
FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

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

1. Call to Order: Chairman Rueger called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Rev. Rothchild led the board in praying Matins, Psalm 111, hymns 397 and 496, and a reading on Genesis 1:1-5 entitled "Let There Be Light."

2. Approval of Agenda: By consensus the board approved the published agenda.

3. Correspondence: Correspondence was received from Mark Sperry accepting his appointment to the Youth Committee, and LCMS Secretary Sias concerning Synod election nominations. Later in the meeting letters were presented from the City of Marion concerning possible sewer changes and from the Benton Circuit concerning the offering from their Reformation 2017 service for the Church Workers Scholarship Fund.

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved and seconded to approve the October 24, 2017 Board Meeting minutes as published. Minutes were approved.

5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nuehring presented the Treasurer's report. The report included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE 2017/2018 Budget Spreadsheet, IDE Income & Expense Detail, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE Loans Payable, all updated for the quarter ending December 31, 2017, IDE 2017 Congregational Remittances and IDE 2017 Workshops.

The Treasurer reported: a. District support from Congregations ended the year down 4.57% from budget at \$1,145,178. There were some trailing 2017 contributions received after our year end cut off. b. Actual revenues were lower than budget by \$90,893 and actual expenses were lower than budget by \$103,586 leaving a favorable cash position of \$34,637 for the year. c. A finalized 2018 summary budget is enclosed reflecting changes made at the October 2017 BOD meeting. d. The 2017 audit preparation has started and auditors will be on site in early February 2018. e. Investment Committee met on January 18, 2018. Our investments averaged an 11.17% return during 2017.

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 Grace, Blairstown, Doug Woltemath, vacancy pastor; New Hope, Charles City, Chris Gorshe, vacancy pastor; Christ, Gladbrook, Troy Peperkorn, vacancy pastor; Our Savior, Newton, Joel Picard, vacancy pastor; Immanuel, Readlyn, Larry Feldt, vacancy pastor; St. Paul, Readlyn, Ronnie Koch, vacancy pastor; and St. Paul, (Artesian) Waverly, Ronnie Koch, vacancy pastor.

Accepted calls were Mark Squire, Zion-Emmanuel, Odessa, Washington to Immanuel, St. Ansgar. Pending calls Daniel Provost, Immanuel, Lakefield, Minnesota to Our Savior, Newton. Declined calls were Tim Cartwright, Grace, Ashland, Oregon to Our Savior, Newton.

Commissioned minister vacancies include: Bethany, Cedar Rapids, DCE; Trinity School, Cedar Rapids, Kindergarten teacher; Valley School, Cedar Falls, 4th grade teacher. Accepted commissioned call was Tony Dixon, Trinity, Davenport to King of Kings, Cedar Rapids, DCE. Declined commissioned calls Mary Arrick, Howell, Michigan to St. Paul, Latimer, lead teacher. President Saunders explained a number of vacancy issues.

Moved and seconded to approve the president's report. (President Saunders' Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

7. ATTP Rev. Dr. Rothchild's Report: ATTP Rothchild reviewed his report. Deaconess Pat Monroe continues to care for her father and has not yet been installed at Word of God, Cedar Rapids. The Mission Committee will be meeting at St. Paul's Chapel, Iowa City. The heating system will be needing replacement in the future. Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Capital campaign stands at \$758,021 pledged and received. (ATTP Rothchild's Report, Exhibit C is attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

8. ATTP Doellinger's Report: ATTP Doellinger reviewed her report. She highlighted the following items. Early Childhood (EC) directors met on January 13th with eight attending. The EC Conference will be March 24 at Zion, Hiawatha. Lutheran education lobbyists have been busy building relationships with legislators. Topics of discussion are school choice, Educational Savings Accounts and School Tuition Organization. Lutheran School Consulting Service has sent a report on their visit with Community Lutheran School, Readlyn. LCMS Education Executive Dr. Phil Frusti visited six Iowa East schools in January. She attended the CONFEDX Conference in San Antonio, where the Concordia University Systems Placement Directors noted there are 134 potential educators and 400 requests. Church work students are needed. (ATTP Doellinger's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

9. Unfinished Business:

A. Office Committee review of meetings at District office – Office Committee chair and Sherry Brendes presented the updated mileage reimbursement policy (Exhibit F attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes). Moved and seconded to amended by adding "and circuit visitors" in item 1, approve Mileage Reimbursement Policy and replace prior mileage policy. Motion carried.

B. Nominations for (and election of) Commissioned Minister to BOD – Chair Rueger called for nominations to fill the vacant Commissioned Minister position on the BOD. James Ullman, teacher, Trinity, Davenport; Tom Wemlinger, DCO, Cedar Falls; and Lucas Tanney, teacher, Valley, Cedar Falls were nominated. Moved and seconded to set the slate of the three nominations. Motion carried. Voting ensued. President Saunders abstained from the balloting. Lucas Tanney was elected.

10. New Business:

A. Camp Iodiseca: Daniel Sanchez, executive director and Rev. Andrew Gray, camp board chairman presented a report on Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Summer camps have experienced three years of growth. 2017 was a positive year financially. Changing the family campground to a seasonal camp was a positive move. The board is trying to determine how the campground fits in with the mission of the camp. They reviewed several aspects of their strategic plan. Camp Director's Report, Exhibit I, is attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.

11. Unfinished business (continued):

C. Discussion (if desired) of the Northwest District letter and possible IDE response: By consensus, the board decided to not respond.

12. New Business (continued):

B. Schools Committee appointment: Schools Committee liaison Mons offered Rick Holste, teacher, Trinity, Davenport to be appointed to the Schools Committee. Moved and seconded to appoint Rick Holste to the School Committee. Appointment approved.

C. Congregations' constitution and/or bylaws: The Constitution Review Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval the revised constitution and bylaws of Our Redeemer, Iowa City. Moved and seconded to approve the revised constitution and bylaws of Our Redeemer, Iowa City. Constitution and bylaws were approved.

D. Reminder about individual reports for Convention: Officers and Committee Chairs were reminded of the report deadline for the Convention Workbook. Secretary Brase presented a proposed BOD report for the Convention Workbook. (BOD report, Exhibit G, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes) By consensus, the board approved the report.

E. Overtures from the Oklahoma district: The board discussed the letter and proposed memorials offered by the Oklahoma District (Exhibit H attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes). By consensus, President Saunders and Chair Rueger will prepare a resolution for consideration at the District Convention in response to the letter and memorials.

13. Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

14. Lunch Break: The board adjourned for an eat-in lunch. Rev. Rothchild offered the closing and meal prayers.

15. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the district office. Rev. Rueger will lead devotions.