

IOWA DISTRICT EAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

PRESENT: Ordained: Mark Brase*, Daird Korth, Daniel Krueger*, Dean Rothchild, Matthew Rueger*, Brian Saunders*, Michael Scudder* **Lay:** Dennis Duwe*, Carl Egger*, Andrea Hussong*, Corey Nuehring*, Lowell Schroeder, Lois Warnsholz, Carole White (*voting members)

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Egger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Devotion:** Rev. Scudder led the board in Morning Daily Prayer, hymn 709 and a Bible study on Psalm 23.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved with the following additions: Unfinished business: D. Fan into Flame; New Business: B. Storm Relief Funds
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** The Secretary noted corrections of spelling in item 3, wording in item 10 and renumbering of items 11-19. Moved and seconded to approve the January 31, 2011 Board Meeting minutes as corrected. Minutes approved.
- 5. Correspondence:** The board received the LCEF Update quarterly publication.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented his report which included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE Income & Expense Summary, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Income and Expense Detail, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE Loans Payable, IDE 2012 Congregational Remittances. Attached to the report was the IDE 2011 Consolidated Audit Report and management letter.

The 2011 Audit had been completed. There were no audit adjustments. Actual District support from Congregations were the lowest in January for the last 5 years. This accounts for the \$37k decrease from last year. Actual expenses are tracking close to budgeted numbers for the 1st quarter. The Treasurer is working with an attorney to review the endowments per the Auditor's suggestion. That should be completed before the next board meeting in July. We continue to monitor the annuities' FMV vs. death benefits. At March 31, 2012 one annuity was only \$29k away from being cashed out. (The Treasurer's Report, Exhibit A, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)
- 7. President Saunders' Report:** The President reviewed the Vacancy Update: St. Paul(s), Bennett/Stamwood, Joshua Reimche/Victor Young, vacancy pastors, calling a candidate; Bethany, Cedar Rapids, Randy Nord, vacancy pastor, calling; Concordia, Cedar Rapids, Dr. Rothchild, vacancy pastor, call pending; Trinity, Cedar Rapids, David Miller, assistant pastor, calling; St. John, Keystone, Richard Osslund, vacancy pastor, calling a candidate; Immanuel, Charlotte, Steve Anderson, vacancy pastor, calling a candidate; St. John, Marengo, Gary Sears, vacancy pastor, calling a candidate; Trinity, Vinton, calling a candidate. North Liberty mission start is calling a candidate through St. Paul Chapel, the mother church. Six candidates are being called to Iowa East.

The following call is pending: Brad Brown, Grace, DeWitt to Concordia, Cedar Rapids. Two calls were declined: Kris Kincaid, Dubuque to Trinity, Cedar Rapids; Dean Rothchild, District Office to Hazen, North Dakota.

Schools calling include Dubuque LS, principal/teacher; Readlyn Community LS, principal/teacher; and Clemons LS – teacher. The following calls have been accepted: Brian L'Heureux, IDW to Valley, Cedar Falls, principal; Nicholas Utech, Trinity, Davenport, to Redeemer, Stuart, Florida; and Amanda L'Heureux, IDW to Valley, Cedar Falls.

President Saunders reviewed the St. Paul Chapel situation. Rev. Max Mons will be installed as the called pastor of St. Paul Chapel May 20th. Moved and seconded to release Rev. Mons from the call to serve at St. Paul Chapel extended by the IDE BOD on May 1, 2001. Motion carried.

New Hope Lutheran Church was welcomed into IDE. Discussions continue for worship space and calling a pastor. Other cities also have groups contacting IDE LCMS.

(President Saunders' Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

8. ATTP Korth's Report: ATTP Korth reviewed his report. A successful District Early Childhood Conference was held March 17 at Central Lutheran School in Newhall. Next year's conference will be held at TLC Preschool, Trinity, Vinton. ATTP Korth attended a Confidentiality and Liability Workshop. He is encouraging preschools to attend the Early Childhood Conference at Concordia University--Nebraska on June 13.

