

Kansas District LLL Board of Governors Meeting
Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas
August 26 2023

President Joseph Chretien called the meeting to order.

Pastor Kootz led the opening devotion. Here I am. The word “hineri” means I am willing to serve you. God gives us things to do. We should say, Lord I am here and I am listening. Examples in the Bible were Abraham, when he was asked to sacrifice his son, Moses and the burning bush and most importantly Jesus when he accepted the task God gave Him.

Present were Pastor Kootz, John Johnson, Seth Wagner, Ray Keller, Tracy Brunner, Mike Tonn, Arlen Schultz, Gary Nueschafer, Warren and Donna Briggeman, Joseph Chretien, Tom Stanton and Tim Voelker. Via Zoom, Polly Gregali, Richard Schrum and Jim Johnson. Jim joined us in person later.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Motion-Tom Stanton, second- Tracy Brunner.

The Kansas State Fair Booth was given by Mike Tonn. He reported the Booth was in the Bronze category which is a rating of money going to fair activities. Most of the time slots for the booth have been filled. This year the booth will be in the northwest part of the building. The service dog, Keran, will be at the booth five different times during the fair. Many items have been donated to hand out. There will be a display showing next year’s Rose Parade LLL/LHM Float.

The State Fair Worship Service report was given by Tom Stanton. The service will be on September 10th at 10:00. Kansas District President, Pastor Justin Panzer, will be the speaker. The Choir will be from Our Redeemer, Hutchinson. A Project Connect stand will be there for people to take books as they come into the service.

The Golf Tournament brought in \$1200 for the District Project.

For Region updates, Ray reported that Messiah, Hays was having an Estate Planning Workshop on October 14 at 9:30, with a Zone LLL meeting. Bethlehem, Sylvan was having a worship service at Wilson Lake on August 27th. He also reported that LHM had a full page in the Harvest News Magazine. It was a devotion written by Dr. Kari Vo.

Tracy asked about the possibility of a 2nd Sunday Worship Service at the State Fair. Tom said he would look into it and report in November. Last year the Worship Service attendance was 133. It cost \$1800 to rent the arena. Pastor Kootz asked about an afternoon service. Poly talked about the speaker request form online. Tracy made a motion to invite Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler to speak at the 2024 State Fair Worship service. Ray seconded. Motion carried. Tom will invite him. Arlen mentioned we might have a Meet and Greet at Our Redeemer.

Richard gave a website update. He has not yet transferred it to Fred Gruhn. They need to set up something else for Fred. They may switch to Go Daddy. There is still work to be done. They will update the website. He asked for people to send him upcoming events.

Joe talked about the Convention Booklet design and asked for suggestions for improvements.

We broke for lunch at 12:10. Arlen catered the lunch.

Joe talked about the information on display. He talked about the emails he had received and handed out packets of these emails. He also mentioned there would be an LHM display at the Kansas Church Workers Convention at Holy Cross, Wichita, October 8-10, 2023.

John moved that we ask Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler to be at the 2025 Kansas LLL Convention in the Kansas City area. Warren seconded. Motion carried. The 2023 Kansas LLL District Convention will be at Risen Savior in Wichita. 2024 will be in Hays and 2025 will be in the Kansas City area.

Jim Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report. He handed out and explained a packet with the financial information. Last year's District Project total was \$44,169.52. This year's District Project has raised \$8,076.20 so far. Tom made a motion allow Jim to move the money from Our Redeemer Lutheran account to the LCMS Foundation Fund. Ray seconded. Motion passed. Tom asked Arlen to get an update on the Riekenberg Estate.

Joe talked about the District Project Goal for next year. Tom made a motion to keep the District Project Goal at \$50,000. Arlen seconded. Motion passed. John said if we could raise \$1 for each church member we would raise \$67,000.

We discussed getting a replacement for Pastor Kootz. Pastor Leroy Pralle was mentioned. Joe said he would talk to Pastor Wolf.

Arlen made a motion to pay \$50 per meeting to the church where the BOG meets. This would be \$150 a year. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Arlen reported on the LLL Reporter. He asked about having a report in the Reporter like the Kansas insert in the Lutheran Witness. Polly said it probably would not work but she will ask. He talked about bulk mailing using a church in the area. Polly said we should ask the District Office. He was encouraged to use email. Jim mentioned Constant Contact. It was tabled to the next meeting.

Tom reported William Wiese shared with him that the Zone 12 Rally would be October 22nd in Haven.

The next meeting will be at the Convention November 3rd and 4th at Risen Savior in Wichita. The Hotel would be the Comfort Inn, 36th & Rock. Rooms will be \$119. Registration and Convention information will be emailed.

Arlen talked about his ASK Me badge and said we might be able to use something like that.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Voelker, Secretary