

FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday, October 27, 2015

PRESENT: Ordained: Brase,* Hoft, Mons,* Rothchild, Rueger*
Lay: Swales,* Nuehring,* Schroeder, Venteicher,* White,
Zoske* (*voting members)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Rueger called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He led the board in Responsive Prayer 2.

2. Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved by consensus as printed.

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved and seconded to approve the July 21, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as published. Minutes were approved.

4. Correspondence: The Secretary received the LCEF Fall 2015 quarterly publication, a letter from the LCMS President's Office granting a circuit exemption for the Mount Pleasant circuit, Jeffrey Pool's resignation from the ATTP-Schools position, and thanks for student aid from Concordia Seminary and student Andrew Thompson.

5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nuehring presented the Treasurer's report. The report included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE 2015 Budget Summary, IDE Income & Expense Detail, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE Loans Payable, all updated for quarter ending September 30, 2015, IDE 2015 Congregational Remittances, and IDE Budget Spreadsheet.

The Treasurer reported: a. District support from Congregations down from last year at 67.73% of budget compared to 71.10% in prior year. We received \$421k in the 4th quarter 2014. If we receive the same amount in 2015, we will finish the year \$33k above the budgeted amount of \$1,200,000. b. Actual expenses were lower than budget through September by \$62k. Total revenue is trailing budget by \$41k through September. c. Investment Committee met on October 22, 2015. Investments declined 4.1% for the quarter, but they have since rebounded. Recommended changes in equity positions will now be made. d. Need to approve housing allowance for 2016.

Moved and seconded to accept 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's report was reviewed in his absence. The Vacancy Update included Messiah, Mason City, Clarke Frederick, vacancy pastor; Grace, Waterloo, Tom Wegener, vacancy pastor; St. Paul, Stanwood, Jan Horne, vacancy pastor; St. Paul, Bennett, Dan Redhage, vacancy pastor; and St. Paul, Luzerne, David Lingard, vacancy pastor.

Accepted calls were Michael Musick, St. Paul, Luzerne to Prince of Peace, Coralville; Chris Lockie, Immanuel, Davenport to Prince of Peace, Racine, Wisconsin; William Traphagen, St. John/Trinity, Underwood and St. John, McClusky, North Dakota to St. Paul, Bennet/Stanwood. Declined calls were Jason Peterson, St. John, Burt, Iowa to Grace Waterloo; Mitch Otto, Prince of Peace, Coralville to St. John, Baldwin, Illinois; and Karl Bollhagen, Trinity, Hampton to Trinity, Red Bud, Illinois. (President Saunders' Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

7. ATTP Pool's Report: The Board reviewed ATTP Jeffrey Pool's report in his absence. The report included a review of his resignation, school visits, meetings and conferences,

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization, school staffing, and a special report concerning district travel and conferences. Discussion of replacing the ATTP-Schools ensued. By consensus the board tabled naming a replacement to solicit qualified replacements and to seek the Schools Committee's input. The board sends their appreciation for ATTP Pool's service. (ATTP Pool's Report, Exhibit E is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

8. ATTP Rev. Dr. Rothchild's Report: ATTP Rothchild reviewed his report. Total gifts given and pledged for *Proclaiming Christ Jesus!* Capital Campaign stands at \$557,708. St Silas had 40 people attending worship several weeks ago.

ATTP Rothchild reviewed the Mission Committee's suggested subsidies for IDE missions. The mission in Spain was discussed. New Hope, Charles City subsidy is contingent on the congregation calling a pastor.

He presented a recommendation to appoint Rev. Bert Mueller as Youth Committee chair. The Stewardship and Congregational Services Committee is planning Concordia Plan Services meetings around the district to inform congregations about health care changes. (ATTP Rothchild's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

9. LCEF Report: LCEF VP Carole White reviewed her report. LCEF loan demand is up, so they are seeking deposits by offering "Ministry is Growing" certificates at 3.5% for 35 months. (LCEF VP White's report, Exhibit F, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Office Committee: Building Use Policy Update: A report on the progress of building use and marriage policies from David Eastburn, chair of the Office Committee was reviewed. Recommendations are anticipated for the January board meeting.

B. Congregational Constitution Approval: The IDE Constitution Review Committee has approved the revised constitutions and bylaws for Trinity, Ottumwa and St. Paul, Iowa City. Moved and seconded to approve the revised constitutions and bylaws for Trinity, Ottumwa and St. Paul, Iowa City. Motion carried.

C. Ratification of E-mail Vote: Moved and seconded to approve the email nominations of Clinton Poppe and Brent Kuhlman to the Board of Regents for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Motion carried.

11. New Business:

A. 2016 Budget Approval/Setting Annual Housing Allowance: Moved and seconded for it to be resolved that Iowa District East authorizes and establishes the 2016 housing allowance for all called employees equal to 50% of each called employee's gross salary. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reviewed the proposed 2016 budget and answered the board's questions. Moved and seconded to respectfully decline the request of College Hill, Cedar Falls and the Mission Committee to raise the subsidy for an additional \$10,000 and lower line 71241-101 of the proposed budget to \$40,000. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to respectfully decline the request of St. Paul, Iowa City and the Mission Committee to raise the subsidy for an additional \$14,000 and lower line 71241-102 of the proposed budget to \$140,509. Rev. Mons excused himself for the discussion and vote. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to accept the amended 2016 budget. The 2016 budget was approved.

B. Youth Committee Appointment: Rev. Bert Mueller: ATTP Rothchild presented the Youth Committee recommendation to appoint Rev. Bert Mueller as Youth Committee chair. Moved and seconded to appoint Bert Mueller as Youth Committee chair. Rev. Mueller stands appointed.

C. LCEF Distribution Earnings: \$33,234: Moved and seconded to assign the LCEF distributed earnings for IDE mission at Camp IoDisECa. Motion carried.

D. Synod Convention Advisory Delegates: Iowa District East is required by the LCMS to send the following advisory delegates to the LCMS 2016 Synod Convention: district president, one staff member and one board member. By consensus, the board approved sending President Saunders, ATTP Rothchild and Sec. Brase.

E. Set BOD meeting dates for 2016: The board set the following 2016 meeting dates: January 26, April 19, July 19 and October 25 by consensus.

12. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. Rev. Knox will lead devotions.

13. Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

14. Closing Devotions: Rev. Rueger closed with a meal prayer.

15. Lunch Break: The board ate a dine-in lunch.