
FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

PRESENT: Ordained: Brase*, Hoft, Knox*, Mons*, Rothchild, Saunders*
Lay: Brendes, Doellinger, Eastburn*, Nuehring*, Swales*,
Venteicher*, White (*voting members)

1. Call to Order: President Saunders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Brase led the board in Responsive Prayer 2 including Hymn 488 and Psalm 33. A study of John 20:19-31 followed.

2. Approval of Agenda: The board added the following additions to the agenda: Unfinished Business: St. Paul Chapel doors and New Business: IoDisECa Campgrounds. The board approved the Agenda by consensus.

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved and seconded to approve the January 31, 2017 Board Meeting minutes as published. Minutes were approved.

4. Correspondence: The board received the following correspondence: Paul Zoske's resignation from BOD, Alice Hoffmeier's resignation from the Mission Committee, Rev. Jesse Cearlock declination of the School Committee appointment and Thank Yous from Lutheran Family Services and Rev. Dan Johnson.

5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nuehring presented the Treasurer's report. The report included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE 2017 Budget Spreadsheet, IDE Income & Expense Detail, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE Loans Payable, IDE 2017 Congregational Remittances and IDE 2017 Workshops, all updated for the quarter ending March 31, 2017, and the IDE 2016 Audit Report and Management letter (The Audit Report and Management letter, Exhibit E, are attached to the protocol copy of these minutes).

The Treasurer reported: a. District support from Congregations for the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$256,070.88. This is the highest 1st quarter total in the last 5 years. b. Actual expenses were \$325,862 for the quarter and were lower than budget by \$14,016. Our cash expenses exceeded revenues for the quarter by \$4,191. c. The 2016 audited financial statements showed no significant items. The audit went very smoothly. d. The Investment Committee met on April 13th.

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 reviewed his report. The Vacancy Update included New Hope, Charles City, Chris Gorshe, vacancy pastor; Trinity, Davenport, Senior Pastor; Calvary, Deep River, Stuart Rethwisch, vacancy pastor; Immanuel, Grinnell, Fred Berry, vacancy pastor; St. John/Good Shepherd, Homestead/Wellman, Dean Rothchild, vacancy pastor; Our Savior, Newton, Joel Picard, vacancy pastor; St. Matthews, Sherrill, Kris Kincaid, vacancy pastor; St. John, Waverly, Keith Brustuen, vacancy pastor. Pending calls are Ronnie Koch,

Fredericksburg to St. Paul, Montevideo, Minnesota. Pres. Saunders reviewed call situations.

School vacancies include: St. Paul, Latimer – Lead teacher/teacher combo; Trinity, Cedar Rapids, Kindergarten teacher; Central, Newhall, Middle School Teacher; Valley, Cedar Falls, Middle School teacher. Accepted calls were Emma Auger, DCE, Concordia-Chicago to St. Paul's, Marion. Pending calls are Jade Wilds, Teacher, Concordia-Mequon to Valley, Cedar Falls and Brian Mann, teacher/lead teacher, Trinity, Winfield, Kansas to St. Paul, Latimer. (President Saunders' Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

7. ATTP Doellinger's Report: ATTP Doellinger reviewed her report. She highlighted the disappointing legislative activity on school choice, the ILSTO update and the IDE Early Childhood Conference (ECC) evaluations. The ECC did go over budget, which will have to be reviewed for 2018. Community Lutheran School, Readlyn; Central Lutheran School, Newhall; and Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls are going through accreditation. Central, Newhall also suffered a minor fire. (ATTP Doellinger's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

8. ATTP Rev. Dr. Rothchild's Report: ATTP Rothchild reviewed his report. Rev. David and Shelee Warner attended the March Missions Committee meeting and reported on their work in Spain. Worship space has been obtained and funds are needed to prepare the building. Committee recommendations are on the Agenda.

Ben Venteicher reported that the Youth Committee has the need for youth to serve on the committee. The Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Campaign stands at a total of \$708,897 received and pledged. (ATTP Rothchild's Report, Exhibit C is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.) Moved and seconded to approve the reports of the President and his assistants. Reports approved.

9. LCEF Report: LCEF VP Carole White reviewed her report. Discussion followed on several pending loans. (LCEF VP White's Report, Exhibit F, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Schools Committee chair appointment: Max Mons, School Committee liaison presented Rev. Travis Berg for appointment to serve as chair of the School Committee. No other names were offered. Moved and seconded to appoint Travis Berg as chair of the Schools Committee. Appointment approved.

B. BOD Lay Member Appointment: Pres. Saunders presented Roger Zoske from St. John, Hubbard to replace Paul Zoske as lay member of the BOD. No other names were offered. Moved and seconded to appoint Roger Zoske as lay member to the BOD to fill the remainder of Paul Zoske's term. Appointment approved.

C. St. Paul Chapel doors: Dean Rothchild presented an estimate of \$4,079.94 to upgrade doors so that they would pass fire inspection. St. Paul Chapel is IDE property. Moved and seconded to accept the estimate of \$4,079.94 and approve the upgrade work. Motion carried. Pastor Mons extended the congregation's thanks.

11. New Business:

A. Mission Recommendation – Gift for Spain Work: The Mission Committee recommended a one-time gift of \$5,000 to the Spain Mission Foro account (A10897-65301) for remodeling the recently obtained building for worship. These funds are available from the 2016 cash surplus. Moved and seconded to send a one-time gift of \$5,000 to the Spain Mission Foro account (A10897-65301) for remodeling the recently obtained building for worship. Motion carried.

B. Mission Recommendation – Deaf Ministry The Mission Committee recommended an honorarium of \$400 per month to Deaconess Pat Monroe for helping with the IDE Deaf Ministry in 2017. She will be assigned this spring to Word of God Lutheran Church. Moved and seconded to approve the honorarium of \$400 per month for Deaconess Pat Monroe for helping with IDE Deaf Ministry for the remainder of 2017. Motion carried.

C. Congregations' constitution and/or bylaws: The Constitution Review Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval the revised constitution and bylaws of the following congregations: Our Savior, Muscatine; St. Mark, Garrison; Grace, Blainstown; St. James, Victor. Moved and seconded to approve the revised constitutions and bylaws of Our Savior, Muscatine; St. Mark, Garrison; Grace, Blainstown; St. James, Victor. Constitutions and/or bylaws approved.

D. 2016 Budget Surplus: The BOD approved funds for work in Spain and the deaconess for deaf ministry. The 2016 budget surplus stands allocated.

E. Audit Report: The Treasurer and Business Manager answered questions concerning the audit.

F. IoDisECa Campground: President Saunders presented for informational purposes some issues with the family campground and local residents. The BOD discussed the situation. President Saunders will be attending the next Camp Board meeting. Moved and seconded to ask that the Camp IoDisECa Board of Directors develop a preliminary plan to address the concerns with the family campground property to be submitted to the IDE BOD by Oct 24, 2017. Motion carried.

12. President Saunders invited all board members to the Spring Workers' Conference to hear Chuck Hurley from Alliance Defending Freedom speak on religious freedom and address legal issues.

13. Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

14. Lunch Break: The board adjourned for an eat-in lunch. Rev. Brase offered the meal prayer.

15. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the district office. Rev. Knox will lead devotions.