

**North Wisconsin District – LCMS
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2016**

Minutes

In Attendance

Mr. Craig Timm, Chairman
Rev. Dwayne Lueck, District President
Rev. Dr. Timothy Roser, First Vice President
Rev. William Plautz, Second Vice President
Rev. Timothy Shoup, Third Vice President
Mr. David Ackerman, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Bartanen
Mr. Paul Duerst
Mr. Stephen Fisher
Mr. Bruce Plautz
Mr. David Selmeyer

Unable to Attend

Rev. Dan Thews, District Secretary
Mrs. Susan Longmire
Mrs. Karol Selle

Recording Secretary

Lori Kavajecz

Monday, May 9, 2016

Chairman Timm called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Brief introductions were given to welcome Pastor Aaron Gehrke (pronounced g-air-key).

Opening Devotion – Mr. Paul Duerst provided the Opening Devotion.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented. A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the agenda. **APPROVED.**

Approval of Consent Voting Agenda

- ❖ May 9 & 10, 2016 Minutes
- ❖ NWD Unaudited June 2016 Financials & Consolidated P & L
- ❖ NWD Audited December 2015 Financials & Consolidated P & L

The Consent Voting Agenda was adopted as presented. A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the above Consent Voting Agenda with this change. **APPROVED.**

December 2015 Final Audit Report

Mr. Ackerman shared that he believed the audit went well. A concern that comes up due to the small number of staff at the North Wisconsin District is separation of duties. Mr. Ackerman clarified that we do have proper checks and balances in place to assist with incoming checks, deposit, etc. He also shared that checks written for greater than \$5,000 require two signatures.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the audit as presented. **APPROVED.**

Goal Review & Strategy Considerations

Mr. Johnson shared that Senior Staff met offsite to create goals for each of the three outcomes.

He led the Board through a discussion to review the goals and discuss potential strategies under each one.

Below are a few verbiage changes that were made to Attachment F:

- First item under Core Values – change the wording from “Faithful” to “Faithfulness”

- Outcome #1 – Goal 3 – change to read: Encourage participation and aid in continuing education opportunities.

Mr. Johnson stated he would integrate discussion items from today and Senior Staff will meet once again to revise the goals and incorporate suggested items.

Camp Luther Nomination Process Discussion

President Lueck shared past history of the Camp Luther Board of Directors nomination process. In December 2016, Ken Longmire (Commissioned Minister) and Michael Hartman (Lay) will have completed their two three-year terms and will not be eligible to remain on the Camp Board. At our November meeting we will be voting for a commissioned and lay member to replace them. In an effort to be proactive, in mid-August we will be sending out the job description and a nomination form for District Board members to submit names. Please make sure that individuals are willing to serve prior to submitting their name on the nomination form. District Board members can submit as many names as you like.

District Ministry Overview

Rev. Dan Kohn was invited to provide an overview of his responsibilities to the North Wisconsin District as District Counselor. Rev. Kohn provided a snapshot of his activities over the last year and a half, as well as shared his goals for the future of this service.

Constitution and Bylaw Changes

Secretary Thews was unable to attend the meeting, however, he shared the following Constitution and Bylaw changes with Lori Kavajecz for presentation to the Board:

- ❖ Our Redeemer – Fall Creek
- ❖ St. John – Dancy / St. Paul – Junction City

A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the Constitution and Bylaw change as presented.

APPROVED.

Reformation Celebration Update

Revs. Roser, Shoup and Plautz and Mr. Mark Schulz discussed via email options to celebrate the Reformation in our District. They compared celebrating on a circuit-wide vs. District-wide level. They are looking a little more seriously into what a District-wide event might look like. They are considering something that would be more educational with a speaker to provide some history as well as other sessions that would fill an all-day into the afternoon event in September. At the same time, they are looking at creating a District model service for the circuits to use if they choose. They are also considering having President Lueck prepare a short video with a 5-10-minute Homily that circuits could play at their event.

