

Board of Directors --Rocky Mountain District

May 9, 2016

Board Members Present: President Allen Anderson; Mr. James Tuell; Rev. Dwight Hellmers; Ms. Janelle Krueger; Rev. Gary Rahe; Mr. David Ling; Mr. Cody Dodson; Mr. Duane Nyen; Rev. Gary Piepkorn; Mrs. Polly Wegner; Rev. Don Widger

Board Members Absent: Rev. David Fischer

Appointed Member: Rev. Christian Rasmussen (Assistant Secretary)

Guests: Rev. Anthony Massinelli

8:30 Call to Order—Mr. James Tuell

8:30 Opening Devotion—Rev. Don Widger – Responsive Prayer 2, p. 285 LSB;

9:00 Approval of Minutes – Approved as corrected, amend to read Denver Northeast Circuit, instead of Denver Northwest

9:00 Approval of Consent Agenda— approved

9:15 President's Report—

- Synod- Convention work books are out and should be received in mail soon.
- President Anderson is co-chair on Floor Committee 13 which deals with alternate routes for ministry.
- Had 170 calling congregations, placed all of the 130 pastoral candidates.
- RMD got 3 out of 4 vicars requested
- 284 Congregations are calling a sole pastors
- 52 Congregation are calling a Senior Pastor
- 70 Congregations calling Assistant pastor
- 406 total calling congregations, not counting congregations that cannot afford a pastor and are vacant
- The trend is that we have more and more vacant congregations, the graduating class for next year is smaller than this year's class.

- July 8-14 Synodical Convention
- June 10-12 RMD LWML Convention

- International LWML Convention with be in Albuquerque June 22-25, 2017
- Reached out to National Missions with Synod, hoping to get pastor in Hope, Socorro. 2nd on list of priorities for Synodical office

- Hope in the City is 1st on list with National missions to call a pastor for them

9:55 Congregational Services Report—Mr. Paul Albers

Report on File

- Had a chance to visit congregation at Flagler, as they work to get a pastor, very encouraged by their attitude and confidence that God would provide.
- Visiting DCE's and Administrators about Fall Conference, becoming a financial burden to meet every year, looking at the possibility of meeting every other year for district, then meeting regionally in the off years. Last year there was over \$20,000 in scholarships for congregations that could not attend without financial assistance. The District By-Laws encourage meeting each year.

9:45 Executive Session—

10:10 LCEF Report- Report on File

- Wrapped up website contest, winners announced by the end of the week.
- 2 or three congregations are flirting with delinquency on loans, being proactive with President Anderson to work with congregations

10:15 Break

10:30 Executive for Administration Report—Mr. Doug Ullmann— updated report on file

- Comparative Balance Sheet-
 - Line 11-Significant Change due to project at ULC and Windsor property
 - Line 16- Significant Change due to work at ULC
 - Line 29- transitioned Wedbush to different manager
 - Line 60- other source of funding for church worker aid
 - Line 64- will change because of Youth Gathering
 - Line 65-Yeslta repairs will change as work gets completed
 - Line 76- will be sent to South Africa
 - Line 77 designated funds for Ethiopian ministries- but now don't have a Ethiopian community in our district
- Managed to stay afloat and were able to ministry commitments
- Board Report- highlights
 - ULC- spruce things up- also doing fundraising for projects
 - Need to secure a door that is safe so none can get into the electrical closet. The current door is rotted and flimsy. Will take place by email vote by BOD, when bids come in.

- Trinity Lutheran Rangely, CO—doesn't seem interested in property any more
- Another party is now interested in property, most likely interested in lease for his business expansion, but may offer to buy property.
- Have been granted disaster trailer, there is a memorandum that still needs to be signed, and the logistics of getting it to the District still needs to be worked out. Our District Disaster Response coordinator is still willing to store and deliver it to needed sites.
- There is a disability ministry task force report, to keep BOD up to date on the work so far, they intend to submit a budget request for the next fiscal year.
- Communications-
 - How can we make it better, right now our communication piece is Peaks and Valleys, it's an extremely dated piece. From the time of submission till the time of publication is too long.
 - The RMD is composed of a mix of people who have embraced modern technology for communication and people who have not. Need someone who manages the communication pieces on a nonstop basis.
 - Issue of oversaturation is something we need to be aware of
 - Created a new electronic newsletter called "My District" to be able to send out
 - Need to start building a new email blast list for those who would like to get this My District Newsletter each week--

11:15 Gospel Gap Applications

Application from Sandia North and South Circuits for the project, "God Cares about You—East Albuquerque Mission"

Motion made to grant request for \$9800 for God Cares About You, motion 2nd, Discussion.

