

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

**April 29, 2023**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas**

President Joseph Chretien called the meeting to order. Pastor Kootz led a devotion from LHM about being a bridge builder. God wants us to be united. He wants each of us to be bridge builders.

Present were Joseph Chretien, Pastor Dennis Kootz, John Johnson, Jim Johnson, Ray Keller, Arlen Schultz, Gary Neuschafer, Fred Gruhn, C J Cross, Tom Stanton, and Tim Voelker. Mike Tonn came after noon. Joining us via Zoom were Elmer Kellner, Warren Briggeman Richard Schrum and Tracy Brunner.

Fred made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Tom seconded it. Motion carried.

Jim Johnson gave the Treasurer Report. He handed out a written report. As of 4-28-23 there was \$36,494.07 in the District Project. \$20,000 of this is in a CD that matures on 8/9/2023. \$11,500 is in a 6 month CD and the rest is in cash. The District Project deadline is May 31, 2023. He said we should keep sending District Project money to John. Next year we will send it to Jim. We have \$13,053.40 in operating funds. Of \$15, 891.94 from LCMS Foundation withdrawals, \$12,500 will be put into a 1 year CD and the balance into operating funds. Fred moved that the money at Our Redeemer be transferred to the Kansas District LLL. John seconded. Motion carried. The \$5,051.03 from the Maiké bequest and the \$20,355.83 from the Our Redeemer State Fair Fund will be put into the LCMS Foundation with the principal purpose of using earnings for the State Fair. Tim suggested we each ask our congregation members to support the District Project. Fred said they passed a plate at Bible study to support the District Project. Arlen said he advertised the fund raiser and what the District Project was for. Tom moved we accept the Treasurer's Report. Fred seconded. Motion Carried.

Fred gave the Technology Report. He purchased a wireless microphone to use in meeting so that those on Zoom can hear more clearly. He will give a cyber

security presentation at the August Meeting. He will also get with Richard about taking over the website.

Joe gave the Presidents Report. Reimbursements were taken care of. We will wait on the \$1000 for the Seminary Banquet to see how the District Project turns out. He handed out a report from Polli Gregali.

John asked about a memorial for Bill Strauss and Jim said one had been sent.

We broke for lunch.

The Kansas State Fair Report was given by Mike Tonn. We have doubled our booth space. We also received twice as many tickets. A Budget need is more adult Bibles. Extra Bibles last year were given to the VA and St. Joe Hospital. Mike said there was an article in the Lutheran Witness. He said we may again have Karen, the service dog at the booth. We will have a sign up sheet at the August meeting to sign up to help at the booth.

State Fair Worship Service Report was given by Tom Stanton. District President Panzer will be the speaker this fall. Music will be by Our Redeemer, Hutchison and St. Paul, Haven. Tom would like to open up the opportunity to supply speakers and/or music to all congregations in the state. If there are any suggestions or interest they need to contact Tom Stanton.

For the Golf Report, Richard Schrum said he had talked to Mark Neiman. The Kansas LLL Golf Tournament will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at Village Greens Golf Course, Ozawki, Kansas. Registration is \$65. Information is on the website.

For the Region Reports, Fred spoke for Region 1 and announced Nathan Harkens will be a Vicar at Beautiful Savior in Olathe. Region 2 had no report. Region 3, Warren Briggeman said there had been several Pancake Feeds. Region 4, Ray Keller said there had been Pancake Feeds and that there was a Barbeque at Trinity, Hunter.

The 2023 Convention will be hosted by Region 3 at Risen Savior in Wichita, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The Hotel will be the Comfort Inn. Fred will ask Nathan Harkens to be the speaker.

Richard said he needs articles and information when something happens.

Jim handed out a printed budget.

Tom asked, Are we satisfied with our direction? What can we do to energize younger people? Do we need Ambassador Training? A meeting or Zoom meeting? He suggested we be intentional about contacting Ambassadors.

Fred said we need a person to be the one to go and help the Ambassadors. Go visit the congregations.

Tom moved to table it to the next meeting. There was no second.

Arlen moved we accept the budget. Fred seconded. Motion passed.

Arlen said people need to be informed about what is going on. He will get something out this fall.

Arlen gave \$100 to the District Project from lunch.

Ray Keller said we need to see a list of Ambassadors so we can invite them to come to our meeting.

Next meeting is August 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Trinity, Salina.

Mike moved we adjourn. John seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Voelker, Secretary