

Minutes
of
Lone Star District LLL Convention
September 24, 2022

A virtual meeting was called to order on a zoom call by President Barry Samsel at 9:00am.

Present at the meeting – Barry Samsel, Polly Gregali, Paul Balfay, Harvey Fleischhauer, Jeri Barthel, John Burg, Jim Binneboese, Pastor Richard Mittwede and TC Lipe.

Opening prayer and devotion led by Pr. Mittwede who is the campus Pastor at the University Lutheran Church in Austin. Pastor Mittwede led the group with a brief discussion and appreciation of LLL. The group also prayed the Lord's Prayer together to begin the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2022, online meeting. Barry Samsel stated what the group needed to discuss in this meeting. Mention was made of the next LLL TX District meeting March 18, 2023 which will be held in Dallas area at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Carrollton. This will be an in-person meeting. We may also offer a zoom link for those who cannot attend. The church will need to work with us on this.

Treasurer's Report – Jeri Barthel reports \$7,053.00 is the current balance. Very few expenses due to our virtual meetings only by the LLL Tx District staff. Treasurer's report was approved. All the quarterly financial reports are all available from Jeri.

Discussion of placing all the Texas stations on the LLL TX District website for everyone to see. In some instances, local congregations support these broadcasts in their respective budgets.

We welcome Mrs. Sara Trickey to the team as the new Sr. Ministry Advancement Counselor who takes the place of Ben Marriott who has left LHM.

Reports by all the area V.P's. Harvey Fleischhauer reports that it is very difficult to reach all the churches in his area due to their remote locations. Paul Balfay talked about the upcoming meeting next March in Carrollton with Pr. Michael Ziegler attending. Jim Binneboese suggested that contact be made with the church to coordinate all necessary details in advance. Paul said that the first contact has been made with Pr. Micah Miller via an email message from Barry. Paul said that a zoom call could be arranged with Shelly Hall who would be the coordinator for the church. A report by TC Lipe focused on work being done in Uvalde by various public safety workers. He mentioned how cooperative the local Trinity Lutheran Church has been. Jim Binneboese asked all members to provide any local information from churches in the regions in Texas for his monthly articles for the TX Messenger in the Lutheran Witness.

Barry is working with Carey Best, a member from Redeemer Lutheran in Austin, to get help with the LLL website modernization efforts – www.lonestarlll.org. Barry has met with Carey to give him some suggestions and site login directions for changes.

Continued financial support of the Lutheran Hour Radio broadcasts was mentioned by Barry Samsel. Polly Gregali added that some of the stations are supported by local churches and some are supported by donations from individuals. She can tell us funding status for each radio station in Texas if we give her the city and station information. Currently, there are 74 options to hear the Lutheran Hour in Texas either on AM stations or FM radio stations.

Elections –

- TC Lipe will assume his new role as President of TX District LLL/LHM
- Barry Samsel will move to take TC's place as V.P. of Area C.
- Paul Balfay, John Burg will continue their roles as area V.P.'s for B & D.
- Harvey Fleischhauer will continue his role as V.P. for Area A but will be looking for a replacement.
- Jeri Barthel will continue to serve as the District Treasurer
- Jim Binneboese continues as Secretary, but a new person will be selected to take over soon.

Actions –

- Submit expenses to Jeri Barthel for the following – \$65.00 fee for Pastoral conference in San Antonio in March. This was paid earlier by TC Lipe. \$500.00 TX Dist. LLL/LHM. memorial to Uvalde. \$500.00 to Evangelical Life Ministries (Pr. David Schultz) for help with Lutheran Hour Radio broadcasts in Central Texas.
- Participate in the TX District Pastoral Conference October 24, 25 in San Antonio. Two people are needed for booth support. Registrations have been paid.
- Discussion of incentives for attendance at the Spring Meeting in March. These might include early registration credits, credits for ambassador attendance and others. A hotel for the attendees needs to be set up soon.
- Set up a coordination zoom call or personal visit with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Carrollton, TX in time for the March 2023 meetings. Contact is Shelly Hall.
- Focus on LHM Hispanic ministries with photos and printed materials for the TX District Pastoral Conference in San Antonio in October.
- Complete the LLL TX District website planning/updates and budget the necessary expenses.
- Work with Polly Gregali on focused Lutheran Hour Ministries AM/FM radio support.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Binneboese
LLL/LHM TX District Secretary