

Board of Directors --Rocky Mountain District

November 9, 2015

Board Members Present: President Allen Anderson; Mr. James Tuell;; Rev. Dwight Hellmers; Ms. Janelle Krueger, Mr. David Rev. David Fischer; Mr. Travis Goeglein Mr. Duane Nyen; Rev Gary Rahe; Mrs. Polly Wegner, Rev. Don Widger

Board Members Absent:

Appointed Member: Rev. Christian Rasmussen (Assistant Secretary)

Guests:

8:30 Call to Order—Mr. James Tuell

8:30 Opening Devotion—Rev. David Fischer

- LSB 295, Hymn 517

Chairman Tuell announced the resignation of Mr. Rob Doughty from Board of Directors

9:00 Approval of Minutes – Approved

9:00 Approval of Consent Agenda—

Resolution #2015-11-C-Admin-01 To confirm members to the Board of Directors for the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran mission

Resolution #2015-11-C-Admin-02 To approve the 2015 District Convention Proceedings

Resolution #2015-11-C-Admin-03 To approve the 2016 Synod Convention Assessment

Resolution #2015-11-C-Admin-04 To establish Housing Allowances for 2016

ADOPTED

8:55 President's Report—report on file

Expressed appreciation for condolences at Debbie's mother's death
Ordination of Mr. Paul Albers set for December 14th at Zion Brighton
Many congregations are struggling financially- even the larger parishes
Congregations having difficulty making loan payment- Calvary Rio Rancho, NM

Two situations coming to pay Concordia Plans for church workers of congregation who can't make payments

President Harrison is dividing floor committees- Universities will be separate from Seminaries, not all under one floor committee

Licensed Deacons will be a separate floor committee

9:00 Executive Session—Execution Session ended 9:30

**9:45 Congregational Services Report—Mr. Paul Albers
Report on File**

9:45 Chairman will go back to congregations in NM for solicitation of names to serve on Board of Directors, since Mr. Rob Doughty's resignation. The other candidate at the convention was elected to another position, thus not eligible to serve on Board of Directors.

**9:47 LCEF—Mr. Kevin Grein
3.5% Investment on 35 months fixed note, trying to jump start investments
Loan demand remains strong**

10:00 Executive for Administration Report—Mr. Doug Ullmann— updated report on file

Windsor Property- had mission start in 2005 or before, district assumed property around 09-10, sold property to non-denominational church, which has paid off the debt, district is free and clear of this property.

Communication plan is still coming together, will be presented at Jan BOD meeting

Rangely- continuing to work on lease agreement, hopefully the lease will begin, December 1 or January 1. Lease will be for \$2500/month.

Line 80- Ethiopian Ministry- designated funds for Ethiopian ministry, which is no longer in existence, Doug will seek out a Ethiopian ministry in synod to divert those funds too.

10:30 Break

10:45 Preliminary Proposed Budget 2016 - Discussion

Lines 57-61

11:55 Discussion without executives in room

Recommended that a 2% increase be included in executive staff for District President, Executive for Congregation Services and Executive for Administration.

1:00 Review of Bylaws applicable to the Board of Directors

1:10 Visioning- Review Strategic initiatives, goals, and mission statement

Big 5

Communications—all congregations will receive information relevant from District, all congregations will communicate needs, concerns, to District, and BOD

Mr. Duane Nyen—all congregations will receive communications relevant to the district; all congregation will be able to communicate their needs, challenges, to the District.

Use the Circuit Visitors to carry a narrative from the Board of Directors. Including a Devotional Thought, a word of encouragement, and a narrative of what the BOD did at their previous meeting.

Develop GGP—Encourage every congregation to identify GG in their circuit; what do we want—what do we expect before they even submit their application; look at guidelines so that practice and guidelines go hand in hand;

Mrs. Polly Wegner—continues to work on developing the roadmap; creation of ideas and spurring things to happen beyond the circuits that are petitioning the BOD for money for their GGP

Worker Health—Make plan to address this need; stresses on workers are increasing—shift to church worker doing more from roles lay people often did;

Rev. Gary Rahe put forward Caring for Church worker goals- suggesting 2 main goals.

