

IOWA DISTRICT EAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

PRESENT: Ordained: Mark Brase*, Dan Krueger*, Dean Rothchild, Brian Saunders*, Wayne Woolery; Lay: Dennis Duwe*, Carl Egger*, Corey Nuehring*, Lowell Schroeder (*Designates a voting member of the Board).

1. Call to order: Chairman Egger called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

2. Devotion: Rev. Brase led the Board in Responsive Prayer 1. Pres. Saunders continued his Bible Study on the Doctrine of the Ministry in Acts 2.

3. Approval of the Agenda: The Agenda was amended with the following additions: Camp IoDisECa report by Revs. Small and Knox; New Business: 2010 Budget. Amended agenda was approved by consensus.

4. Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2009 Meeting: The word “phone” was added to the motion approving the purchase of the President’s vehicle (Item 6, p. 3). Minutes were approved as amended.

5. Correspondence: The Secretary presented the correspondence concerning committee appointments. The following people accepted appointments: Rev. Michael Knox – Reconciler; Rev. Dan S. Johnson – Mission; John Schaub – Audit; James Ullman – Prof. Church Work Student Aid; Rev. Michael Musick – Chair, Prof. Church Work Student Aid; Bill Sitas – Salary Study. The following people declined appointments: Gerald Peterson – Archives; Rev. Mitch Otto – BCS. An e-mail letter from Rev. Allen Konrad concerning the Archives Committee was also read.

6. Treasurer’s Report: a. District support for the current YTD is at 62.56%, down 12.5% from budget, however, it is consistent with prior year results of 62.64% through September 2008. b. Income from investments continues to grow as we experience the current favorable market conditions. c. The annuity loan balloon payment matures 1/1/10. The total due is approx. \$244,000 (\$20,136 principal plus accrued interest of \$224,000.) We need to decide whether to pay this off or refinance with LCEF. d. Camp IoDisECa’s line of credit balance is \$21,750 which is due 12/31/09. There does not appear to be any funds available to repay the line by year end. The Camp’s operating expenses for the remainder of the year could easily exhaust their line of credit with us and their existing cash reserves. (The complete Treasurer’s Report Exhibit A is attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.) The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

7. President Report: President Saunders reviewed the Vacancy Update and Non-Calling Vacancy list and Accepted Calls. Progress is being made in attaching several Non-Calling Vacancies to a call. The President has spoken or preached at a number of events through out the District. (President’s Report, Exhibit B is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

8. Report by ATTP – Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild: ATTP Rothchild reviewed his schedule including several Witness Workshops held. The Missions Committee met in North Liberty and is working with Revs. Otto, Mons and Hartwig to explore a Church plant in that area. The Board of Congregational Services is helping congregations start web-sites and improve the Parish Nurse program in the District. The committee had inquired of the BOD to the priority of the Strategic Goals assigned to the committee. The BOD referred the Strategic Goals back to the committee to pursue as they see fit. The Youth Committee has met and is still planning to hold Listening Posts across the District to gain feed-back on programs that will assist Youth Groups. (Rev. Dr. Rothchild’s Report, Exhibit C is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

9. Report by ATTP for Schools – Rev. Wayne Woolery: Rev. Woolery presented material on the Iowa Lutheran Student Tuition Organization (ILSTO) (Exhibit H attached to the protocol minutes.) Bulletin inserts and information is to be made available to congregations to support the ILSTO. Information and concerns about the Iowa Core Curriculum were also discussed. (Rev. Woolery’s complete report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

10. Report by ATTP for Free Standing Preschools – Rev. Daird Korth: In his absence, Rev. Korth’s report, exhibit E was pointed out. Concerns about the Department of Human Service’s (DHS) preschool regulations were discussed. The School Committee will look at means to address the regulations. (Rev. Korth’s complete report, Exhibit E is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

11. Report by LCEF Vice President Carole White: VP White presented the background of LCEF's operation and reviewed her position for the BOD. The loan decision process and services offered by LCEF were also reviewed. (VP White's report, Exhibit F is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

12a. Camp Update: Camp IoDisECa Executive Director Rev. Terry Small and Camp Board Chairman Rev. Michael Knox gave a Power Point presentation on Camp finances for 2009 and plans for 2010.

13. Lunch Break: The meeting broke for lunch with a dine-in meal. Rev. Brase offered a meal prayer.

12b. Camp Update (cont.): Revs. Small and Knox concluded their presentation. The Camp Board is requesting a subsidy from the BOD of \$60,000, 12.3% of the Camp budget. They answered a number of the BOD's questions.

14. Unfinished Business: Committee Appointments: Rev. Allen Konrad was appointed to serve as Archivist and Chair of the Archive Committee. Committee will stand with three other appointees.

Board of Congregational Services will stand as a committee of six members already appointed.

Dr. Egger will serve as the BOD Liaison to the Camp IoDisECa Board. No further appointments were made at this time.

Greg Gerjerts was appointed as layman to the District By-laws Committee.

Professional Church Worker Student Aid Committee will stand as a committee of two already appointed.

Staffing Review Committee will be appointed prior to the next District Convention.

Committee appointments were approved by consensus.

15. New Business: 2010 District Budget: Treasurer Nuehring presented the 2010 proposed budget (Exhibit G attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.) By consensus, the goal of the BOD was to adopt a budget balanced on a cash basis.

Moved and seconded to address the annuity loan balloon payment maturing 1/1/10 by refinancing \$100,000 over a ten year amortization and paying the balance of \$144,000 from IDE savings. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to change the election of the IDE primary account at Wells Fargo Advisors to have dividend and interest converted to cash as opposed to being reinvested. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to remove \$15,000 from "Facility Maintenance" (new roof). Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to reduce Camp IoDisECa subsidy from \$45,000 to \$30,000. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to remove \$7500 for "IDE web-site." Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to remove \$2500 for "Revitalization Program." Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to increase the honorarium for both ATTPs of Education to \$8,000 each. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to reduce "Synodical Support" by \$50,000 with end of the year excess sent to LCMS up to \$200,000 and an ad hoc committee appointed by President Saunders to make a concerted effort to encourage stewardship for District's mission. Motion carried.

16. Next Meeting: The BOD will meet on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Office. Pres. Saunders will continue with the study of Acts.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Rev. Brase led the group in a closing prayer.

Rev. Mark H. Brase

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mark H. Brase, Secretary