

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT LCMS
Board of Directors Meeting
Via Zoom Meeting
May 5, 2020
Minutes

NWD Board Members Present

Mr. Bruce Plautz
Rev. William Plautz, 2nd VP
Rev. Dr. Timothy Roser, 1st VP
Rev. Timothy Shoup, 3rd VP
Rev. Donald Engebretson, Secretary
Rev. Dwayne Lueck, President
Mr. Richard Bartanen
Mr. Brian Betts
Mr. Paul Duerst
Mr. Stephen Fisher
Rev. Aaron Gehrke
Mrs. Karol Selle
Mrs. Kathy Strasser
Mrs. Sharon Voight

NWD Staff Present

Mr. Bill Jordan
Mrs. Lori Kavajecz
DJ Schult

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Opening Devotion

Rev. William Plautz shared the opening devotion and prayer.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Consent Voting Agenda

- ❖ Approval of February 4, 2020 Minutes
- ❖ Approval of NWD Unaudited December 2019 Financials & Consolidated P&L
- ❖ Approval of NWD Unaudited March 2020 Financials & Consolidated P&L
- ❖ Board Policy Manual – Section 4
- ❖ Board Policy Manual – Section 5

President Lueck shared that the March 2020 unaudited financials show year-to date, actual congregational giving figures at \$27,000 above last year, but \$19,000 below budget projections thus far.

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

District Treasurer Vacancy

Chairman Plautz shared that Board members were requested to share names of individuals that may be qualified and interested in the vacant district treasurer position; no names were provided prior to the meeting. President Lueck shared that Mr. Maroszek has been contracted on a part-time basis (since February) to fill a temporary vacancy for our accountant who is out for an extended time. He believes he would be a good fit since he has become familiar with the financial operations of the District through this role. Chairman Plautz asked if there were other

names to be brought forward. Rev. Shoup and Mrs. Strasser shared that they each had an individual in mind, but would need to check with them to see if they would be interested.

Chairman Plautz stated that all names to be considered for this position must be submitted to Mrs. Kavajecz with a brief overview of experience qualifying them for the position by May 15th; an electronic vote will take place the following week via email.

NWD Board Annual Review Results

Chairman Plautz shared the results of the annual review that Board members were asked to complete prior to the meeting. Overall the results were very good with the majority of marks in the “Exceeds Expectations” or “Meets Expectations” categories

NWD District President Annual Review Results

Chairman Plautz shared the results of the annual review that Board members were asked to complete prior to the meeting. He stated that he didn’t have a chance to meet with President Lueck prior to the meeting so this is the first time he is seeing the results as well. Again, the majority of the results were in the “Exceeds Expectations” and “Meets Expectations” categories.

Camp Luther Report

Gary “Woody” Voight and Tim Strasser, Chairman of the Camp Luther Board, joined the meeting via Zoom. They provided an update on the building process and how Camp is handling operations during these trying times. They shared that all programming has been cancelled through May 26th and that they are waiting for the CDC to share the guidelines on how to prepare for summer camps.

Constitution & Bylaw Changes

Secretary Engebretson stated that he hasn’t received any new requests for review within the last quarter.

Standing Committee Updates

Administrative Services Committee

Rev. Plautz shared there is nothing new to report at this time.

Audit & Investment Management Committee

Mr. Plautz shared there is nothing new to report at this time.

Governance Committee

Rev. Roser shared there is nothing new to report at this time.

Stewardship Committee

Mr. Jordan shared there is nothing new to report at this time.

President’s Report

President Lueck shared his report via email prior to the meeting.

Ongoing Board Education & Training

President Lueck gave a presentation entitled, “Business as Usual, but Different”. Details in the following five areas were shared:

- ❖ Staff – What have we been doing?
- ❖ Outstanding NWD success stories

- ❖ Mental health of our workers and those they serve
- ❖ Budget planning and assumptions for boards
- ❖ Cares Act – PPP NWD snapshot

Bill Jordan

- ❖ Personally contacting congregations in the District – health checks
- ❖ Administering Soldiers of the Cross grants (individuals only)
 - 5 distributed so far
 - There is more money available
 - Grants top out at \$2,000
 - Go to the District website, green COVID-19 box – “Financial Reminders and Support”
- ❖ LCEF is offering specialized COVID-19 loans available for congregations

Rev. Plautz closed the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving and continued health.

Adjournment

A **motion** was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Donald Engebretson, District Secretary
Lori A. Kavajecz, Recording Secretary