

LCMS North Dakota District Board of Directors

Fourth Quarter Meeting Minutes 29 October 2021

Saint Mark Lutheran Church, Minot, ND

Present at the meeting were Rev. Arie Bertsch, District President; Rev. Kirk Peters, First Vice President; Rev. Steve Schulz, Second Vice President; Rev. Tom Marcis, Chair; Mr. John Riley, Vice Chair; Rev. Daniel Voth, Secretary; Mr. Leon Bladow, Treasurer; Mr. Paul Huber; Mrs. Kay Kreklau; Mr. Tom Langer; Mr. Kirk Rosin; Rev. Lester Wolfgram; and Mrs. Tami Ulland, Business Manager.

Absent was Mr. Jason Paradis.

Also in attendance was Mr. Ted Kober, President of Ambassadors of Reconciliation.

1.0 Life Together

Chairman Marcis called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. CDT.

President Bertsch opened with Morning Daily Prayer.

No items were added to the agenda.

2.0 Board Action Items

2.1 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 moved, seconded, and passed to adopt the consent agenda which included the following items:

- ◆ Minutes from August 20, 2021 (DB)
- ◆ Message in the pew (DB)
- ◆ 2021 – 2023 Tentative Meeting Schedule
 - District Convention Fargo, ND, Jan 23-26, 2022
 - Beautiful Savior, Fargo, February 4, 2022 10am-6pm
 - Long Range – St. Paul's, Minot, April 28, 2021 2:30pm
 - St. Paul's, Minot, April 29, 2022 2:30pm-6pm
 - Bismarck/Mandan, August 19, 2022 10:00am-6pm
 - Beautiful Savior, Fargo, October 28, 2022 10am-6pm
 - Long Range — Bismarck/Mandan, February 2, 2023 2:30pm
 - Bismarck/Mandan, February 3, 2023 2:30pm-6pm
 - Beautiful Savior, Fargo, April 14, 2023 10am-6pm
 - St. Paul's, Minot, August 25, 2023 2:30pm-6pm
 - Beautiful Savior, Fargo, October 27, 2023 10am-6pm

2.2 Items for Board Approval

None

3.0 Board Education

Mr. Ted Kober, President of Ambassadors of Reconciliation, brought his recommendations for changes to the district bylaws and Board Policy Manual. Both documents can be found in Dropbox.

Motion: To bring the suggested changes to the bylaws from Mr. Ted Kober, to the district convention in addition to previous bylaw changes as recommended by the board.

Motion seconded and passed.

Motion: To accept all changes as noted by Mr. Ted Kober to the Board Policy Manual.

Motion seconded and passed.

Changes to the Board Policy Manual will be discussed at a special meeting of the BOD by Zoom on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. CST.

The board also has requested that Mr. Kober return to the next BOD meeting with the new board to provide training and education on policy-based governance and our bylaws and policy manual.

Note: To minimize Mr. Kober's travel expenses, the next BOD meeting will not be in Fargo as noted on the consent agenda, but will be moved to the Bismarck/Mandan area.

2.0 Board Action Items

2.3.7 Mission Resolution for Convention

Request was made to revisit mission funding in light of a previous overture that removed support for Chile.

Motion: To continue, as in the past two (2) triennium, to support Christ Care of Children - Kenya at \$10,000 per year and Chile Partnership at \$25,000 per year.

Motion seconded and passed.

2.3.8 Faithful Families Convocation

Mr. Steve Carbno attended the three day disaster response training in St. Louis. He will continue to work with the Mercy Subcommittee, but does not want to head the district disaster preparedness team.

Motion: To continue to explore a partnership with Lutheran Family Service Ministries.

Motion seconded and passed.

Planning continues on the convocation around the middle school gathering in Bismarck, October 2022.

2.3.9 Congregational Constitutions and Bylaws

The District Standing Constitution Committee has had several Zoom meeting to discuss congregational changes to constitutions and/or bylaws and recommend approval by the BOD of the said changes at the following congregations: St. John's, Oakes; Immanuel, Fargo; St. John's, Hillsboro; and Immanuel, Grand Forks.

Motion: To accept the changes to the constitution and/or bylaws of St. John's, Oakes; Immanuel, Fargo; St. John, Hillsboro; and Immanuel, Grand Forks as recommending by the standing committee.

Motion seconded and passed.

4.0 Board Monitoring Items

4.1.1 Management Report — District President

Report is in Dropbox.

December 11, 2021 at Concordia, Jamestown, will be the date and place for the floor committee meetings to discuss overtures to the district convention. Floor members information can be found in Dropbox

4.1.2 Management Report — Business Manager

Report in in Dropbox.

Vicki Peihl in the Fargo office will be retiring officially on June 1, 2022.

Tami will work with Rev. Rick Jone, International Mercy Care coordinator, to bring video greetings to the convention from both Kenya and Chile.

Vehicle needs list has been comprised and Tami will work with Kirk Rosin on finding a vehicle that meets her needs as business manager.

4.1.3 Financial Report — Finance Committee

The district income continues to be \$60,000 above last year at the same time.

Proposed budget for 2022-2023 was presented, but will need to be adjusted based on early motion to include Chile into the mission portion of the budget. Shortfall would be \$23,000 if we don't use surplus funds from previous years. Included in the budget is approximately \$6,000 to cover the shortfall of the District LYF events, as their registration, which is to cover all expenses, does not at this time.

Due to the depreciation of the next vehicle to be purchased for the business manager, Leon recommended that we use undesignated funds to purchase the vehicle outright rather than finance it.

Finance Committee has been working with LCMS Foundation on developing an endowment fund (see Dropbox).

Motion: To accept the revised “Endowment Fund Policy North Dakota District”.

Motion seconded and passed with one dissension.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Thank you to Rev. Tom Marcis, Mr. John Riley, and Mr. Leon Bladow for their years of service to the North Dakota District Board of Directors. All three men have termed out and are not eligible for re-election.

Chairman Marcis adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m. CDT

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel C. Voth".

Rev. Daniel C. Voth
Secretary of the North Dakota District LCMS