

Minutes
LCMS North Dakota District Board of Directors
December 5, 2019 – Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

The December 5, 2019 Special meeting of the LCMS North Dakota Board of Directors was called to order via video conference, by Rev. Tom Marcis, Chairman at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Rev. Arie Bertsch, District President; Rev. Kirk Peters, 1st Vice President; Rev. Tom Marcis, Chairman; Mr. John Riley, Vice Chairman; Rev. Joshua Reimche, Secretary; Mr. Leon Bladow, Treasurer; Mrs. Tami Ulland, Business Manager; Mr. Jason Paradis, Esq.; Mr. Tom Langer, Mr. Paul Huber, Rev. Dr. Matt Richard. Absent: Rev. Steve Schulz 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Tina Davidson, Mr. Kirk Rosin, Mrs. Kay Kreklau,

President Bertsch opened with a prayer for the church and our work as a district.

The primary purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the preliminary '20-'21 Budget, and alternate cost saving possibilities for the 2021 District Convention.

CONVENTION

The 2021 District Convention is scheduled to be held at the Delta Hotel in Fargo, with a proposed budget of \$67,150.00. The convention budget assumes 102 delegates, which would anticipate a registration fee of approximately \$658 per delegate. Though contracts have been signed with the Delta, the contract maybe be cancelled for a \$1,000 fee provided it is cancelled before January 24, 2020.

An alternate convention location was proposed which would be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo and utilize a caterer for food, drinks, and clean up, at a quoted cost of \$20,000; instead of the \$40,000 for food, drinks, and clean up, which is the contractually obligated minimum amount required by the Delta contract. The alternate location has a proposed budget of \$45,150.00, which assuming 102 delegates, would be an approximately \$380 registration fee.

A committee will be appointed to examine alternate cost saving options for future conventions.

It was moved, seconded and passed to have the 2021 District Convention at the Delta.
Yes 6, No 3.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Due to anticipated budget shortfalls for the '20-'21 Budget year, it was suggested that with the current make up board members, and Circuit Visitors, if the Board and Circuit Visitors were to meet in Bismarck for all meetings, instead of alternating between Fargo, Minot and Bismarck; would save \$2,000 per year in travel expense, and possibly more if lodging needs also decreased. No further action was taken on this matter.

The District Youth activity budget was discussed. For the '19-'20 budget the board had set the District Youth budget at \$7,000. The proposed '20-'21 budget had been readjusted to \$31,500. Upon further discussion, it was moved, and seconded to maintain the youth budget at \$7,000 for CLYFR, DYM, and DYC meetings, and furthermore that district youth gatherings and retreats shall be self supporting, which means no extra money from the district shall be contributed. Yes 5, No 5. The motion was allowed to expire.

Upon expiration of the previous motion, it was then moved, seconded and passed to accept the preliminary budget report and to amend District Youth budget for CLYFR, DYM, and DYC meetings to \$7,000

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. by Chairman Marcis.

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Rev. Joshua D. Reimche

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