

## **Board of Directors -- Rocky Mountain District**

**January 23, 2017**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Rev. Gary Piepkorn; Mr. David Ling; Mr. Cody Dodson;

**Appointed Member:** Rev. Christian Rasmussen (Assistant Secretary)

**Guests:** Mr. Kim Seter; Mr. Hans Springer

**8:30 Call to Order**—Mr. James Tuell

**8:30 Opening Devotion**—Rev. David Fischer – Hymn 412, Responsive Prayer II, Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-18

**9:00 Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- **Adopted**

**9:00 Approval of Consent Agenda**—

- Resolution 2017-01-C-Admin 01  
TO REAPPOINT PAUL ALBERS AS ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES
  - **Adopted**
- Resolution 2017-01-C-Admin 02  
TO APPROVE THE DATES FOR THE 2018 DISTRICT CONVENTION
  - **Adopted**
- Resolution 2017-01-C-Admin 03  
TO AUTHORIZE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 2017
  - **Adopted**
- Resolution 2017-01-C-Admin 04  
TO APPROVE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS
  - **Adopted**

**9:05 2017 Mission and Ministry Plan**—Mr. Doug Ullmann

**9:20 President's Report**- report on file

**9:30 Executive Session**—Chairman, Jim Tuell

**10:45 Break**

**11:05 Executive Session**—Motion made to come out of executive session at 11:15, 2<sup>nd</sup>

- **Adopted**

**11:15** Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt resolution  
# 2017-01-A-Admin-01

- TO RESCIND THE CALL OF REV. GEORGE NAEEM
- **Adopted**

**11:18** Motion made to Adopt 2017 Mission and Ministry plan.

- **Adopted.**

**11:20** Gospel Gap Application Process—Discussion of the problems and struggles with the Gospel Gap Application process. Seems to be a disconnect between what the Board of Directors expect from the applying circuit, and what the circuits expect from the Board of Directors.

- Concerns of BOD
  - Some proposed applications don't seem to have adequate support from the member congregations of the circuit
  - Some applications propose that the District fund the vast majority of funding for the project

**12:00 Lunch**

**1:00 Belize Mission—Hans Springer**

- A Partnership Gift Proposal Document was provided
- They have identified a cinder block building for the church. The building is sound
- Beginning mission field—Pastor Meissner has been there a few months and is establishing himself in the village. Has four Bible classes going.
- Voodoo heavily influences the people of the area
- Next challenge is to get a base of operations, and being able to start worship services.
- **Motion made that the RMD Board of take on the challenge of \$50,000 per year (for three years) as defined by the Partnership Gift Proposal document in support of the Belize FORO (Forum)**
  - **Adopted**
  - Duane Nyen volunteered his time to start the promotion of the Belize mission partnership.

**2:00** GGP Application; St. Andrews, Albuquerque

- They will be applying for a vicar through both Seminaries, no guarantees they will get one
- Anticipating that the LCMS Board for National Missions will contribute to the effort to fund a vicar
- BOD agreed to consider this request after receiving more information in terms of Board of National Missions support, and increased support of the congregations of the two Circuits that presented the mission funding proposal.

## **2:30 Break**

### **2:45 Big Rocks (Committee Reports)**

- Sub-Committee on Worker Health (Pastor's Dwight Hellmers and Gary Rahe)
  - Proposal of Providing Counseling for Church Workers (see attachment)
  - The document was presented, but no action taken.
  
- Communications— Duane Nyen—
  - Getting feedback from Doug about the technology and ways to get information out to congregations.
  - Continually having Board Member's reaching out to circuits at their Winkel meetings, as a Board it is important to continue making the meetings a priority.
  
- GGP Group—nothing new to add
  
- Circuit Relations—looking to get on the agendas of the Circuit Winkel, working through the circuit visitor's.

## **3:25 Adjourn with Closing Prayer**

**Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors Meeting, January 23, 2017**

### **Resolution #2017-01-A-Admin-01**

#### **TO RESCIND THE CALL OF 2004 OF REV. GEORGE NAEEM OF THE BIBLICAL ORTHODOX LUTHERAN MISSION**

Whereas, It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod that the RMD does not have the authority under the Synod's constitution and bylaws to channel contributions for foreign work or missions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the RMD rescind the 2004 call of Rev. George Naeem of the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission and extend to Him an appropriate amount of severance.

**ADOPTED**