Communicate that the request is for this year.

Motion approved.

- **Communication from LCMS Secretary, Raymond Hartwig requesting nominations for Commission on Constitutional Matters and Commission on Handbook, no names submitted by BOD**

11:30 Committee Updates on Big Rocks

- Communications- Duane and Cody- no updates on these big rocks
 - Ask congregational Presidents to include in the in the congregational meeting's agenda a spot where the work of the RMD would be highlighted. The goal would be to help the people of the District see what ministries are being carried out around the District.
- Develop Gospel Gap, Polly Wagner, missing Rev. Fischer and Rev. Piepkorn,

- Encouraging circuits to think outside the box, on where they can do ministry and how those ministries impact the community
- Worker Health—Rev. Dwight Hellmers-
 - Surprised by comments where a pastor mentioned his previous district had a chaplain for its pastors and workers. The common element they are hearing is that they desire someone outside of ecclesiastical supervision.
 - One circuit is floating the idea of appointing a chaplain for the circuit pastors, to function as father-confessor
 - Rev. Gary Rahe- reminds us that these are only starting points for worker health—depression, medical problems, substance abuse, children of pastors and teachers having problems, it’s absurd to think that these problems can be solved just by having a “circuit chaplain/person” to hear problems and confession/absolution

12:00 Lunch

1:05 Big Rocks continued

- Circuit Relations
 - This big rock needs to be merged with communications, and is being addressed with having the BOD members visiting circuits.
- Promote Unity—who was assigned to this big rock? Least developed
 - What is meant by unity?

1:40 Grace4 Haiti—Rev. Anthony Massinelli, Grace, Sandy UT

- 2 Handouts provided
- 1st 12 years of ministry in Florida
- Since earthquake in Haiti, has been making two trips a year to Haiti
- Congregation formed Grace4Haiti
- Fact Sheet—Grace4Haiti
- See Newsletter as well. Run VSB, Eyeglass clinic, medical clinics, meals, clothing, and others supplies. They team up with Dr.’s and other medical peoples to provide things like surgery. Provide care for widows, where there is no safety net for these in poverty. Building a church, as well as a building for a school house. Bought shipping container, half of it is used as a bakery, the other half is used for medical clinic.
- Current projects
 - Establishing an academy for pastoral formation
 - Building a theological library
 - Working with orphan grain train
 - Working with Trinity Home feeding program for school children
 - Every penny they raise is spent on people in Haiti
 - Explained some about voodoo religion that permeates Haiti.

1:20 Circuit Visitations

Six circuits were visited by Board of Directors Members

2:30 Break

2:45 Committee Updates on Big Rocks

- A thank you note was given to the Board of Directors by the students of ULC, for the ongoing support of the ministry.

3:30 Closing Prayer Adjournment

Resolution # 2016-05-C-Admin-01

TO APPROVE REVISED CONSTITUTION

Whereas, The Committee on Constitutions has reviewed the revised constitution submitted by the following congregation and has found that they satisfy the requirements of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and the Rocky Mountain District; therefore be it

Resolved, That the following revised constitution be approved.

Redeemer Lutheran Church - Salt Lake City, UT

ADOPTED

Resolution # 2016-05-C-Admin-02

TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW AND REPAIR OF EXISTING GUTTERS AT THE UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL

Rationale: The University Lutheran Chapel's aging facade required repair and renovation. Specifically, the gutters along the front and back of the student center portion need replacement and redirection to adequately collect and be pushed further from the foundation. Also, the south wall of the chapel has four drainage points from the roof, but no downspouts in which to have water run down and be pushed away from the foundation. Downspouts will be installed along this wall, with collection boxes at the bottom to push water away from the foundation. Lastly, a section of the house has a damaged gutter above the main house entrance from a tall pine tree, which has since been removed, that caused the tree to push into the gutter damaging it, along with damaging the soffit and fascia it was connected to. An estimate of these repairs and installation was obtained from Colorado Seamless Gutters, which has completed past repair projects for ULC.

therefore be it

Resolved, That the Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors designate \$5,273.00 to go toward expenses of these gutter repairs at the University Lutheran Chapel.

ADOPTED