

IOWA DISTRICT EAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

PRESENT: Ordained: Mark Brase*, Daird Korth, Dan Krueger*, Joshua Reimche, Dean Rothchild, Matthew Rueger*, Brian Saunders*, Michael Scudder*, Wayne Woolery; Lay: Dennis Duwe*, Carl Egger*, Andrea Koenig*, Corey Nuehring*, Lowell Schroeder, Carole White, Paul Zoske*

(*Designates a voting member of the Board).

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Egger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Devotion:** Rev. Krueger lead the Board in Responsive Prayer 2. Pres. Saunders concluded his Bible Study on the Doctrine of the Ministry in Acts 2.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved with the following changes: Added to New Business–King of Kings loan Approval; Removed from New Business–UIHC Chaplaincy Report.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Moved and seconded to rescind Rev. Rickman’s appointment to the Camp Board due to appointing too many members. Motion Carried. Minutes approved as amended.
- 5. Correspondence:** The Secretary presented correspondence from Rev. Daniel Pool accepting appointment to the Camp Board.
- 6. Treasurer’s Report:** District support for January was lower than budgeted by \$33k. District support has been consistently low in January for the last several years. The Treasurer referenced the schedule on A5.

The IDE Audit Closing Conference was on February 26, 2010. Chris Wood with Synod discussed 2009 year-end audit adjustments. There are three known audit adjustments to date (all favorable – 1 for IDE and 2 for Camp). Once the audit is finalized, the adjustments will be posted. The IDE adjustment concerns an expenditure which will be changed to a depreciable capital purchase creating an estimated \$9000 positive change in the year-end balance. Final audited financial statements should be available by the next BOD meeting.

Moved and seconded to forward to Synod IDE’s increase income from audit changes (estimated at \$9000) from 2009 when the audit is finalized. Motion carried.

As of January 31, 2010, IDE has advanced Camp IoDisECa \$12,650 of their \$30,000 subsidy to meet cash flow needs. The Treasurer referenced page A11. (The complete Treasurer’s Report, Exhibit A, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

7. Pres. Saunder’s Report: The President reviewed the Vacancy Update and Non-Calling Vacancy list. St. Peter, Elma is calling a candidate to a worker priest situation. Candidate Paul Nus has accepted the call to Deep River/Millersburg. Trinity, Chariton is calling the Delayed Vicar Dean Christ. Our Savior, Keosauqua; Peace, Shell Rock; Hope, Sigourney; and Good Shepherd, Wellman are making progress in moving from being Non-Calling Vacancies to having a called Pastor.

The President has formed an Ad Hoc committee consisting of the Presidium & two Reconcilers to assure compliance to the Constitution in relationship of “Calls” verses “Contracts” in replacing “Non-calling Vacancies.”

Jon Baumgartel, Paulina, Iowa, has accepted the call to be Principal at Trinity, Cedar Rapids. Ben Venteicher, Bethany, Cedar Rapids accepted a call to Zion, Hiawatha. (The President’s Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

The President reported that he was meeting with the Worship Committee. The committee is discussing what they can do to assist congregations in their worship life. Their goal is to produce writings or study guides for use in winkels and/or congregations.

8. ATTP Dr. Rothchild's Report: Presentations to local churches on planting a church in North Liberty are completed. A listing of nearly 80 existing LCMS families with North Liberty addresses has been compiled. St. Paul Chapel may be the mother church.

The Financial Summit had 90-100 participants from 20-25 IDE congregations. Positive feedback was received. The Summit was an opportunity to fulfill the District's purpose of aiding congregations on a variety of financial stewardship topics.

Questions were answered concerning "Mission Central" and its relationship with Iowa East. Gary Theis' presentations are for reporting LCMS's Mission activities and raise funds through adoption agreements. The Lithuania Project is now included in these agreements.

The Board of Congregational Services has recruited three volunteers to help congregations with web-site development. They plan to work through the District by Circuits. (ATTP Rothchild's Report, Exhibit C, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

9. ATTP Woolery's Report: Exhibit D

The Genesis Study for a Lutheran High School has been completed. The Study's results will be reported next week. The next step will be a Marketing Study.

State funding for the Student Tuition Organization (STO) is being cut. This is supposedly due to lack of transparency and is associated the State's problems with tax credit program accountability. The STO program helps low to middle income families to have a choice in their children's education.

ATTP Woolery also pointed out legislative efforts including 3rd party accreditation bill which would allow Lutheran School Accreditation to replace State Accreditation. Support through contact of State legislators is needed.

Lutheran School Statistics from the LCMS were distributed to BOD members (Exhibit G). Large schools appear to be promoted. Fewer schools seems to be the trend. This may be caused to current economic affects. (ATTP Woolery's Report, Exhibit D and Exhibit G are attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

10. ATTP Korth: The Early Childhood Conference is Saturday, 3/20 at Immanuel, Fairfield. The main presenter is from Concordia University, St, Paul, Minnesota. 39 people are registered.

Peggy Seeber attended a conference of Early Childhood Consultants in Phoenix. Children's Ministry may be cut or absorbed in Synodical restructuring.

ATTP Korth also reviewed some Preschool visits and fire code changes. (ATTP Korth's Report, Exhibit E is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

11. Chairman's Minute: Chairman Egger commended the board for its involvement and participation in discussion and District business. Budget and stewardship concerns are of great importance as we strive to maximize the use of gifts.

12. Unfinished Business:

A. On-going Camp IoDisECa issues: The Camp Board is seeking refinancing. LCEF VP Carole White reported on the Camp Board's refinancing efforts. A mortgage to refinance and make capital improvements and a line of credit have been applied for through LCEF.

Moved and seconded to grant approval for the Camp IoDisECa LCEF loan request for a term loan and line of credit. Motion carried.

13. Lunch Break: The Board recessed for a dine-in meal. Dr. Rueger offered a meal prayer in Rev. Krueger's stead. The meeting resumed at 12:43 p.m.

14. Unfinished Business: (cont.)

A. Old Minutes Review by BOD members for Policy/Provisions: The BOD reviewed items from 2001, 2003-4, 2006-9 BOD Minutes which are standing policies or procedures. Exhibits H & I (attached to the protocol Minutes) were compiled from BOD member's review. Items selected will be classified and organized at a later date. Minutes from 2002, 2005, 1999-1990 will be reviewed by BOD members for the next meeting.

15. New Business:

A. Moved and seconded to reconsider earlier motion: *to forward to Synod IDE's increase in income from audit changes (estimated at \$9000) from 2009 when the audit is finalized.* Motion carried.

Other options for the surplus were explored. No alternate motion was offered. By consensus the previous motion stands.

B. King of Kings Proposal: Carole White reviewed the King of Kings LCEF construction loan proposal. Questions and discussion followed. The Loan needs BOD approval because the amount supersedes the Loan Committee's limit of approval.

Moved and seconded to grant approval for the King of Kings LCEF loan request for up to \$2,184,765 (\$1,605,410 term loan and \$579,355 bridge loan). Motion carried.

16. NEXT MEETING: Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 9:00 a.m. at the District Office.

Devotional leader: Rev. Dr. Rothchild

Bible Study: Pres. Saunders, Office of the Ministry

17. Adjournment: Meeting was declared adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

18. Closing prayer was offered by Dr. Rueger in Rev. Krueger's stead.