Standing Committees

Administrative Services Committee

No new business to report.

Audit & Investment Management Committee

Mr. Bruce Plautz shared that the LCMS Scholarship Foundation payment and expenses are being met by our earned income. He and Mr. Ackerman believe that we are in a good position with our conservative approach to investments.

Governance

Nothing further to report.

Stewardship Committee

Mr. Johnson shared that the Committee will be meeting in August. The Committee will be looking at information to be placed on our new website under the Stewardship tab. Also considering the use of a part-time pastor to go out and share new stewardship information at Circuit meetings.

President's Report

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

Staff Reports

DJ Schult

Due to a conflict, DJ was unable to attend this meeting.

Dennis Johnson

Dennis shared the following items:

- Outside building painted
- Phase 1 of landscaping completed
- LCEF will be paying out operating results to the District
- LCEF will be restructuring to have 3 regions starting in September

Miscellaneous

President Lueck shared that as the schedule stands, he will not be available to make the November meeting. Members reviewed their calendars and rescheduled the November meeting to be held on Thursday, November 10th.

Closing Prayer

Mr. Duerst closed the meeting with a prayer of thanks and safe travel.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**President's Report to NWD-LCMS Board of Directors
July 26, 2016 – Wausau, WI**

MISSION

OUR PURPOSE

Encourage, network and equip Lutheran congregations of the North Wisconsin District LCMS to vigorously make known the love of Christ.

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s in Fulfilling Our Mission

Healthy workers serve in healthy congregations to fulfill God's Great Commission through "Witness, Mercy and Life Together"

Management report

- Outside of the District Office painted
- Some landscaping was done. Almost finished.
- Worked with senior staff on mission strategy

Financial information

- At the end of June we are in the black by \$2,000 – income vs budget
- In congregational income we are \$33,000 ahead of last year

Missions & Ministry

- 66th LCMS National Convention in Milwaukee (Roser)
- LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
- NWD Reformation celebration progressing (Roser)
- Ordinations of new candidates
- Staff meeting with congregations on planning and leadership development
- Congregations & flooding: Glidden hit the worst
- District Professional Church Workers Golf Outing – Merrill
- NWD Website being updated and should be ready next week
- Early Childhood Conference at Bonduel – August 5
- NWD - CUW School Summit at Bonduel – August 11
- NWD New Workers Orientation at District Office – August 31
- Fall Pastors Conference at Marquette – Sep 26-28
- Support Staff Gathering – District Office – October 11
- "Engaging Your Community" workshop at St Paul/Bonduel – Oct 15
- Adult Gathering - Paul Maier at Mt Olive/Weston – October 18

NWD Vacancies

Report of DP activity

- LCMS Floor Committee meeting – St Louis – May 26-29
- LCMS Convention – Milwaukee – July 8-14
- LCMS National Youth Gathering – New Orleans – July 16-20
- Ordained: Phillip Beukema (Minocqua); Daniel Vang (Thorp/Stanley); Seth Kunze (Houston TX)
- Installed: Matthew Baye (Depere); Chad Ott (Marquette); Steve Hulke (Stevens Point); John Frahm (Boulder Junction); Clint Hoff (Missionary to Czech Republic)

- Pre-call: Clintonville/St Martin; Eagle River/Our Savior; Laurium/St Paul & Hubbell/St John; Marquette/Redeemer;
- Welcome new church into LCMS: Raized Lutheran Church, Green Bay
- Worship with new Camp Luther Counselors – May 31
- CUW Board of Regents – May 12
- Attended one funeral (Arvin Kleinschmidt) and one retirement party for Pastor Ron Mueller
- Tailgated prior to Cards vs Brewers Game/Redeemer-Green Bay – July 8
- Performed Ben & Michelle’s wedding in McKinney TX – June 25

Staff Reports

- DJ Schult (In St Louis for LCMS school workshop)
- Dennis Johnson

What other information are you looking for?