

MINUTES
Zion, Norridge, IL
SELC District Board of Directors
October 24 - 25, 2006

1. **ATTENDEES:** Carl Krueger, Andy Dzurovcik, Chris Cahill, Dick Martin, Chris Ongstad, Keith Balla, Clarence Cook and John Telloni.
Guests: LouAnn Gotch, Robert Lange, Ron Roby, Kyle Schwann, Jon Bender, Ray Malec, Paul Biber, Paul Hoyer, Luther Bajus, Warren Huffines, Ron Roby and Gerald Kovac.

2. **THE OPENING DEVOTION** was led by Vicar Kyle Schwann in conjunction with the Western Circuit Pastoral Conference meeting at the same time.

3. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WAS BROUGHT TO ORDER** by President Carl Krueger at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 24.

4. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ADOPT THE MAY 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRE-CONVENTION, CONVENTION AND POST CONVENTION MINUTES** with minor changes.
Motion Carried.

5. **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT** (A - 42 ff.)
Clarence Cook presented the financial secretary's report.
He gave the final report on 100th anniversary donations. Any other contributions toward this fund will be used to support district missions and be reported as unbudgeted mission support. \$309,000 has been received over the years for the 100th anniversary offering.

6. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO RECEIVE THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY.**
Motion Carried.

7. **THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY** noted that more district congregations are contributing to the district now than last year. So far 72% of agreed to district financial goals have been met by the congregations.

8. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.**
Motion carried.

9. **THE TREASURER'S REPORT** (A - 49 ff.)
 - a. There are three checking accounts of assets.
 - b. There is one large LCEF certificate of \$650,000 that includes segregated restricted cash. Therefore the actual available money on this certificate is

approximately \$254,000.

- c. Loans: The Family of Christ, Tampa loan remains at \$100,000 and shows as a reserve. Jackson Twp. Loan of \$30,000 is shown as a reserve.
- d. There is \$303,000 in current assets.
- e. Restricted assets are for \$838,955.39.
- f. The amount of \$90,000 in Hurricane relief has been paid.
- g. Receipt reimbursement from Redeemer, Manchester for the services of Tom Woodley was \$20,104.
- h. The auditors will coincide the audits between the district and the Lutheran Haven in August.

10. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO RECEIVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.
Motion carried.

11. TERRY GERDTS WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION JOINED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT 10 A.M. TO PRESENT ON GIFT PLANNING.

- a. The Board introduced itself to Terry who gave a power point presentation on the foundation. The presentation focused on the gift planning division.
 - i. The Foundation's purpose is given in 1 Timothy 6:17-19. i.e. "you're not livin' 'til you're givin'".
 - ii. This is a pass-through foundation (service foundation). The Foundation will transfer the blessings to districts who want it. This "Transfer the Blessings" program helps train individuals in the congregation and team to assist members with their Lifetime Plan for Giving to the families and the ministries they care about.
 - iii. To get this started a congregation needs to have an endowment fund to organize the future growth of the church. The endowment fund is a transfer vehicle to raise the confidence level of the church members. There is a district gift planning counselor that works with congregational gift planners. They train the stewardship team as well as the gift planner. The training lasts a day and a half. Each congregation will need a gift planner and a stewardship team.
- b. Terry handed out some materials including a "Possible SELC District Agreement with the LCMS foundation for Gift Planning Services" and "Attachment 1".
 - i. Under this suggested agreement between the foundation and the SELC District the District and Lutheran Haven person would be employed as a gift planner and work with Lutheran Haven and the circuits of our district. The Foundation would do the training of the gift planner of the district. The planned gift counselor will uncover direct gifts.
 - ii. Terry stated that the district has to be aggressive in communicating the mission of the district.

12. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT NOON.**
13. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS GATHERED AT 1 P.M. WITH THE WESTERN CIRCUIT PASTORS TO LISTEN TO REV. TOM EGGOLD SPEAK ON GREAT LAKES URBAN MISSION.**
14. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECONVENED AT 1:55 P.M.**
15. **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - a. Jan 25-26, 2007 the Board of Directors will meet at Holy Cross, Lake Mary, FL. The fiscal committee will meet from 9:00 A.M. January 25 to noon.. The Board of Directors will meet from noon January 25 through 5:00 P.M. January 26.
 - b. April 19-25 - Council of Presidents will meet in Fort Wayne, IN. Call night is April 24 in Fort Wayne and April 25 in St. Louis.
 - c. May 14-16, 2007 the Mission Board and Board of Directors will meet at Concordia, Bethlehem, PA.
 - d. May 18-21 are the scheduled dates for the initial floor committee meetings for the Synodical convention.
 - e. May 22-23- Lutheran Haven Trustees.
 - f. July 12-13 are the Synodical convention committee meeting dates.
 - g. July 14-19 is the scheduled date for the LCMS convention in Houston, TX.
 - h. July 28-August 1 is the youth gathering in Orlando, FL.
 - i. Aug. 21-22 - Lutheran Haven Trustees.
 - j. Sept. 6-12 Council of Presidents.
 - k. Nov. 6-7 - Lutheran Haven Trustees.
 - l. Nov. 12-15 Council of Presidents.
 - m. Nov. 16-18 LCEF in Dallas.
 - n. Oct. 15 (Evening) - 17 (All day) - General Pastoral Conference - Montreal.
 - o. Oct. 18 - 19 - Mission Board and Board of Directors in Montreal.
16. **PRESIDENT KRUEGER NOMINATED CHRIS CAHILL FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERIAL HEALTH COMMITTEE.** Chris accepted the nomination. The board ratified President Krueger's nomination.
17. **PRESIDENT KIESCHNICK'S LETTER SHOWS** (A - 70 ff.)
THAT A SOUTHERN CIRCUIT EXEMPTION IS GRANTED.
18. **THE SELC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE INCLUSION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS AS ADVISORY DELEGATES FOR THE 2007 SYNODICAL CONVENTION.**
19. **A YOUTH DELEGATE WILL NOT BE SENT TO THE 2007 LCMS CONVENTION.**

20. **LCMS CONVENTION NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT.** (A - 82)
\$10,599 is assessed by the Synod from the SELC district for the 2007 Synodical convention.
This covers the cost of the delegates, president of district and each advisory delegate.
21. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO REQUEST AN ASSESSMENT FROM EACH SELC DISTRICT CONGREGATION OF \$1 PER CONFIRMED MEMBER FOR THE 2007 LCMS CONVENTION.**
Motion carried.
22. **THE SELC FINANCIAL SECRETARY, CLARENCE COOK, WAS ASKED TO SET A FEBRUARY 1, 2007 DEADLINE FOR CONGREGATIONS TO PAY THE ASSESSMENT.**
23. **PALS ASSESSMENT** (A - 90 ff.)
The 2005-06 assessment is \$1,000.
24. **FAN INTO FLAME.** (A - 95)
a. The SELC District is asked to encourage its congregations to participate in Fan into Flame with the geographical districts in which they reside.
b. Fan into Flame wants the SELC to have a goal of \$1 million given through 5 year major gifts and 3 year regular gifts.
c. Gerald Kovac has agreed to serve as district campaign manager. We want to encourage every congregation have a Fan into Flame financial goal.
25. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED THAT GERALD KOVAC BE THE SELC DISTRICT CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR FAN INTO FLAME.**
Motion carried.
26. **YOUTH GATHERING** (A - 97)
a. Tom Bailey, Jim Hurst and Leah Abel are on the committee to spearhead the SELC involvement in the 2007 LCMS national youth gathering.
b. Paul Biber spoke to the board saying that the youth board sees itself as a resource for all the congregations of the district. The Board of Directors can help the Luther League determine what it should be doing.
c. The end of June is the proposed next youth district convention date at Calvary, Parma, OH.
d. John Telloni will meet with the next Luther League board and talk about preparations for the Synod Youth Gathering and the coordinator.
27. **PROPOSED CONGREGATIONAL SET** (A - 102 ff.)
The proposed Congregational Set was written by Chris Cahill. In this set the pastor asks the

congregation questions. In addition to the questions under #4 on pg. 100 should be, "Would you consider using the pastoral guidelines?"

