
IOWA DISTRICT EAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

PRESENT: Ordained: Peter Hoft*, Daird Korth, Daniel Krueger*, Dean Rothchild, Matthew Rueger*, Brian Saunders*, Michael Scudder*

Lay: Dennis Duwe *, David Eastburn*, Leon Miles*, Corey Nuehring*, Lowell Schroeder, Lois Warnsholz, Paul Zoske*, Carole White

(*voting members)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Rueger called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Rev. Dr. Rueger led the Board in Morning Prayer, hymn 864 and the Bible study on John 10:22-30.

2. Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved as published.

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved and seconded to approve the January 29, 2013 Board Meeting minutes as published. Minutes approved.

4. Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

5. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented his report which included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE Income & Expense Detail, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE Loans Payable, IDE 2013 Congregational Remittances, IDE 2013 Workshops, and IDE 2012 Audit Report and Management letter.

The Treasurer reported: a. District support from congregations is trailing prior year by \$8,576 and below budget by \$77,200. b. Unrestricted expenses during the quarter were lower than budget by \$37,209. c. The Sun Life Annuity 79-7900-152554 has been redeemed and the Cedar Fall's College Hill Student Center loan has been paid down. d. The 2012 audit preparation has started and auditors will be on site in mid-February 2013. e. Audit Committee met on February 28, 2013 to go over closing items on the 2012 audit. No significant items were noted. LCMS Internal Audit appreciated the work and support they received from the IDE office and staff. f. Investment Committee met on April 16, 2013 with Ryan Koester and reviewed 1st quarter performances.

The board received the Audit Report. (The Audit Report is Exhibit H attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.) No deficiencies were reported. An attorney was hired to look over the District's endowments.

Moved and seconded that Ablaze/Fan into Flame funds designated for Palanga project (\$444.15 as of 3/31) be directed to the "Proclaiming Jesus Christ" capital campaign. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to remove Board of Director's designated restriction on \$41,411 (page 20 of the Audit Report). Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to approve The Treasurer's Report. Report approved. (The Treasurer's Report, Exhibit A, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

6. President Saunders' Report: The President reviewed the Vacancy Update: Trinity, Cedar Rapids, Dean Rothchild, Sr. vacancy pastor, call to Scott Porath was returned; St. Paul, Dubuque, St. Paul, Latimer, and Redeemer, Marshalltown are all calling candidates.

Steven Anderson accepted the call to Immanuel, Grand Mound. Trinity, Hampton and St. John, Hubbard with Immanuel, Iowa Falls requested vicars. Only Trinity, Hampton will be receiving a vicar.

Current teacher vacancies are Valley, Cedar Falls – Math/Science teacher, Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade, and MS-Language Arts. Central, Newhall is calling candidates for their vacancies.

Church worker calls accepted were Anthony Dixon to Trinity, Davenport, DCE. Church worker calls declined were Jon Baumgartel, Trinity, Cedar Rapids to St. Paul, Napoleon, OH – principal; William Meyer, Trinity, Davenport to Calvary, Kansas City-Principal.

President Saunders reported that the COP will be meeting this week for Seminary candidate placements. Concerning the 2013 Synod Convention, President Matthew Harrison received the majority of nominations for Synod President. Current 1st Vice-President Herbert Mueller received the most nominations for that position. District President Saunders received nominations for 1st Vice-President. He would prefer to have his name removed from the slate if President Harrison is comfortable with other Vice-President nominations. (President Saunders' Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

7. Camp IoDisECa Report: The camp received a fine from the IRS for not filing annual 990 information forms, a requirement of all Recognized Service Organizations. The camp has authorized hiring a CPA to write an appeal or file an extension. Due to the death of the Camp Board Treasurer in 2001, the filing of the form was missed by subsequent treasurers.

Moved and seconded that the \$790.82 earnings available in Camp Endowment be used. Motion carried.

50 year anniversary celebration will be held on July 13, 2013. The camp will have a summer vicar who will be under the supervision of Rev. Max Mons.

8. ATTP Korth's Report: ATTP Korth reviewed his report. The March 23 Early Childhood Conference received a very positive response. Due to the cost of the conference, President Saunders inquired if our LCMS public school teachers could be invited to these conferences. (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. (ATTP Warnsholz's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

10. ATTP Rev. Dr. Rothchild's Report: ATTP Rothchild reviewed his report. He reported that he continues to receive donor names from pastors for the "Proclaiming Jesus Christ" capital campaign. The deadline for student aid applications for those attending Concordia universities and seminaries is May 1. St. Silas, North Liberty is currently working on a lease agreement with the storefront. Rev. Parker Knoll, retiring in July, will need to be replaced on Missions committee. Rev. Brent Hartwig will be asked to serve. Rev. Michael Holman agreed to chair Stewardship and Congregational Services committee. (ATTP Rothchild's Report, Exhibit C is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

11. IDE Prison Ministry: Rev. Steve Rasmussen presented the theological distinction of Two Kingdoms as it relates to prison ministry. His involvement has been limited to his role with Sanctuary, a refuge for released prisoners to help them get back on their feet in society. Rev. Rasmussen and Pres. Saunders will put together a proposal for getting our chaplaincy in the Fort Madison prison reactivated for next meeting, July 30, 2013. (Rev. Rasmussen's Report, Exhibit J is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

12. Unfinished Business:

A. Office Committee reorganization update: Chair David Eastburn presented the Office Committee's recommendations. Pres. Saunders recommended that Office and Business Manager be an LCMS member. This is what is "preferred" but not mandated. There was discussion that if a non-Lutheran staff member were to be hired he or she should be familiarized with our LCMS teachings and practice.

Moved and seconded to approve the qualifications and limits to authority as outlined in the draft job descriptions and approve the authority of the office committee to proceed with implementation of the timeline and action steps for office reorganization. Motion carried.

It was also discussed that an adequate moral clause be written into the job descriptions. The Office Committee is assigned to address this for next meeting. (The Office Committees report, Exhibit G, is attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

B. Guidelines regarding congregations relocating: Pres. Saunders presented "Guidelines For Congregations Selling Their Property and Then Relocating" (Exhibit I is attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

Moved and seconded to adopt "Guidelines For Congregations Selling Their Property and Then Relocating" with additions. Motion carried.

C. Approval of IDE Theological Journal Purpose Statement

Moved and seconded that the following purpose statement of the IDE Theological Journal be approved: "Theological Journal for the Church is a publication of Iowa District East of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The articles are written by pastors in the district for the edification and education of our laity. The Executive Editor is Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, President of Iowa District East. The Managing Editor is Rev. Michael Holmen." Motion carried.

13. New Business:

A. 2013-2014 contract approval of Assistants to the President

Moved and seconded to approve the renewal of the Assistants to the President contracts. Motion carried.

14. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 30, 2013, 9:00 a.m. at the district office. Rev. Dr. Saunders will lead devotions.

15. Adjournment and Lunch: Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 12:12 p.m. Rev. Rueger offered the meal prayer.