

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT LCMS
Board of Directors Meeting
November 7, 2017
Minutes

NWD Board Members Attending

Mr. Craig Timm, Chairman
Rev. Dr. Timothy Roser, 1st P
Rev. Timothy Shoup, 3rd VP
Rev. Dan Thews, Secretary
Mr. David Ackerman, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Bartanen
Mr. Stephen Fisher
Rev. Aaron Gehrke
Mrs. Susan Longmire
Rev. Dwayne Lueck, President
Mr. Bruce Plautz
Mrs. Karol Selle

North Wisconsin District Staff Present

Mr. Dennis Johnson
Mr. DJ Schult

NWD Board Unable to Attend

Rev. William Plautz, 2nd VP
Mr. Paul Duerst
Mr. David Selmeyer

Recording Secretary

Mrs. Lori Kavajecz

Opening Devotion – Mr. Bruce Plautz provided the Opening Devotion.

Adoption of Agenda

A **motion** was made, seconded and approved to adopt the agenda as presented. **APPROVED.**

Consent Voting Agenda

- ❖ Approval of July 25, 2017 Minutes
- ❖ NWD Unaudited September 2017 Financials & Consolidated P & L
- ❖ Section 2 – Board Self Governance Policies

A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the above Consent Voting Agenda as presented. **APPROVED.**

NWD 2018 Budget

President Lueck provided a brief overview of the 2018 budget and opened it up for questions.

Chairman Timm asked all staff members present to be excused so that the Board could move to Executive Session.

The Board discussed the 2018 Budget and established a volunteer sub-committee to review some budget items.

Staff was called back into the meeting and a **motion** was made and seconded to approve the 2018 Budget. **APPROVED.**

Reformation Task Force

President Lueck thanked the task force for their work and stated that since the Reformation is over, this task force is dismissed.

Rostered Church Worker Debt

Dennis Johnson shared that the task force including Rev. Shoup, Bruce Plautz, Dave Ackerman and himself sent a survey requesting input from other districts to see what, if anything, they do concerning this topic. The results showed that there are districts that assist in this, but the models are all over the board.

He shared that the goal is to make healthy workers and congregations. To get a better picture of whether there is a need, staff will create a survey to send to our congregations with the results to be shared at the January meeting.

February 2018 Board Meeting

Chairman Timm stated that President Lueck has a COP meeting which conflicts with our February Board meeting. He asked the Board to reschedule for January. After discussion it was determined that the first meeting in 2018 will be on **January 23, 2018**.

Convention Overtures

President Lueck stated that if the Board wishes to bring any Overtures to the convention, the deadline is February 2, 2018. The Board suggested submitting an Overture regarding Church Worker Debt. Pastor Roser agreed to assist in writing the proposed overture. This overture will be brought to the January meeting.

Convention Offering

President Lueck shared that he would like to designate the 2018 Convention Offering for Emergency Funds for church workers. The Board agreed this would be a good way to utilize these funds.

2016 Synod Unexpended Balance

A letter was received regarding the unexpended balance of funds related to the 2016 Synod Convention in Milwaukee. Synod's Board resolved to return the unexpended funds back to the Districts for distribution as determined by the District Board of Directors. The Board determined to have a check remitted back to the District and the District would in turn apply these monies to their 2018 Synod Contribution.

A **motion** was made and seconded to approve to have the unexpended monies from the 2016 Synod Convention remitted via check back to the District and apply them to District's 2018 Synod Contribution. **APPROVED.**

Camp Luther Report

The District Representative Report, Unaudited September 2017 financials and 2018 Budget were presented to the Board as information. Mr. Bruce Plautz shared that the Camp Board

approved the Management Agreement electronically and they are ready to sign it. He also shared that they will be moving forward with the construction of the new hall.

Camp Luther Board Election

The below slate of nominees was brought before the Board.

Ordained Minister Vacancy

One nominee to fill this position, Rev. Scott Malme.

Lay Vacancy

There were two nominees to fill this position, Tim Strasser and Paul Rudnick.

Member at Large Vacancy

There were two incumbents nominated for this position, Amy Pflieger and Terry Hanstedt.

Ballots were distributed and counted with the following results:

- Rev. Scott Malme – Ordained Minister Member
- Tim Strasser – Lay Member
- Amy Pflieger – Member at Large
- Terry Hanstedt – Member at Large

Management Agreement Signing

Chairman Timm shared that the Management Agreement and Lease Agreement are ready for signing. It was agreed that District Board members would handle this at the end of the meeting. Once completed, Lori will share with Camp Luther to obtain their signatures and ask for an original to be returned for our files.

Constitution & Bylaws

Secretary Thews presented the following Constitution & Bylaw changes for ratification:

- Zion Lutheran Church – Colby
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – Sturgeon Bay
- St. Jakobi Lutheran Church – Shawano
- Peace Lutheran Church – Eau Claire
- Christ Lutheran Church – Marshfield
- Lakes Area Christian Fellowship Lutheran Church – Rome
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Amherst

A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the above Constitution & Bylaw changes as presented. **APPROVED.**

Approval of New Congregation

President Lueck presented Lakes Area Christian Fellowship Lutheran Church as a new congregation to The Synod and asked for Board approval.

A **motion** was made and seconded to approve Lakes Area Christian Fellowship Lutheran Church into The Synod as a new congregation. **APPROVED.**

Standing Committee Updates

Administrative Services Committee

Mr. Rich Bartanen shared that there is no new business to report.

Chairman Timm also asked Mr. Bartanen to provide an update for the District Convention Nominations Committee. He shared that the Committee is scheduled to meet again in January to create the slate of candidates to meet the February 2 deadline to President Lueck.

Audit & Investment Management Committee

Mr. Bruce Plautz shared that there is no new business to report.

Governance Committee

Rev. Roser shared that there is nothing further to report.

Stewardship Committee

Mr. Johnson has nothing more to report but would like 10-15 minutes on the February agenda.

President's Report

President Lueck distributed his report to all attendees—see attached.

DJ Schult – Education/Communication

DJ shared the following highlights from his area:

- ❖ Professional Development Teachers will once again be granted a life license
- ❖ PCWC was held at Mount Olive – a survey will be sent out to see if there is still value in this event.
- ❖ 2017 – N/S State Youth Gathering at Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells was a huge success
- ❖ Working on North/South Teachers Conference
- ❖ 2018 Hearts for Jesus will be for Lutheran Special Education Ministries

Dennis Johnson – LCEF/Stewardship

Dennis shared the following highlights from his area:

- ❖ The 2017 LCEF Annual Report, Prospectus & Offering is available
- ❖ The Kaleidoscope Fund awarded a total of \$601,000 to 11 Lutheran churches throughout the United States. Our very own Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay is one of the recipients. Dennis will be presenting them with their check in December.

Mr. Bruce Plautz closed our meeting in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Dan Thews, District Secretary
Lori A. Kavajecz, Recording Secretary