28. SUGGESTED CHANGES FOR DELTO (A - 121 ff.)

The DELTO oversight committee made up of representatives from the two seminaries, the council of presidents, the CTCR and the Board of Pastoral Education is talking of expanding the Delto program to ordain clergy that have not graduated from the seminary. DELTO students would take a pre-ordination curricula, they would be ordained and then they would finish off their studies while serving a parish. Upon completion, the candidate is given final roster approval status by a committee and is recognized as being eligible for calls elsewhere within his rostered status.

29. BREAK AT 3:53 P.M.

30. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECONVENED AT 4:05 P.M.

31. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO MAINTAIN THE LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF \$9 PER YEAR.

Motion Carried.

32. PRESIDENT KRUEGER APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE: LOU ANN GOTCH, CLARENCE COOK, KEITH BALLA, TOM SOLTIS, DICK MARTIN AND CARL KRUEGER.

33. PRESIDENT KRUEGER NOTED THAT CONCERNING A DEVELOPMENT PERSON FOR THE DISTRICT:

- a. The Lutheran Haven is open to partnering with the district on the development person.
- b. The Board of Directors could meet with the Lutheran Haven board on the preceding Wednesday before the January 2007 BOD meeting working out the relationship between the boards and the development person.

34. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED THAT THE SELC DISTRICT PARTNER WITH THE LUTHERAN HAVEN IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT PERSON WITH A JOB DESCRIPTION AND BENEFITS; EMPLOYED AND TRAINED BY THE FOUNDATION.

Motion carried.

Ron Roby, Clarence Cook and Carl Krueger will meet with the Lutheran Haven Board on Wednesday.

35. STUDENT AID COMMITTEE REPORT GIVEN BY JOHN TELLONI ON HANDOUT SHEET.

- a. Total amount outlaid for seminarians was \$9,700.
- b. Total amount outlaid for student aid was \$14,000.
- c. Total amount outlaid by student aid was \$23,700.00.

36. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE STUDENT AID REPORT.**
Motion carried.

37. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLOSED AT 5 P.M. WITH PRAYER AND JOINED THE WESTERN CIRCUIT PASTORS FOR THEIR DEVOTION.**

38. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECONVENED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 9:00 A.M.**

39. **JOHN GUTZ GAVE THE OPENING DEVOTION.**

40. **THE BOARD MET WITH THE WESTERN CIRCUIT**

- a. Rev. Gary Bertels from Concordia University, Chicago spoke about present church work being done in the Czech Republic and the connection with Concordia University. He did research on children's ideas about God to explore a crucial segment of children's spirituality.
- b. The first vice president's and the Eastern circuit counselor's report were presented. First vice president Andy Dzurovcik said there was a good turnout for the Luther League convention in Norridge, IL. Andy served as vacancy pastor at Redeemer, Manchester until Jim Rice was installed as pastor. St. Matthew's, Wilkes Barre is vacant. He noted that the Bishop of Sudan was present for the Eastern Circuit Conference. The next Eastern Circuit Conference will be held in January. Rich Hill will be retiring at the end of January.
- c. The second vice president's report was given by Chris Cahill. Vacancies in the Central Circuit include: Brackenridge, Braddock, Johnstown, Central City, Kingsville, Pleasant City, Steubenville, and Youngstown. There was the 90th anniversary of John Huss Lutheran Church in Arnold, PA. Jeff Harter gave a good presentation on dealing with grief in children to the central circuit conference that was held at Camp Mowana.
- d. The southern circuit report was given by President Krueger. Ron Meyr is the circuit counselor. The circuit is made up of four churches.
- e. The western circuit pastors took turns giving information on what was happening at their respective congregations.
- f. There are four vicars in the district serving congregations in Cudahy, Steubenville Clark and Oviedo.
- g. The treasurer and financial secretary gave a summary of their reports to the Western Circuit pastors.

41. **PRESIDENT KRUEGER DECLARED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CLOSED AT 12:15 P.M. WITH PRAYER.**