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## IOWA DISTRICT EAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

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**PRESENT: Ordained:** Brase,\* Hoft, Rothchild, Saunders,\* Scudder\*

**Lay:** Brendes, Duwe,\* Nuehring,\* Schroeder, Zoske\*

(\*voting members)

- 1. Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Saunders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Rothchild led the Board in Responsive Prayer 2, Psalm 18: 1-9, hymn 912 and the Bible study on Matthew 14: 22-33. The devotion closed with the singing of hymn 921.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved with the following changes: additions - St. Paul, Mt. Vernon constitution approval, ATTP Schools job description, and appoint legal counsel; deletions - policy and constitution. Moved and seconded to approve changed agenda. Agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved and seconded to approve the April 22, 2014 Board Meeting minutes as published. Minutes were approved.
- 4. Correspondence:** The Secretary had received the LCEF Quarterly publication, and the following appointments were accepted: Rev. Paul Nus, Salary Study Committee; Rev. John Preus and Lucas Tanney, Nominations Committee.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented his Report which included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE 2014 Budget Spreadsheet, IDE Income & Expense Detail, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE Loans Payable, IDE 2014 Congregational Remittances, and IDE 2014 Workshops, all updated for the quarter that ended June 30, 2014.

The Treasurer reported: a. District support from Congregations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2014 was under budget by \$53,612. b. Actual cash expenses were \$611,488 year to date and were lower than budget by \$111,163. Our total cash receipts exceeded cash expenses for the quarter by \$78,425. c. Investment Committee did not meet due to schedule conflicts. We will be meeting to discuss the Investment and Endowment Policies and are working on incorporating recommendations received from our attorney's review of the District's endowments. d. We received and accepted a bid from D & B Property Services to complete the interior repairs and painting. Work is scheduled to start August 1, 2014.

Moved and seconded to approve The Treasurer's Report. The report was 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, Lowden, Steven Anderson vacancy pastor; Messiah, Mason City, Clarke Frederick, vacancy pastor; Trinity, Ottumwa, Kevin Saylor, vacancy pastor; Redeemer, Ventura, Scott Kozisek, vacancy pastor; Grace, Waterloo, Randy McHone serving until a new pastor is called; St. Paul, Williamsburg, Gary Sears, vacancy pastor;

Chris Gorshe, Cohasset, Mn. accepted the call to St. Peter, Riceville. Candidate Andrew Preus, St. Catharines, ON assigned to St. Paul/Trinity, McGregor/Guttenberg. Vicars assigned were Joseph Bangert to Trinity, Hampton and Ryan Banke to St. John, Hubbard and Immanuel, Iowa Falls.

Commissioned vacancies are LIS, Williamsburg – 1<sup>st</sup> grade; Trinity, Cedar Rapids – Principal; Community, Readlyn – teacher/principal combination. Commissioned calls accepted were Jenean Williams to Dubuque Lutheran School, Dubuque; Rebecca Snow, Julie Bushre, and Melissa Pauling to Trinity, Davenport; Allison Getka to Central, Newhall.

Declined commissioned calls were Paul Baerwolf, principal to Community, Readlyn; James Knoepfel, principal to Central, Newhall; and Lisa Knoepfel, teacher to Central, Newhall. (President Saunders' Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca board of directors' report was given by board liaison Rev. Michael Scudder. The camp board hired Paul Moritz as site manager, who began work May 27. Camp's financial position is good with a net of over \$23,000 for the first half. This is without a site manager and other expenses being down. Camp will give a yearly report at the fall BOD meeting.

**7. ATTP Rev. Dr. Rothchild's Report:** ATTP Rothchild reviewed his report. The total to date for the Proclaiming Jesus Christ! Capital Campaign is \$433,127. ATTP Rothchild reported on the work of the committees.

The Mission Committee recommend to move the UIHC chaplain from three to four 4-hour days per week. Moved and seconded to approve the Mission Committee's recommendation to move the UIHC chaplaincy to 4 4-hour days per week. Motion passed.

The Mission Committee recommended the district assist with the roofing project at College Hill, Cedar Falls. Moved and seconded to assist College Hill with \$10,000 for roof repairs. Motion passed.

By consensus, Roy Berquist was appointed as chair of the mission committee.

Pres. Saunders reported that the State of Iowa denied Rev. Rasmussen's request for admittance into the Fort Madison prison. Rev. Rasmussen has reapplied, but does not have access at this time.

By consensus, President Saunders and selected board members will have a face to face meeting with Rev. Rasmussen and the leadership of Our Savior, Fort Madison, and offer a three month graduated payment if needed.

Youth Committee requested the appointment of youth Jenna Baumler and Mackenzie Frey to their Committee. Moved and seconded to appoint Jenna Baumler and Mackenzie Frey to the Youth Committee. Motion passed.

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

**8. LCEF Connections:** LCEF Vice President Carole White reviewed her report. (LCEF VP White's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

**9. Visit from Rev. David Warner, Missionary to Spain:** Pres. Saunders reviewed his visit in Spain analyzing theological standing of the Lutheran Church of Spain, started by Argentina Lutheran Church. Christianity in Spain is influenced by the Roman Catholic Church and the Mary cult. President Saunders introduced Rev. David Warner, who was recently called by the LCMS Office of International Mission to serve as a missionary in Spain. "To Spain in the fullness of the blessing of Christ" Romans 15:28-29 was the theme of his presentation. He reviewed the history of Lutheranism in Spain. The Spanish Inquisition crushed Lutheranism which was absent for 450 years. In 2000 the Lutheran Church of Argentina began mission work in Argentina. Dr. Just from Concordia Theological Seminary is preparing long distance course work to educate pastors in Spain. Rev. Warner will serve as a Lutheran church planter and help current pastors to build up the congregations. He will also be looking for mercy possibilities. A short question and answer session followed the presentation.

**10. Lunch Break:** The Board recessed at 12:26 p.m. for a dine-in meal. Rev. Rothchild offered the meal prayer. The meeting resumed at 1:12 p.m.

**11. Unfinished Business: None**

**12. New Business:**

**A. Appointment of ATTP for Education (Preschool, Elementary and High Schools):** The Board reviewed the resumes of Mrs. Angie Pfeil, Mrs. Melanie Maddick and Mr. Jeffrey Pool in consideration for the position. Pres. Saunders reviewed the candidates. The Board voted on the three candidates. Jeffrey Pool was elected.

**B. ATTP Schools – Job Description:** After reviewing the job description and agreement to service, by consensus Pam & Sherry will combine the statements for board approval at the next meeting.

**C. 2015 Concordia Plan Selection:** The Board reviewed the 2015 Concordia Plan Services (CPS) options. Moved and seconded to remain with current CPS option for 2015. Passed.

**D. Appoint legal counsel:** Moved and seconded to retain Brendan Quann as district legal counsel. Motion carried.

**E. Congregation Constitution approval:** The constitution for St. Paul, Mt. Vernon was reviewed by the Constitution Review Committee. Moved and seconded to approve the St. Paul, Mt. Vernon constitution. Motion carried.

**F. Redeemer, Ventura request:** Redeemer, Ventura requested the Board's assistance with recently incurred legal fees of \$4,300. Moved and seconded to decline their request. Motion carried.

**13. NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. Rev. Dr. Rueger will lead devotions.

**14. Adjournment:** Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**15. Closing Devotions:** Rev. Rothchild closed with a closing prayer.