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**Agenda for Board of Directors**

**July 25, 2025**

**Best Western Plus Conference Room**

**200 N. Champlin St, McPherson, Ks**

*(Supper is on your own before arrival; you can eat as the meeting begins if necessary.)*

**Crisis Team - Cathi Temple, Joyce Hagemann, Pastor Werner**

**Call to Order**: President Elaine Engelman

* Opening Prayer – Sarah Kloepfer

**Roll Call**: Recording Secretary Kathryn Richard

Executive Committee:

❑ Elaine Engelman—President ❑ Linda Stanton—VP of Caring Service

❑ Cathi Temple—VP of Christian Life ❑ Allison Lehmann—VP of Communication

❑ Sarah Kleopfer—VP of Special Focus Ministries ❑ Julie Hatesohl —VP of Gospel Outreach

❑ Carolyn Fishburn—Financial Secretary ❑ Relda Galli—Treasurer ❑ Kathryn Richard—Recording Secretary ❑ Joyce Hagemann—Meeting Manager

❑ Christly McCombs —VP of Organizational Resources/Parliamentarian

❑ Rev. John Werner—Counselor (voice, no vote) (A) Rev. Kenton Abbott—Counselor (voice, no vote)

Chairmen, Standing Committees (appointed – each has vote)

❑ Beth Ringwald— Caring Service ❑ Sharon Daugherty — Christian Life

(A) Sara Deepe — Communication ❑ Kathy Heiniger — Gospel Outreach

❑ Carol Olson – Organizational Resources ❑ Rachel DeBusk — Special Focus Ministries

(A) Heather VanSlyke—Endowment

Zone Presidents: (each has vote)

❑ Donna Asher - Herington Zone ❑ Elise Lorenz-Cleary -- Hutchinson Zone

❑ Sherri Rose -- Kansas City CrossRoads ❑ Shelly Keller -- Lincoln Zone

❑ Pat Kruse -- Linn Zone -- Manhattan Zone—no representative

❑ Tami Rutten -- Northeast Zone ❑ Betty Kruse -- Northwest Zone

❑ Lynn Lytle - Southeast Zone representative (A) Marcia Ricke-- Southwest Zone

❑ Shari Albrecht-- Topeka Zone ❑ Shannon Bergner -- Wichita Zone

Appointed Personnel: (appointed – each has voice but no vote)

❑ Amanda Engelman—Co-Archivist/Historian ❑ Marie Roth—Co-Archivist/Historian

❑ Lisa Brack—Nominating Comm representative ❑ Short term Missions Coordinator--OPEN (A) Mary Schmidt—Prayer Mail Coordinator (A) Donna Burton-Smith—2025 Travel Chairman

(open)— Short Term Mission Coordinator  (A) Gayle Grimm —2026 Convention Chairman (A) Darla Abbott —2026 Convention Co-Chair ❑ Mary Bowen —2026 Convention Co-Chair

1. Marcia Ricke—2026 Convention Co-Chair

**BOD REPORTS: Print a copy of your own report to bring. You may share highlights from your report, highlight a goal that you have for your position during this biennium, or tell the group as a whole “A copy of my report is on page \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and will be available on the LWML Kansas District website under the ‘Events and 2025 KAOL’ tabs following KAOL.” *Thank You!***

Recording Secretary: Kathryn Richard

* Approve Minutes –
  + July 12, 2024 (KAOL)

Financial Secretary: Carolyn Fishburn

Treasurer: Relda Galli

VP of Caring Service: Linda Stanton

Committee Chairman: Beth Ringwald

\*one committee member position open

VP of Christian Life: Cathi Temple

Committee Chairman: Sharon Daugherty

\*one committee member position open

VP of Communication: Allison Lehmann

Committee Chairman: Sara Deepe (absent)

\*one committee member position open

VP of Gospel Outreach: Julie Hatesohl

Committee Chairman: Kathy Heiniger

* Day of Prayer offering recipient
* Student Financial Aid
* Grant applications - due Sept 1, 2025

