

Minutes
LCMS North Dakota District Board of Directors
October 26, 2018 – Fourth Quarter Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING DEVOTION

The October 26, 2018 Fourth Quarter meeting of the LCMS North Dakota Board of Directors was called to order at Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck, by Rev. Tom Marcis, Chairman at 10:01 a.m. Members present: Rev. Arie Bertsch, District President; Rev. Kirk Peters, 1st Vice President; Rev. Steve Schulz 2nd Vice President; Rev. Tom Marcis, Chairman; Mr. John Riley, Vice Chairman; Rev. Joshua Reimche, Secretary; Mr. Leon Bladow, Treasurer; Mr. Bob Luebke, Mr. Kirk Rosin, Mrs. Kay Kreklau, Mr. Paul Huber, Mrs. Tina Davidson, Rev. Dr. Matt Richard, Mrs. Tami Ulland, Business Manager; Absent: Mr. Jason Paradis

President Bertsh opened with a devotion from the Treasury of Daily Prayer. The board studied The Augsburg Confession Article 2 – Original Sin, and Article 19 – The Cause of Sin.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Chairman Marcis reviewed the agenda. Election of Board representative to the synod convention was added to the agenda. The agenda was adopted as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Marcis called the board's attention to the proposed consent agenda in order to expedite addressing some of the regular business of a board meeting. Opportunity was provided for board members to request the removal of specific items from the consent agenda to be discussed during the meeting, it was requested to move the Wittenberg and Watford City reports to the regular agenda for discussion during the meeting. With the exception of the items removed, it was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the consent agenda, which includes the following items:

- Minutes from April 6, 2018
- Ed Bean Reports*
- 2018 – 2020 Tentative Meeting Schedule
 - Board of Directors February 15 Beautiful Savior Fargo
 - Board of Directors April 5 St Paul Minot
 - Planning Council & Board August 15-16 Messiah Mandan
 - Board of Directors October 25 Beautiful Savior Fargo
 - Board of Directors February 7 Zion Bismarck
 - Board of Directors April 3 Beautiful Savior Fargo
 - Planning Council & Board August 20-21 St Paul Minot
 - Board of Directors October 30 Beautiful Savior Fargo
 - District Convention January 25-27 2021 - Fargo

*Items attached to these minutes as Appendix A

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Task Force and Standing Committee Appointments

President Bertsch presented his appointments: The Task Force for Local Mercy remains vacant at this time.

State of the District Report

Tami reported that the work is completed with only a few items to clarify, therefore the report will be sent to the congregations for dissemination to their members in early November.

District Articles of Incorporation

Articles have been filed and approved by the North Dakota Secretary of State.

Governance Committee Appointment

The board appointed Rev. Dr. Matt Richard to the Governance Committee.

Synod Convention Representative

Rev. Tom Marcis and Mr. Jason Paradis were nominated. It was moved, seconded and passed that Rev. Marcis will represent the board at the synod convention in 2019.

BOARD EDUCATION

Board Policy Manual. Section 4 was briefly reviewed and will be discussed in detail at the February meeting to determine which duties belong to the District President, Business Manager or perhaps another committee

BOARD MONITORING ITEMS

Management Report – District President

- President Bertsch has been making mission presentations throughout the district regarding the district mission and ministry. Fulfilling or progressing on any of the strategic outcomes has been difficult due to the financial condition of the district.
- ***Watford City Report.*** Pastor Heide joined the meeting after lunch to discuss the status of the mission start in Watford City. Since he did not have a prepared presentation or report, the time was used as a question and answer session. Little has been happening to move the mission start ahead. Pastor Heide asked the board for input on how to move forward, and though the board offered numerous suggestions, Pastor Heide stated that for various reasons most of the suggestions were not able to be implemented due to him not having time, or his feeling that they would not work.
- ***Wittenberg Chapel Report.*** Pastor Suelzle submitted another excellent report outlining upcoming events and activities at the chapel. He has asked that the board consider increasing financial support to cover miscellaneous expenses for the chapel which are currently covered by chapel offerings and Pastor Suelzle's family.

Management Report – Business Manager

- **2019 Budget.** Tami and Leon presented the preliminary budget for 2019. There is an anticipated deficit of \$109,000 which would have to be taken from Board directed funds, which would effectively deplete all reserve funds available.

It was moved, and seconded to reduce the District Youth work budget from \$52,000 to \$30,000 with the condition that the Youth Committee must provide an itemized budget for all expenses. Upon discussion, a substitute motion was offered.

It was moved, and seconded to consider a substitute motion as follows: to reduce the Watford Mission Start budget from \$47,716 to \$42,000, to be in line with what the original convention resolution intended; and reduce the District Youth budget to \$7,000 in order to fund the CLYFR, DYM and DYC meetings, and furthermore that district youth gatherings and retreats shall be self supporting. The substitute Motion passed.

- **Activity Report.** Tami submitted her activity report which is attached to these minutes.

Financial Report – Finance Committee

- Leon presented the financial report. Due to current projected budget deficits in the proposed '19-'20 Fiscal Year budget, the job description for the gift planner position will be discussed at the February meeting along with other budget expenses.

BOARD VISIONING

Rev. William Knaack was present to discuss the shared deaf ministry between North Dakota and Minnesota North. He holds monthly worship services in Grand Forks, initially with 22 people, but services are now held every other month because the numbers have declined; 14 in Fargo which worships monthly; and 15 in Minot every other month.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Marcis.

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Rev. Joshua D. Reimche, District Secretary