

FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday, April 21, 2015

PRESENT: Ordained: Mark Brase,* Daniel Krueger,* Dean Rothchild,
Matthew Rueger,* Brian Saunders,* Michael Scudder*
Lay: Sherry Brendes, Dennis Duwe,* David Eastburn,*
Lowell Schroeder, Ben Venteicher,* Carole White
(*voting members)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Rueger welcomed the visiting group from Our Savior, Muscatine. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Michael Scudder led the board in Morning Daily Prayer, hymn 709 and the Bible study on Psalm 23. Introductions of the Board and visitors followed.

2. Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved with the following additions: New Business: Congregational Constitutions Approval, Church Worker Student Aid Committee Policy Review, LWML Request, and Kathryn Church request.

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved and seconded to approve the January 27, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as published. Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Sherry Brendes, office manager, presented the Treasurer's report in the Treasurer's absence. The report included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE 2015 Budget Spreadsheet, IDE Income & Expense Detail, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE Loans Payable, IDE 2015 Congregational Remittances, IDE 2015 Workshops, and IDE 2014 Audit Report and Management letter (The Audit Report is exhibit F attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.) all updated for quarter ending March 31, 2015.

The Treasurer reported: a. District support from Congregations for the first quarter of 2015 was under budget by \$65,490. The year has started off very well with receipt of almost 20% of budget. b. Actual cash expenses were \$305,256 for the quarter and were lower than budget by \$30,028. Our total cash expenses exceeded cash receipts for the quarter by \$11,539. c. We have the 2014 audited financial statements to hand out. There were no significant items and audit went very smoothly. (The 2014 Audit Report, Exhibit F, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.) d. Investment Committee was unable to meet prior to the April Board Meeting. Our financial advisor provided the quarterly investment information with the Investment Committee electronically. The report shows 1.74% first quarter return. 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.)

5. President Saunders' Report: The President reviewed the Vacancy Update: Messiah, Mason City, Clarke Frederick, vacancy pastor, calling in the spring; Trinity, Ottumwa, Kevin Saylor, vacancy pastor, calling a candidate; Redeemer, Ventura, Scott Kozisek, vacancy pastor; Grace, Waterloo, Randy McHone serving until replaced, will be calling in the near future. Pending calls are Grant Bode, Redeemer, New Ulm, Minnesota to Redeemer, Ventura.

Teacher vacancies are Community, Readlyn, Principal; Trinity, Davenport, Preschool teacher and 6th Grade teacher. Church worker calls accepted were Margaret Weber,

Concordia University – Nebraska (CUNE) to Trinity, Cedar Rapids; Rebecca Snow, Trinity, Davenport to Lamb of God, Las Vegas, Nevada; Josh Menke, Trinity, Davenport to Immanuel, Giddings, Texas; Hannah Keuning, CUNE to Central, Newhall.

Church worker calls pending are Nicholas Muench, Matteson, Illinois to Community, Readlyn; Joni Rebarcak, Concordia University - Chicago to Trinity, Davenport.

COP will be meeting prior to the call services at both seminaries. Moved and seconded to accept the President's report. (President Saunders' Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

6. ATTP Pool's Report: ATTP Pool's report was reviewed in his absence. (ATTP Pool's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

7. ATTP Rev. Dr. Rothchild's Report: ATTP Rothchild reviewed his report. Total gifts given and pledged for Proclaiming Christ Jesus! capital campaign stands at \$531,256.

Church Worker Student Aid Committee recommends Keith Hartkemeyer as a lay member of the committee. Moved and seconded to appoint Keith Hartkemeyer to the Church Worker Student Aid Committee. Appointment approved.

St. Paul Chapel, Iowa City is in need of major repairs in the near future. ATTP Rothchild presented pictures (Exhibit L). Since it is an "historic" building, the repairs will be expensive. The matter was referred to the Mission Committee for review and recommendation. St. Silas, North Liberty now has 29 members. (ATTP Rothchild's Report, Exhibit C is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

Youth Committee liaison Ben Venteicher reported that the committee is working on 2016 youth activities. They will be conducting a survey at the district convention concerning the Youth Leader Retreat.