(ATTP Korth's Report, Exhibit E is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

9. ATTP Warnsholz's Report: ATTP Warnsholz reviewed her report. Central Lutheran School, Newhall will have their NLSA re-accreditation visit on May 10-11. The Summer Teachers' Conference will be held July 31-August 1 at Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids.

"2012 Proficiency Scores," compiled by Scott Lindholm, a member of Trinity, Davenport showed that IDE's Lutheran Schools are competing well with public schools in educating our children.

ATTP Warnsholz visited a number of district schools. Applications for the August distribution of Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization are in process. \$380-400,000 will be available. (ATTP Warnsholz's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

10. ATTP Rev. Dr. Rothchild's Report: ATTP Rothchild handed out the "Proclaiming Christ Jesus!" statement concerning the mission start in North Liberty from the Mission Committee. It will also be a memorial to the District Convention, as well as being published in the IDE Today for promotion. Questions on the status of the mission start were reviewed.

Moved and seconded to begin paying Pastor Mons salary and benefits to St. Paul Chapel as a subsidy starting approximately in July 2012. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to approve the concept of the "Proclaiming Christ Jesus!" statement from the Mission Committee (Exhibit F) for going forward with the capital campaign for the North Liberty Mission start. Motion carried.

(ATTP Rothchild's Report, Exhibit C is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

11. Chairman's Minute: Chairman Egger presented some parting comments and graphs after having served on the BOD for twelve years. (Chairman Egger's comments, Exhibit G, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

12. Unfinished Business:

A. Convention Update: President Saunders reviewed the 2012 District Convention agenda and convention matters. Questions concerning scheduling, resolutions, Lithuania project and other convention matters were discussed.

B. Bylaws Status Update: The Secretary thanked the Bylaw Committee members, Rev. Joshua Reimche and Greg Gerjerts, for their work on the bylaws, articles and policy manual. He reviewed the timeline for CCM and district convention approval of bylaw and article changes.

The board reviewed the CCM's recommendations and the marked up bylaws (Exhibit H attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.) Changes in the mark-up were made at heading 4, bylaws 4.3, 5.1.2 f, 8.1, 11.10.2 and 15.1.1. The board suggested that the bylaws for convention approval be distributed to the delegates and comments be sent to the Bylaws Committee.

Moved and seconded to recommend the amended district bylaws for the approval of the District Convention pending CCM approval. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the CCM's recommendations for the district's Articles of Incorporation (Exhibit I attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

Moved and seconded to not make changes to the Articles of Incorporation at this time. Motion carried.

C. Ratification of E-mail Vote: Moved and seconded to ratify the e-mail motion of March 26, 2012 which approved the application for membership of New Hope Lutheran Church, Charles City, Iowa into Iowa District East and the LCMS. Motion carried.

13. New Business:

A. Appraisal of District Property for Street Project: The President reviewed the City of Marion street project to widen Blairs Ferry road. The city has offered to purchase 3941 sq. ft. and pay for temporary easement as well as for fence and trees for a sum of \$34,200.

Moved and seconded to accept the City of Marion's offer of \$34,200 for land, easements, fence, sign and costs. Motion carried.

B. Storm Relief Funds: Moved and seconded to compensate mileage expenses from the Storm Relief Fund should a group organized by Merle Warnsholz go to western Iowa to help with tornado relief. Motion carried.

14. Lunch Break: The Board recessed at 12:12 p.m. for a dine-in meal. Rev. Scudder offered the meal prayer. The meeting resumed at 12:54 p.m.

15. Unfinished Business:

D. Fan into Flame funds: Moved and seconded to use \$2,771.17 of Fan into Flames funds to furnish rooms at the Palanga project. Motion carried.

E. Policies and Procedure Manual: The Secretary reviewed the current status of the district's Policy and Procedure Manual. The board reviewed sections on the Assistants to the President(ATTP), District Director of Communications and LCEF Vice President contained in Exhibit J (Exhibit J is attached to the protocol copy of these minute.).

Moved and seconded to approve amended section I: ATTP. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to delete section II: District Director of Communications. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to delete policies on LCEF Vice President. Motion carried.

16. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 9:00 a.m. at the District Office.

17. Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

18: Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Scudder.