- A. Identify a Parish nurse to serve with Synod's Task Force on Ministerial Health
- B. Compile a List of Counseling Providers throughout the RMD

Will continue to revise the document taking into account the discussion of the BOD.

BOD-RMD (Circuit Relations)—That a Board member contact each circuit in a face to face meeting at least once a year; trying to change people's perception of what the District does.

Mr. David Ling- document on file

1. RMD BOD contact with each circuit a minimum of once/year
2. Increase Congregational participation within each circuit
3. Annual Survey for each circuit

Promote Unity—not accomplish but promote unity;

2:35 Break

2:50 Omnibus Resolution A Item #2015-3-06 regarding District President

Chairman requested item be moved to our next meeting, no objections
2:50 Mission Denver-Northwest- Gospel Gap Application
Motion made to approve the grant of \$15,000. Motion 2nd.
Discussion

Motion Passed—Grant was approved

2:55 Discussion of Rick Miller’s letter to reconsider the funding of “The 2017 Outreach Appeal Request.” The Board decided to decline the request to reconsider the appeal.

3:35 Pastor Fischer, Closing Prayers

Adjournment

Adopted Resolutions

Resolution # 2015-11-C-Admin-01

**TO CONFIRM MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE BIBLICAL
ORTHODOX LUTHERAN MISSION**

Whereas, The Rocky Mountain District bylaws allow for the appointment of necessary officers, commissions and committees by the Board of Directors, these groups are essential to carrying out the mission work of the District in serving the needs of our missions, congregations and schools, and

Whereas, These officers, commissions and committees are accountable through their supervisors and or appointed leadership to the Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors, and

Whereas, The Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission, lead by Rev. George Naeem, a called worker by the Rocky Mountain District, has raised a group of leaders to assist in the growth and direction of BOLMs ministry, therefore be it

Resolved, That the following individuals who have consented to serve, be confirmed to the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission Board

Rev. Brad Stoltenow - Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - Littleton, CO
Rev. Duane Feldmann - St. Andrew Lutheran Church - Denver, CO
Mr. Darrell Cornell - Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - Littleton, CO
Mrs. Joyce Buckley - Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - Littleton, CO
Rev. David Baker - Grace Lutheran Church - Hudson, CO

Resolution # 2015-11-C-Admin-02

TO APPROVE THE 2015 DISTRICT CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

be it

Resolved, That the Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors approve the proceedings from the 2015 District Convention.

Resolution # 2015-11-C-Admin-03

TO APPROVE THE 2016 SYNOD CONVENTION ASSESSMENT

Whereas, The bylaws of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod sections 3.1.9.d.1 and f outline the various costs associated with the national convention and the levies assessed to districts and their delegates to the national convention ; and

Whereas, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod will hold its regular convention July 9-14, 2016; and

Whereas, Projected costs for this convention have been established; therefore be it

Resolved, That the assessment for the 2016 national convention of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod be established at **\$2.65** per communicant member based upon the communicant membership as reported to the Rocky Mountain District in the 2014 Parish Report published by Synod, and be it finally

Resolved, That the President with the Executive Administrator, of the Rocky Mountain District communicate to the congregations of the District the amount of their assessment.

Resolution # 2015-11-C-Admin-04

TO ESTABLISH HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR 2016

Whereas, The IRS recognizes and allows favorable income tax relief to ministers of religion in the form of a housing allowance; and

Whereas The governing body of the ordained ministers employer should adopt annually a housing allowance of its qualified workers, therefore be it

Resolved That the Rocky Mountain District, as a standing resolution to remain in force and effect until such time as amended or revoked, hereby authorizes and establishes a housing allowance for the following individuals:

Allen Anderson	50%
Paul Albers	74%
George Naeem	50%
Juan Hormachea	65%