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## IOWA DISTRICT EAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

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**PRESENT: Ordained:** Mark Brase\*, Daird Korth, Daniel Krueger\*, Matthew Rueger\*, Brian Saunders\*

**Lay:** Dennis Duwe\*, Leon Miles\*, Corey Nuehring\*, Lowell Schroeder, Lois Warnsholz, Carole White, Paul Zoske\* (\*voting members)

Sherry Brendes, Business & Office Manager was also present.

**1. Call to Order:** Chairman Rueger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Saunders led the Board in Matins, hymn 732 and an exegetical study for Pentecost 11 (proper 13).

**2. Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved with the following additions: Unfinished business – Camp fine, Moral clause; New Business – Concordia plans election.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved and seconded to approve the April 23, 2013 Board Meeting minutes as published.

**4. Correspondence:** President Saunders read a thank you from Rev. Dan Johnson for Iowa East's support of his mission work.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented his report which included IDE 5-Year Comparison Receipts, IDE Income & Expense Detail, IDE Statement of Financial Position, IDE Death Benefit Review for Annuities, IDE Loans Payable, IDE 2013 Congregational Remittances and IDE 2013 Workshops for the period ending June 30, 2013.

The Treasurer reported: a. District support from congregations is ahead of prior year by \$12,058 and below budget by \$56,473. b. Unrestricted expenses during the quarter were lower than budget by \$96,025. c. Investment Committee met on July 17, 2013 with Ryan Koester and reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter performances.

Moved and seconded to approve 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 the Vacancy Update: Trinity, Cedar Rapids, call to David Renfro was accepted; becoming vacant: St. Peter, Riceville and Immanuel and St. Paul, Readlyn.

Pastors on call lists include Michael Parris, St. Peter, Riceville to LCMS Office of International Missions, accepted; Roger Sterle, Immanuel and St. Paul, Readlyn to Mt. Calvary, Dubois, Wyoming, accepted; David Renfro, Missoula, Montana to Trinity, Cedar Rapids, accepted; David Rempfer, Grace, Blirstown to Redeemer, Atwood, Kansas, declined.

Candidates assigned were Jonathon T. Crawford, St. Paul, Dubuque; Travis L. Berg, St. Paul, Latimer; Alexander C. Post, Redeemer, Marshalltown. They will be ordained and/or installed this summer.

Pastors retiring are Parker Knoll, St. Paul, Dubuque and Marvin Lorenz, St. Paul, Latimer.

Vicar Nathan Schreiber was assigned to Trinity, Hampton.

Commissioned minister calls accepted were candidate Sarah Berg to Valley Lutheran, Cedar Falls; Brittne Besel from Trinity, Davenport to Christ Lutheran, Kirkwood, Missouri; candidate Ellen Daniel to Trinity, Cedar Rapids; Melanie Heggemeier from Trinity, Davenport to Prince of Peace, Fremont, California; candidate Amanda Kratz to Valley Lutheran, Cedar Falls; Hannah Krenz to Valley Lutheran, Cedar Falls; Kevin Kuske to

Dubuque Lutheran, Dubuque; candidate Crystal Lepp to Central Lutheran, Newhall; Caitlin Wyant to Central Lutheran, Newhall. Rebekah Best declined a call to Trinity, Davenport. Jo Ann Schumacher, Central Lutheran, Newhall is retiring. Sarah Barkley, DCS, St. John, Clinton and Joan Tietz, Trinity, Cedar Rapids transferred out of the district.

President Saunders reported on the 2013 LCMS Convention. He reviewed the elections. Those elected will serve well. The essays and worship were excellent. The delegates functioned with integrity, churchmanship and intelligence. Chair Rueger noted that the resolutions passed will move synod in a positive direction. The resolution originating from the BOD concerning missionary funding passed. The board discussed changes to the Specific Ministry Program. (President Saunders' Report, Exhibit B, is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

**7. ATTP Rev. Dr. Rothchild's Report:** The board reviewed ATTP Rothchild's report in his absence. (ATTP Rothchild's Report, Exhibit C is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

The Schools Committee needed a principal. Moved and seconded to appoint Bill Meyer, principal at Trinity, Davenport. Appointment approved.

