
FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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

1. Call to Order: Chairman Rueger called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Rev. Rueger led the board in praying Matins, hymn 480, and a study on Luke 24:36-49.

President Saunders introduced new board member Lucas Tanney. The board also introduced themselves for his benefit.

2. Approval of Agenda: Approval of an Exception Resolution was added to Unfinished Business. By consensus the board approved the amended agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes: In item 5. Treasurer's Report the IDE Budget Spreadsheet is for 2018 rather than as printed 2017. Moved and seconded to approve the January 30, 2018 Board Meeting corrected minutes.

4. Correspondence: The secretary received an email from Lucas Tanney accepting the appointment to the board.

5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nuehring presented the Treasurer's report. The report included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE 2018 Budget Spreadsheet, IDE Income & Expense Detail, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE 2018 Congregational Remittances and IDE 2018 Workshops, all updated for the quarter ending March 31, 2018, and the IDE 2017 Audit Report and Management Letter. (Exhibit G attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.)

The Treasurer reported: a. District support from Congregations for the 1st quarter of 2018 totaled \$253,484.34. This is the second highest 1st quarter total in the last 5 years. Looks to be a good start. b. Actual cash expenses were \$331,561 for the quarter and were lower than budget by \$34,479. Our cash expenses exceeded for the quarter by \$18,660. c. The 2017 audited financial statements were handed out. There were no significant items and the audit went very smoothly. d. Investment Committee met on April 12th. First quarter returns were - 1.42% in a volatile market. Treasurer Nuehring summarized the Audit report.

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; St. John, Osage, Clarke Frederick, vacancy pastor; and St. Paul, (Artesian) Waverly, Randy McHone, vacancy pastor.

Accepted calls were Roy Berquist, St. John/Grace, Fairbank/Jesup to Trinity, Hayward, Wisconsin; Philip Girardin, Our Shepherd, Searcy, Arkansas to

Immanuel/St. Paul, Readlyn. The pending call was Jeffrey Schanbacher, Immanuel, Jefferson City, Missouri to Grace, Blirstown.

Commissioned minister vacancies include: Bethany, Cedar Rapids, DCE; Trinity School, Cedar Rapids, Kindergarten teacher; Valley School, Cedar Falls, 4th grade teacher and high school English; St. Paul, Latimer Lead teacher/principal and 5-8th grade teacher; Trinity, Davenport 3rd grade teacher; Central, Newhall, 3rd and 4th grade teachers and a principal.

Accepted commissioned calls were Rachel Wegener, Valley, Cedar Falls to High School Association of Greater Milwaukee; Jade Wilds, Valley, Cedar Falls to Good Shepherd, Watertown, Wisconsin; Hannah Keuning, Central, Newhall to Trinity, Utica, New York.

President commented on vacancy situations and other Synod matters. (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. Pastor Jeff Pautz will assume the Mission Committee chair since Rev. Roy Berquist has accepted a call outside the district. Deaconess Pat Monroe situation is unchanged. The Mission Committee will be meeting at St. Paul's Chapel, Iowa City. The heating system will be needing replacement in the future. Bids are forthcoming.

Mission Committee has one ordained and one lay vacancies. The committee was directed to submit names for appointment by the board.

The district convention is coming together. The floor committee has met and submitted overtures. The convention workbook should be complete and sent out by early May.

Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Capital campaign stands at \$764,132 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. The IDE Early Childhood Conference was rescheduled to June 23 due to weather. Sixty teachers had registered including some non-IDE providers. ILSTO changes and school choice are in the hands of the state legislature. Our schools should be considering a crisis management plan. (ATTP Doellinger's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.) Moved and seconded to accept the President's, ATTP's and committee reports. Reports accepted.

9. LCEF Report: LCEF Vice-president White presented her report.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. District Bylaw Resolution: Secretary Brase presented Bylaw Resolutions (Exhibit G attached to the protocol copy of these minutes.) for BOD approval. Moved and seconded to approve *Bylaws Overture 1: To Amend the IDE Bylaws with Recommended Changes*. Overture was approved.

Moved and seconded to approve *Bylaws Overture 2: To Amend the IDE Bylaws' Section 10: Church Extension*. Overture was approved.

Moved and seconded to approve *Bylaws Overture 3: To Amend the IDE Bylaws by adding Section 5: Presidium Nominations and Elections* using 5.2 g (in green) instead of 5.2 g and h (in blue). Discussion followed.

Moved and seconded to amend the overture by removing 5.2 e. Amendment passed.

The original overture having been amended was approved. The bylaw changes will be sent to the Commission on Constitutional Matters for review and approval. The overtures will be included in the convention workbook.

B. Exceptions Resolution: Secretary Brase presented a resolution concerning the exception to circuit requirements for a voting delegate at the 2019 Synod Convention.

RESOLUTION: To Request an Exception to Electoral Circuit requirements for the Mount Pleasant Circuit of the Iowa District East (IDE).

Whereas, LCMS Bylaw 3.1.2b provides for an exception for electoral circuits not meeting the membership requirements as stated in 3.1.2a by request of the district board of directors (BOD) to the President of Synod, and

Whereas, the Mount Pleasant circuit of the IDE has fewer communicant members than the minimum number of 1500, therefore be it

Resolved, that the IDE BOD requests an exception from the President of Synod for the Mount Pleasant circuit of IDE per Synod Bylaw 3.1.2b.

Moved and seconded to approve the exception resolution. Resolution approved.

11. New Business:

A. Congregation constitution and bylaws approvals: The Constitution Review Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval the revised constitution and bylaws of Trinity, Osage. Moved and seconded approve revised constitution and bylaws of Trinity, Osage. Constitution and bylaws were approved.

B. Review of convention matters/resolution: Rev. Knox, convention floor committee chair, reviewed the seven convention resolutions. The resolution concerning equal representation at district conventions from the BOD was read.

C. Report on St. Silas – Rev. Andrew Richard: Rev. Richard gave the board an update on St. Silas Lutheran Church, the church plant in North Liberty. He thanked the board and the district for their support, reviewed the process of the church plant and its challenges.

11. Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

12. Lunch Break: The board adjourned for lunch at Olive Garden. Rev. Rueger offered the closing and meal prayers.

13. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the district office. Rev. Saunders will lead devotions.