8. LCEF VP White's Report: VP LCEF White reviewed her report. She also commented on the new Lutheran Federal Credit Union. The startup is being funded by the LCEF, but it will be a separate business to better serve rostered workers with loans and to offer banking services to the Synod and its members. Its services will compliment the services offered by the LCEF. (VP LCEF White's Report, Exhibit E is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

9. Correspondence: The Secretary received the LCEF Spring 2015 quarterly publication, LCMS Synod nominations letter, and emails from Rev. Holmen, Peace, Oelwein, and from Constitution Review committee. The correspondence was discussed. Rev. Holmen's concern was duly noted. Possible cost saving adjustments for future conventions will be reviewed following this year's convention.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Conflict Resolution Process Resolution: Moved and seconded to ratify the email vote approving the board's resolution *"To Appoint a Task Force to Review and Evaluate the Synod's Dispute Resolution Process."* (Exhibit G is attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.) Approval of the resolution was ratified.

B. UIHC Chaplain Contract: David Eastburn, office committee chair explained the situation and contract. Moved and seconded to ratify the email vote approving the resolution "RESOLVED, that the attached Contract Service Agreement be approved and that the annual budget for Iowa District East (IDE) be amended to reflect the compensation for services rendered by Pastor Michael Musick and paid to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Luzerne, Iowa be increased by the amount of the annual contribution on the payment from IDE to St Paul Lutheran Church to Concordia Plan Services for the defined pension benefit

plan and the disability plan for 2015” and the 2015 contract for Chaplaincy (Exhibit H is attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.) Approval of the resolution and contract was ratified.

C. 2014 Budget Excess Discussion (tabled from Jan. 2015 meeting):

The audited cash excess for 2014 was \$253,840.64. Moved and seconded to use a portion of the excess to pay off the Cedar Falls College Hill and Iowa City St. Paul Chapel loans and hold the remainder in reserve for contingencies. Motion carried.

D. By-Law and Articles of Incorporation Resolutions: Moved and seconded to approve “Bylaws Resolution 1: To Amend the IDE Bylaws with Recommended Changes” for presentation to the District Convention pending Commission of Constitutional Matters approval. The resolution was approved.

Moved and seconded to approve “Bylaws Resolution 2: To Amend the IDE Bylaws’ Committee Organization” for presentation to the District Convention. The resolution was approved. (Bylaw resolutions are Exhibit J attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

Moved and seconded to approve “Articles Resolution: To Adopt the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri—Iowa District East” for presentation to the District Convention. The resolution was approved. (The Articles Resolution is Exhibit I attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

11. New Business:

A. Congregational Constitution Approval: Moved and seconded to approve the congregational constitutions of Prince of Peace, Coralville; First Lutheran, Belle Plaine; St. Paul, Williamsburg; St. Paul, Waverly; St. John, Center Point; and St. Paul, Dubuque as recommended by the Constitution Review Committee. The constitutions were approved.

B. LWML Request: In regards to their national convention in June, it is customary for the hosting district to purchase custom-made communionware. The request included a cost of \$1,747.50 for multiple sets of custom stoneware communion sets. The board discussed the unbudgeted cost, the timing of the request and the practice of communion at conventions. Moved and seconded that IDE respectively decline the request. Motion carried. The Secretary will write a letter to the LWML.

C. Kathryn Church (school) Proposal: Kathryn Church requested the use of room in the office building for teaching a Classical Conversations Challenge class to home schooled high school students. Moved and seconded to approve the proposal from Kathryn Church to use the assembly room for class with the following contingencies: sponsorship of a local LCMS congregation, only the teacher uses the copier, she pays all incurred expenses, and she coordinates with district office staff. (Her letter is Exhibit M attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.) Motion carried.

D. Church Worker Student Aid Committee Policy Review: The board tabled review of the policy until the July board meeting. (The policy is Exhibit K attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

12. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. Rev. Brase will lead devotions.

13. Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

14. Closing Devotions: Rev. Scudder closed with prayer.

15. Lunch Break: Following this closing meeting of the district convention triennium, the board and office staff ate lunch at Olive Garden.