**8. ATTP Korth's Report:** ATTP Korth reviewed his report. He thanked the board members for their condolences when his wife Carol was called home to heaven. Consultations with several preschools were held. He gave a presentation at a meeting of the Child Abuse Council of North Iowa. Planning for next year's Early Childhood Conference is underway. (ATTP Korth's Report, Exhibit E is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

**9. ATTP Warnsholz's Report:** ATTP Warnsholz reviewed her report. The State of Iowa will now accept National Lutheran Schools Association accreditation. The hope is that this will include teacher licensing. Iowa Advocates for Choice in Education met in June with speakers from the Friedman Foundation which provides funding, speakers and information about states who are working with some form of choice in education. She commented on school contacts, the eleven new people in our schools, the upcoming Iowa Lutheran Principals meeting in August and the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization whose goal this year is \$599,600. (ATTP Warnsholz's Report, Exhibit D is attached to the protocol copy of these Minutes.)

**10. LCEF Report:** LCEF Vice-President Carole White's Report, exhibit F, was referenced without comment.

#### **11. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Office Committee reorganization update:** Chair Rueger read a letter from David Eastburn, Office Committee chair, updating the Board on the office restructuring. Corey Nuehring presented the process of transition including the hiring of the communication /technology coordinator. Interviews are scheduled for next week. Salaries and logistics were discussed.

Moved and seconded for the BOD through Pres. Saunders to reply to Rosanne's letter concerning reorganization and the elimination of her position. Motion passed.

Moved and seconded into executive session to discuss staffing and office reorganization issues.

Moved and seconded to move out of executive session.

**B. Follow-up report from Rev. Rasmussen regarding Prison Ministry:** Rev. Rasmussen's report was not available for this meeting. President Saunders reported that Rev. Rasmussen will have access to the Fort Madison prison starting in August.

**C. Concordia Plans election:** The BOD reviewed the current Concordia Plans election which is the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). The HDHP premiums will rise 11.5%. Moved and seconded to continue current HDHP and HRA plan. Motion passed.

**D. Camp IoDisECa fines:** Financial records were reviewed and a report filed. The fine was waived and Camp's status changed so that a 990 form will no longer need to be filed. Leon Miles, Camp liaison, gave a brief camp report. A very good summer camp program concludes this week. Camp staff is turning their attention to fall fund raising. Pool renovations are in progress.

## **12. New Business:**

**A. Funding Request from Randy Nord for a Ministerial Care Coalition:** President Saunders presented the request. Rev. Randy Nord was selected to serve on the LCMS Ministerial Care Coalition (MCC). The coalition will provide people with skills and resources to care for church workers. Travel expenses to the conference in Phoenix are not covered. Moved and seconded to fund Rev. Nord's travel to this MCC conference. Motion passed.

**B. CCM Nominations:** Three positions, one lawyer and two ordained are up for appointment. District BODs may nominate candidates for appointment. David Hawk, lawyer from Fort Wayne and Daryl Rothchild, ordained were recommended. Moved and seconded to nominate Hawk and Rothchild. Nomination passed. September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submission.

**C. Appointment of lay district reconciler:** Chair Rueger presented Reconciler requirements and nominees from Circuit Counselors: Leon Miles, Marengo, Rudy Schaff, Westgate, Dave Gibson, Dubuque and Dan Zinda, Grand Mound. Leon excused himself for the election. Rudy Schaff was elected as reconciler.

**D. Appoint Legal Counsel:** Brendon Quann is the current counsel. Moved and seconded to retain Brendan Quann as legal counsel. Motion passed.

**E. Report on legal review of District Endowment:** No report was available. By consensus the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

**F. Mission Committee appointment:** Rev. Ron Rafferty, Grace, DeWitt was recommended for appointment to the Mission Committee. Moved and seconded to appoint Ron Rafferty to the Mission Committee. Appointment approved.

**G. Synod Convention Resolution 7-16 "To Strengthen District Boards of Directors":** Chair Rueger read Resolution 7-16 "To Strengthen District Boards of Directors" as passed at the 2013 LCMS convention. The BOD discussed the appointment of additional lay members to attain specific skill sets.

**13. NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. Rev. Scudder will lead devotions.

**14. Adjournment:** Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 12:07 p.m. Rev. Dr. Saunders offered a meal and closing prayer. A dine-in lunch was served.