Minutes

of

Lone Star District LLL Convention

March 13, 2021

The Lone Star District LLL convention was held virtually via Zoom on Saturday, March 13, 2021 due to the CORONA virus keeping us from having a face-to-face meeting. There were sixteen (16) in attendance or online. All members of the TX District LLL/LHM staff were present for the meeting. Thanks go to Michael Anderson and Dave DeVore for their assistance with the logistics of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by President Barry Samsel. He introduced Pastor Kevin Westergren from Redeemer, Austin who did a bible study including reading of scripture and a prayer. The theme was living through the pandemic and how it affected all of us forcing remote meetings vs. in-person venues. 1 Cor. 11:23-26 was used as was excerpts from Isaiah 55. Comments were made on how we need to share food and how we have adapted to taking Holy Communion in churches.

President Samsel asked each Dist. VP to give a report or comment on work being done with local churches. A good report from Paul Balfay, but the other 3 VP’s did not meet with churches due to the threat from the COVID virus. Hopefully, that will change between this meeting and the one scheduled for the fall.

Report by Polly Gregali. About 260 have registered for the LHM virtual meeting live from St. Louis later in the morning. Polly will send ambassador lists again to the districts. She will also send names of congregations who have used the LHM materials so a follow up can be done by our group. Congregations now focusing on Households of Faith as a primary focus of LHM. Formalizing a training plan for the districts and help them is a next step.

Jeri Barthel gave the latest financial report. Balance is currently $2,700 in the account. Reported expenses have been minimal – again due to the lack of travel and the stay at home for our members. Most of the expenses have been for advertisements. Reminder that in the fall 2020 meeting, a resolution was made to send $500.00 to Pr. David Schultz for his support of the Lutheran Hour in the Central Texas area on several radio stations.

President Samsel commented on support of the website. Suggestions were to train another person and get a contract for support from the same organization that does support for LWML. That was also a recommendation from past meetings when the topic was discussed.

President Samsel discussed the possibility of having the next fall meeting for the LLL/LHM Tx District at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange. More on this in coming months.

Actions taken at the meeting –

1. $500.00 to Pastor David Schultz to help defray costs for the Lutheran Hour radio expenses in Texas – Jeri Barthel
2. LLL expense forms to be sent to all TX District LLL staff. – Jeri Barthel.
3. Circuit visitors list to be sent to all staff. This has been done by Paul Balfay.
4. Ambassador lists and LHM materials used by congregations to staff – Polly Gregali.
5. Website maintenance and support. Barry Samsel to check with LWML support person for a contract.
6. There needs to be a place on the LLL Lone Star District website for those wanting to make a donation. – action is Jeri Barthel working with Barry on the website.

Barry closed the meeting with everyone praying the Lord’s Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Jim Binneboese

Secretary, TX Dist. LLL/LHM