

**Rocky Mountain District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 1st, 2020 – Online Conference Call Meeting**

Board Members Present: Mr. Gary Brookshire, Rev. David Fischer, Rev. Dwight Hellmers, Dr. E. Christian Kopff, Mr. David Ling, Mr. Duane Nyen, Mr. Chris Paulsen, Rev. Gary Piepkorn, Rev. Gary Rahe, President Roger Schlechte, Mr. Damon Tobias, Ms. Polly Wagner, Rev. Donal Widger

Board Members Absent: Mr. Al Koschmann (excused)

Staff Members: Rev. Paul Albers

Guests: Rev. James Fernandez (Assistant Secretary)

Monday, June 1st, 2020

7:55 –Zoom Log-in

8:00 – Roll Call

8:04 – Opening Prayer – Pastor Piepkorn

8:15 – Approval of the Agenda – Pastor Hellmers

- Moved
- Second
- Agenda for June 1st meeting approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items – Pastor Hellmers

- ***Resolution #2020-06-C-Admin-01 – “To Approve Revised Constitutions”***
 - St. Paul’s Lutheran Church – Julesberg, CO
 - University Lutheran Chapel – Boulder, CO
 - Resolution passes with no objection.

Approval of Minutes from May 11th Meeting – Pastor Widger, Pastor Fernandez

- Moved
- Second
- Minutes from May 11th meeting approved,

8:20 – Bible Study – President Schlechte

- Study of Colossians 3:5-11.

8:35 – President’s Report – President Schlechte

- Pastor David Buss has accepted the call to serve as President’s Assistant and will begin serving the district August 17th.
- President Schlechte sent a letter to Gov. Polis of Colorado asking to reopen churches to more than 10 in attendance in time for Pentecost.
- Full report submitted.

Executive for Congregational Services Report – Pastor Albers

Financial Report

- Offerings were low in April and May, however, expenses for April and May were also low.

- The district is still operating in the black.
- Pastor Albers will be having a conference call with other private school groups about Colorado State school Covid-19 restrictions and the negative effect the restrictions would have on private schools for the 2020/2021 school year.
- Full financial report submitted.

9:01 – Parish Nurse Volunteer – President Schlechte

- **Resolution: 2020-06-A-Adm-02 “To Appoint a Congregation Health Ministry Volunteer”**
 - Motion to approve the resolution.
 - Second.
 - Discussion suspended until after break.

9:05 – Gospel Gap Applications – Pastor Hellmers

- Utah Circuit EIIT Scholarship for Vicar Paul Chuol – Sudanese Ministry \$5,330.
 - Motion to approve.
 - Second.
 - Motion approved.

9:15 – Break

9:38 – Resume Conversation of Parish Nurse Volunteer – President Schlechte

- **Resolution: 2020-06-A-Adm-02 “To Appoint a Congregation Health Ministry Volunteer”**
 - Motion to approve the resolution.
 - Second.
 - Motion approved. Resolution adopted.

9:41 – Resolution proposed by Dr. Kopff requesting states of the district to allow churches to resume normal church and worship practices based on the 1st and 14th Amendments of the United States Constitution.

- **Resolution: 2020-06-A-Adm-03 “TITLE NEEDED”**
- Proposed resolution read by Dr. Kopff.
 - Motion to approve the resolution.
 - Second.
 - Motion approved. Resolution adopted.

9:35 – Synod and District Convention Matters – Pastor Hellmers

- Discussion around resolutions from 2018 RMD convention directed to the BOD to consider and act upon.
 - Resolution 2018-1-09A – *“To Give Thanks to God and to Encourage Support for San Pablo Lutheran Church and Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care”*
 - Resolution 2018-2-02 – *“To Encourage District to Facilitate Coordinated Youth Ministry Among District Congregations”*
 - Resolution 2018-2-07 – *“To Realign the Four Corners Circuit in a Manner that is Agreeable to All Members of that Circuit”*
 - Motion to approve the resolution.
 - Second.
 - Motion approved. Resolution adopted.

10:05 – Endowment Establishment – President Schlechte

- Presentation and review of the “Rocky Mountain Partners in Mission Fund” purpose, policy, and bylaws.

- Motion to table Resolution # 2020-06-A-Admin-01 “To Establish a Partners in Mission Fund and an Endowment fund”
 - Second.
 - Motion is tabled.

10:30 – University Lutheran Chapel – Pastor Hellmers

- Update on construction process – Pastor Albers
 - Delay in abatement due to Covid-19 but will be completed in the next week.
- Update on ministry at ULC – President Schlechte.
 - Committee is working with LCEF through a visioning process for future ministry.

10:33 – Update on the Sale of the District Office – Duane Nyen

- An offer has been made on the property for \$645,000.
- Other listing agents have suggested that we would be able to get a better offer.

10:42 – Future Meetings – Pastor Hellmers

- Motion to schedule next meeting for Tuesday, July 7th, 2020 at 8am.
- Second.
- Motion approved.

10:47 – Closing Prayer – Pastor Piepkorn

10:49 – Motion to Adjourn

- Second.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. James F. Fernandez – Assistant Secretary