\*one committee member position open

VP of Organizational Resources/Parliamentarian: Christy McCombs

Committee Chairman: Carol Olson

\*one committee member position open

VP of Special Focus Ministries: Sarah Kleopfer

Special Focus Ministries Committee Chairman: Rachel DeBusk

Meeting Manager: Joyce Hagemann

Pastoral Counselor: Rev. John Werner

Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Kenton Abbott (A)

Archivist/Historians: Amanda Engelman, Marie Roth

Prayer Mail Coordinator: Mary Schmidt

* pmail@kansaslwml.org

Travel Chairman: Donna Burton-Smith (A)

Short-term Mission Trip Coordinator: OPEN

2026 Convention Committee: Chairman Gayle Grimm’s report is on page 30 of the BOD reports.

Endowment Committee: Heather VanSlyke, chairman

Heather’s report is on page 33

Nominating Committee: LaJean Rinker (Topeka Zone), Chairman

* Committee members are – Dayle Reynolds (KC Crossroads Zone), Lisa Brack (Lincoln Zone), Betsy Friedrichs (Linn Zone), Sara Deepe (Wichita Zone), Kim Burdett, past Kansas District President (ex-officio), and Pastor John Werner (District Senior Counselor)
* 2026 Positions open for Election - VP Christian Life, VP Gospel Outreach, VP Organizational Resources, VP Special Focus Ministries, Treasurer

President: Elaine Engelman

* You probably noticed as we went through reports we still have openings on committees; at this point in time women who would like to serve on those committees would only be serving unexpired terms through convention, but could continue to serve in the 2026-2028 biennium if they choose. Please prayerfully consider helping our District committees fulfill their responsibilities at the District Convention in April.
* 2025 Fall Zone Events Schedule – there will be a sheet available tomorrow at KAOL to fill in any known details.
* 2026 Kansas District Convention in Manhattan at the Hilton Garden Inn, April 16-19, 2026
  + YWR applications for the Kansas District Convention will be available this fall. Start thinking about the young women in your church that might be interested in attending.
* 2027 LWML Convention – We hope to have a bus to Oklahoma City and we will **need a travel chairman!!**
* 2028 Kansas District Convention site choice is the Hotel Topeka in Topeka, Kansas. Host zones are Topeka, Herington, and Lincoln.

**Zone Presidents Reports**

Herington Donna Ascher

Hutchinson Elise Lorenz-Cleary

Kansas City CrossRoads Sherri Rose

Lincoln Shelly Keller

Linn Pat Kruse

Manhattan Julie Hatesohl

Northeast Tami Rutten

Northwest Betty Kruse

Southeast Sharon Daugherty

Southwest Marcia Ricke

Topeka Shari Albrecht

Wichita Shannon Bergner

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Vote for 2026 Kansas District Convention banner
* Vote for Day of Prayer recipient (April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027)
* Accept Gospel Outreach Committee’s list of SFA recipients
* approve the increase in the financial aid given for the 2025-2026 school year
* Approve Bylaw amendments regarding Sonshine editor
* Any other New Business?

**ADJOURNMENT**

* Closing Prayer: Pastor Werner

**PATH TO PRAYER**—explanation by the VP of Christian Life Cathi Temple and her District Committee Chairman Sharon Daugherty

Have a restful night, a delicious breakfast, and we will see you at the McPherson Community Building, 122 East Marlin Street any time after 8:30 a.m.

**LWML KANSAS DISTRICT PRIMARY FOCUS AREAS -- 2024-2026 Biennium**

***Proclaiming Christ–***

*Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!* (Psalm 96:3).

***Supporting Missions–***

*And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”* (Mark 16:15).

***Equipping Women –***

*Now may the God of peace … equip you with everything good that you may do his will* (Hebrews 13:20-21).

***Serving Others***-

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another* (1 Peter 4:10a).

**LWML KANSAS DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

Led by the Holy Spirit, the LWML Kansas District will equip women to proclaim Christ, support missions, and serve the Lord with gladness.

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As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.