseph report that a profit of \$1800 was realized. A portion of the profit was given to the church's youth group, a portion of the profit was contributed to the Orphan Grain Train, and the remainder to the profit was contributed to the LLL Kansas District Project.

Joseph Chretien estimated that the average age of the members of the Noble Men of Messiah group is between 35 and 40 years. Joe reported that the group is not having meetings, and that the members of the group communicate among themselves by text and email. Joe reported that he has attempted to mentor leaders for the group. Joe said that he intends to recruit a younger man to assume the duties of the congregational ambassador so that he can devote his non-work time to the office of the president of the LLL Kansas District beginning in November, 2022.

John Johnson reported that the LLL group at Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Manhattan held a virtual pancake feed in February 2021. John reported that boxes of pancake breakfast ingredients were sold to members of the congregation. He said that he believed that more money was raised for the LLL Kansas District Project by the virtual pancake feed that was raised by the last pancake feed at which fried pancakes and sausages were fed to customers.

48th LLL Kansas District Golf Tournament

No report was available.

LLL Kansas Zone Rallies

The following LLL Kansas Zone rallies were reported to be scheduled.

- 2021 Fall Zone 15 Rally is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Saint John Lutheran Church, Oberlin, Kansas.
- 2021 Fall Zone 12 Rally is scheduled for Sunday, October 24, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas in the afternoon and evening. The Trinity Lutheran Church youth group will share its experiences during the two weeks that it spent in Alaska in July, 2021.

Closing

There being no more business to be addressed by the Board of Governors, Arlen Schultz declared the meeting adjourned.

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Rev. Dennis Kootz and Arlen Schultz led the singing of the hymn "God Bless Our Native Land". Rev. Kootz led the meeting participants in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary,
Richard Schrum

| | Attendee | Position |
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| 1 | Arlen Schultz | District President |
| 2 | Joseph Chretien | District Vice President |
| 3 | Richard Schrum | District Secretary |
| 4 | Janice Schrum | |
| 5 | Rev. Dennis Kootz | District Pastoral Advisor |
| 6 | Fred Gruhn | Region 1 Representative |
| 7 | Ron Bott | Region 2 Representative |
| 8 | Mark Westerman | Region 3 Representative |
| 9 | Ray Keller | Region 4 Representative |
| 10 | Mike Tonn | State Fair Booth Committee Chairman |
| 11 | Tom Stanton | State Fair Worship Service Coordinator |
| 12 | Tim Voelker | Past President |
| 13 | Gary Neuschafer | Zone 12 Secretary-Treasurer |
| 14 | John E. Johnson | Ambassador, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kansas |
| 15 | Richard Riemer | Ambassador, Zion Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, Kansas |
| 16 | Elmer Kellner * | Ambassador, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atwood, Kansas |
| 17 | Polly Gregali * | Community Facilitator, International LLL |

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